


<p>TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Parish of</p> <p>OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH</p> <p>&</p> <p>ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS</p>	<p>Canon Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY</p> <p>Tel: (0191) 2513770</p>		<p><i>Local Partnership Contacts</i> Fr Christopher Hughes (Tel: 2575801) Mgr Andrew Faley (Tel: 2528021) <i>Hospital Chaplain</i> Deacon Stephen Boulter (Tel: 07768 387393)</p>
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3rd Sunday of Advent Year C – 12th December 2021

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	12 th	3 rd 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>
Mon	13 th	St Lucy	St M	10.00am	Nan Brophy (MS)	<i>Num 24: 2-17, Matt 21: 23-27</i>
Tue	14 th	St John of the Cross			<i>No Public Service</i>	
Wed	15 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Fred Stimpson (KDoherty)	<i>Is 45: 8-25, Luke 7: 18-23</i>
Thu	16 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	<i>Requiem Mass: Maureen Hogg</i>	
Fri	17 th	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Barbara Rowe (GR)	<i>Gen 49:2-10, Matt 1: 1-17</i>
Sat	18 th	Weekday of Advent			<i>No Public Service</i>	<i>Jer 23: 5-8, Matt 1: 18-24</i>
Sun	19 th	4 th Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Michah 5: 1-4, Heb 10: 5-10</i>
			St M	11.00am	James Turnbull (BT)	<i>Luke 1: 39-45</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 10.00-10.15am, in St Mary's Blessed Sacrament Chapel
(St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm - for Short visits only ~ 15 Min)

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December: Sheila Moore, Maureen Ruddick, 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 and Maureen Hogg who died recently. Maureen will be received into St Oswin's at 6pm Wednesday 15th. The Requiem Mass for Maureen will take place on Thursday 16th Dec at 10.00am at St Oswin's. Due to limited capacity attendance is by invitation. The Mass will be live streamed at: www.dejavuvideo.co.uk/hogg - link also available on Partnership Website. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Olga McShane, Isabella Thompson, Thomas Johnson, Margaret McGovern, Kathryn Harley, John Stephenson, Vera McLaughlin, Vincent Fernyhough.

Please note: Thursday 10am mass will be at St Oswin's this week.

Daily Reflections for Advent are available on the Diocesan Website at 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	Please Book
	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 today after the **11.00am Mass, 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, 29th 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).

The Collection for World Mission Sunday raised **£507.00**. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer for the 3rd Sunday of Advent:

Gracious God, we thank you for your gifts.

Teach us to trust you more than possessions or wealth.

Give us generous hearts. Inspire us to share what we have, and work for justice, so that all people may flourish and live in dignity. Amen

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First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Jerusalem is urged to rejoice because God stands in her midst. It is a message of hope.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 12

Response: **Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
He became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
2. Give thanks to the Lord,
give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known
to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds.
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

Paul urges us to rejoice in the Lord, and to live in a spirit of prayer and thanksgiving.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. the Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

John the Baptist tells the people what they must do to prepare for the Lord's coming.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)
What act of kindness could you do this week?