


<p><b>TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p>Parish of</p> <p><b>OUR LADY &amp; ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH</b></p> <p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS</b></p>	<p>Canon Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farrington Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY Tel: (0191) 2513770</p>		<p><u>Local Partnership Contacts</u> Fr Christopher Hughes (Tel: 2575801) Mgr Andrew Faley (Tel: 2528021) <u>Hospital Chaplain</u> Deacon Stephen Boulter (Tel: 07768 387393)</p>
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Baruch 5: 1-9, Phil 1: 3-11</i>
			St M	11.00am	Vera Franco (bth'day) (SS)	<i>Luke 3: 1-6</i>
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Melania&Pasquale DiMascio	<i>Is 35: 1-10, Luke 5: 17-26</i>
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup>	St Ambrose, Bp			<i>No Public Service</i>	
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Conception	St O	10.00am	Special Intention (DL)	<i>Gen3:9-20, Eph1:3-12, Luke1:26-38</i>
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	11.00am	For Vocations ( <i>Catenians</i> )	<i>Is 41: 13-20, Matt 11: 11-15</i>
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	<i>Requiem Mass: Moira (Mary) Andrews</i>	
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent			<i>No Public Service</i>	
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Zeph 3: 14-18, Phil 4: 4-7</i>
			St M	11.00am	Teresa&Geoff Rodgers (MF)	<i>Luke 3: 10-18</i>
<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</b> Saturdays 10.00-10.15am, in St Mary's Blessed Sacrament Chapel (<i>St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm - for Short visits only ~ 15 Min</i>)</p>						

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December:** Steve Bociek, David T, GR, Joe O'Kane, Sheila Boyle, Bob Devlin, Rodney Willits, Rina Donald, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, David Boudge, Alan Brown, Eileen Stevens, Margaret Didsbury, Irene Keenaghan.

**And for Fr Peter Smith, Maureen Hogg and Moira (Mary) Andrews** who died recently. The Requiem Mass for Moira Andrews will take place this Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec, at 10.00am. The Requiem Mass for Maureen Hogg will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10.00am at St Oswin's. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Catherine Rice, Honor McFarlane, Patricia Charlton, Daniel Bolger, Erlinda Arcillas, Steve Cunningham, Lucy Clark, John Robinson, Joanna DeGroof, Aileen Riseborough, Paddy McNally, Marry Raine.

**Please note: Mass this Thursday** at St Mary's will be at 11.00am.

**Daily Reflections for Advent** are available on the Diocesan Website at [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk). Click on 'Menu, Living the Faith, Liturgy & Prayer, Seasonal Reflections'.

**Our Christmas Mass times will be as follows:**

Christmas Eve	6.00pm	St Mary's
	8.00pm	St Oswin's
Christmas Day	9.30am	St Oswin's
	11.00am	St Mary's

To attend the 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's, due to limited space, **we strongly recommend that you book to attend this Mass.** To book ring the dedicated phone line: **07543 768189 on Thursdays 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm.**

**The Current Guidelines** remain in place, namely that people visiting Church for services are still requested to **sanitise their hands** and **wear face-covering**. Social distancing is reduced to one metre between households. These guidelines will be reviewed again by the Diocese in February 2022. **You no longer need to book to attend Mass. You must not come to church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, or are feeling unwell.** While the pandemic endures there is still no obligation to attend a Sunday Mass.

**Questions for Reflection for the forthcoming Synod:** We will host our first meeting to discuss the Synod questions for reflection and more after the **11.00am Mass next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, in St Mary's church, around 11.45am.** This will be part of the preparation for parishioners to meet from across the Partnership at St Cuthbert's, North Shields, on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022, to collate their responses, ready for submission to the Bishop

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available each Saturday morning from 10.00am – 10.15am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's, for the season of Advent. (The Sacrament is always available on request).

**CAFOD 'World Gifts' leaflet** available as you leave church.

**Prayer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent:**  
*Merciful God, you sent John the Baptist to preach repentance.  
Forgive us for the times when we have done wrong, when we have hurt other people and damaged our earth.  
Lead us to make a change, to live differently, preparing a way and making your paths straight. Amen*

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**First Reading**

*Baruch 5:1-9*

*Jerusalem is told to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring back her exiled children to her.*

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 125*

Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

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| 1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,<br>it seemed like a dream.<br>Then was our mouth filled with laughter,<br>on our lips there were songs. | 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels<br>the Lord worked for them!'<br>What marvels the Lord worked for us!<br>indeed we were glad.            |
| 3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage<br>as streams in dry land.<br>Those who are sowing in tears<br>will sing when they reap.                      | 4. They go out, they go out, full of tears<br>carrying seed for the sowing:<br>they come back, they come back, full of song,<br>carrying their sheaves. |

**Second Reading**

*Philippians 1:3-6.8-11*

*Paul urges his fellow Christians to prepare for the second coming of Christ by pure and blameless lives.*

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight:  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 3:1-6*

*John the Baptist urges the people to prepare a way for the Lord through repentance.*

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, Winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**Question of the week**

*(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**What Advent practice would assist you in expressing your repentance?**