


<b>TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP</b> Parish of <b>OUR LADY &amp; ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH</b> & <b>ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS</b>	Canon Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farrington Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY  Tel: (0191) 2513770		<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)
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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Year C – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Micah 5: 1-4, Heb 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45
			St M	11.00am	James Turnbull (BT)	
Mon	20 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Catherine & Francis Joyce	Is 7: 10-14, Luke 1: 26-38
Tue	21 <sup>st</sup>	Weekday of Advent			No Public Service	Zeph 3: 14-18, Luke 1: 39-45
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St O	10.00am	Pauline Willits (JW)	1 Sam 1: 24-28, Luke 1: 46-56
Thu	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Weekday of Advent	St M	10.00am	Jim Scott (PS)	Mal 3:1-24, Luke 1: 57-66
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES						
Fri	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve	St M	6.00pm	People of the Parish	Is 9: 1-7, Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14
			St O	8.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Is 52: 7-10, Heb 1: 1-16 John 1: 1-18
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	Patrick McCumiskey (SMcC)	Sam 1: 20-28, 1 John 3: 1-24 Luke 2: 41-52
			St M	11.00am	Dennis Dale (SD)	
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</b> Available on request. St Mary's Blessed Sacrament Chapel (St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Exposition Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm - for Short visits)						

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December:** Sheila Moore, Maureen Ruddick, Steve Bociak, 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 Fr Kevin Daly** who died recently.

**Anniversaries:** Betty Young, Dennis Collins, Margaret Hodgson, Desmond Robson, Peter Doig.

To attend the **6.00pm Mass at St Mary's** on Christmas Eve, **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.**

*Christmas Eve Masses will begin with carols being played around 15 mins before Mass starts.*

*Congratulations and welcome to*  
**Leah Margaret McLoughlin**  
*who was baptised at St Oswin's Last Sunday*

**Northern Catholic Calendars 2022** - are now on sale, as you leave church, price **£3**. Please place payment in the envelopes provided and return to the collection bucket.

**Sunday Readers:** Please collect rota for the New Year as you leave church.

**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 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.

**Thank you** to the 18 who attended the meeting after Mass at St Mary's last Sunday to reflect on the forthcoming **Synod**. We will meet again early in the New Year. 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

**A Heartfelt Thanks from the De Paul Trust** to all those who donated chocolate boxes for our local homeless people. A most generous response as always.

**Prayer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:**  
*Faithful God, you always keep your promises. Strengthen our trust, as we long for your kingdom of justice and peace. Make us a people of hope, sharing with the world the love and joy that we have found in you.*  
 Amen

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**First Reading**

*Micah 5:1-4*

*The prophet Micah announces to the beleaguered inhabitants of Jerusalem that a Ruler will come from Bethlehem who will bring them peace.*

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 79*

*Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

**Second Reading**

*Hebrews 10:5-10*

*Jesus came, not to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His one perfect sacrifice replaced all the former sacrifices.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 1:39-44*

*Elizabeth praises Mary, and, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

**Question of the week**

**When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did?  
What can help you at such times?**