

<p><b>TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP</b> Parish of <b>OUR LADY &amp; ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH</b> &amp; <b>ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS</b></p>	<p>Canon Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY <b>Tel: (0191) 2513770</b></p>		<p><u>Local Partnership Contacts</u> Fr Christopher Hughes <b>(Tel: 2575801)</b> Mgr Andrew Faley <b>(Tel: 2528021)</b> <u>Hospital Chaplain</u> Deacon Stephen Boulter <b>(Tel: 07768 387393)</b></p>
<p>Parish Office Email: <a href="mailto:cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk">cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk</a> Diocese of Hexham &amp; Newcastle – Reg Charity No: 1143450 St Mary's Church Hall Bookings – <i>Currently Closed</i> St Oswin's Meeting Room Bookings “</p>		<p>Partnership Web: <a href="http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk">www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a> Diocesan Website: <a href="http://www.rcdhn.org.uk">www.rcdhn.org.uk</a> Facebook Page: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/diocesehn">www.facebook.com/diocesehn</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/diocesehn">Twitter@diocesehn</a></p>	

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

<b>SERVICES &amp; MASS INTENTIONS</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 9: 26-31, 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	James William Holder (EC)	
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	SS Philip & James, Apos	St M		<i>No Public Service</i>	
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	The English Martyrs	St M		<i>No Public Service</i>	
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O	10.00am	Laura Hails (AH)	<i>Acts 15: 1-6, John 15: 1-8</i>
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St M	10.00am	Bernie Cassidy (SD)	<i>Acts 15: 7-21, John 15: 9-11</i>
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O		<i>No Public Service</i>	
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Easter	St O		<i>No Public Service</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 10: 25-48, 1 John 4: 7-10 John 15: 9-17</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	Edith Hodson	
<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</b> Available on request <i>(For the time being the Blessed Sacrament Chapel remains Closed)</i></p>						

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in May:** Elizabeth Wallington, Walter Hibbert, Irene Keenaghan, Bob Devlin, David T, Helen Brunton, Katie Eckert, David Boudge.

And for **Jim Turnbull** who died recently. A Funeral Service will be held at St Oswin's church on Friday 14 May at 12.30pm for Jim. Attendance by invitation. May he rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Rose Mary Gartland, Laura Hails, Arthur Atkinson, Joanna Drummond, Mary McConnon, Mary Pelton, Theresa Bainbridge, Tony Murphy, Brenda Miller.

**Today after 11.00am Mass** there will be a **socially distanced plant sale**. Those who wish will be able to collect plants, and leave money for them, as you leave church, following the one way system

**Parish Rosary in May** – parishioners are invited to pray the rosary at home each Friday in May at 9.00am for the end of the pandemic.

### **A Diocesan Prayer for Vocations**

*Heavenly Father, in Baptism you call us by name and made us members of your family, the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life, and to respond by living a life of holiness. For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous men who will serve as priests for the Church of Hexham and Newcastle. Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen our communities, our seminarians and all who are discussing their vocation. Amen.  
Our Lady Immaculate and St Cuthbert, Pray for us.*

**Catholic churches in England are open** for communal worship provided the necessary steps are taken to keep people safe. **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 a Sunday Mass.

Due to limited space **we strongly recommend that you book to attend Mass** for Sundays. To book please ring the dedicated phone line:

**07543 768189 on Thursdays  
11am–1pm & 6pm–8pm.**

*If you have to cancel your booking for any reason, please ring Presbytery and leave a message.*

**Why not set up a monthly Standing Order** to make your contribution towards the upkeep of the church? The information you need is as follows: The church account is with HSBC:

Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin  
Account Number: 12011336  
Sort code: 40-34-18

**Access to the Weekly Newsletter online:** You can view and download this newsletter each week from the partnership website: **www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk**. It is posted around 12noon each Friday. Why not also prepare for Sunday by looking at the readings too, printed on the back of the newsletter?

**Resources, News and Much More** is available on the Diocesan website at: **www.rcdhn.org.uk**.

**First Reading**

*Acts 9:26-31*

*This reading tells us about some of the trials Paul endured after his conversion.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 21*

*Response:* **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.'

**Second Reading**

*1 John 3:18-24*

*Here John is reflecting on Christ's commandment to love.*

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*John 15:1-8*

*Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?**