

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

Parish of

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St Oswin's Meeting Room BookingsPartnership Web: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk
Diocesan Website: www.rcdhn.org.uk
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Sun	3 rd	2 nd Sunday after Christmas	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Ecc 24: 1-12, Eph 1: 3-18 John 1: 1-18
			St M	11.00am	Ron Shipley (TS)	
Mon	4 th	Weekday before Epiphany	St M		No Public Service	
Tue	5 th	Weekday before Epiphany	St O		No Public Service	
Wed	6 th	The Epiphany of the Lord	St O	9.30am	Bernadette Joyce (KJ)	Is 60: 1-5, Eph 3: 2-6
			St M	11.00am	Teresa & Geoff Rodgers	Matt 2: 1-12
Thu	7 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St M	10.00am	Jim Scott (PS)	1 John 4: 19-5:4, Luke 4: 14-22
Fri	8 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St O		No Public Service	
Sat	9 th	Weekday after Epiphany	St O		No Public Service	
Sun	10 th	Baptism of the Lord	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 42: 1-7, Acts 10: 34-38
			St M	11.00am	Sue McGregor (RMCG)	Mark 1: 7-11

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Available on request
(For the time being the Blessed Sacrament Chapel remains Closed)**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in January:** Rory Timlin, Fr Bernard, Fred Stimpson.**Anniversaries:** Nancy Cawood, Alexander Howells, Ted Harding, Fr Aidan Pickering, Bernadette Joyce, Lesley Hanratty, Frances Robson, George Hinton.Due to limited space **we strongly recommend that you book to attend Mass** for Sundays. To make sure of a place, please ring the dedicated phone line:**07543 768189 on Thursdays
11am–1pm & 6pm–8pm.****Feast of the Epiphany:** This Wednesday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. There will be a Mass at both churches this day for those who may wish to celebrate this feast. (It has been transferred from the Sunday).**Poem for the Christmas Season***When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins. To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.*

Thank you again to everyone for your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas. Your generosity is truly wonderful. I extend a very sincere thank you to all those volunteers who, during this year in particular, have done so much to help keep our church buildings open and safe. I would like to wish you all a very Happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

*Fr Martin***Government regulations** are that those attending church **must wear a face covering**. (those under 11 years of age are exempt or if you have a genuine medical reason). **You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are feeling unwell**. While the pandemic endures there is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass.**Northern Catholic Calendars 2021** – are now on sale, as you leave Church, price **£3.00**. Please return your payment in the envelopes provided.**Pope Francis' Prayer for the Christmas Season:***"Jesus, you are the Child who makes me a child. You love me as I am, not as I imagine myself to be. In embracing you, the Child of the manger, I once more embrace my life. In welcoming you, the Bread of life, I too desire to give my life. You, my Saviour, teach me to serve. You who did not leave me alone, help me to comfort your brothers and sisters, for, from Christmas night forward, all are my brothers and sisters."*

The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

This is a poem in praise of divine wisdom, a wisdom that has made her dwelling among God's people

From eternity, in the beginning, God created wisdom. Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; 'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147

Response: The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.
2. He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

Second reading

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

Here is presented God's plan of salvation centred on the person of Christ.

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ. Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans.
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:1-18

This is a hymn to the Word of God, the source of all life, whose coming among us makes us children of God.

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us. In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Question of the week

How do you welcome Jesus as the Word of God in your life?