


TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP Parish of OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH & ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS	Canon Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farrington Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY Tel: (0191) 2513770		<u>Local Partnership Contacts</u> Fr Christopher Hughes (Tel: 2575801) Mgr Andrew Faley (Tel: 2528021) Hospital Chaplain Deacon Stephen Boulter (Tel: 07768 387393)
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The Holy Family Year C – 26th December 2021

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	26th	The Holy Family	St O	9.30am	Patrick McCumiskey(SMcC)	Sam 1: 20-28, 1 John 3: 1-24
			St M	11.00am	Dennis Dale (SD)	Luke 2: 41-52
Mon	27 th	St John, Apos	St M	10.00am	Futer Family (SS)	1 John 1: 1-4, John 20: 1-8
Tue	28 th	The Holy Inocents			<i>No Public Service</i>	
Wed	29 th	St Thomas Becket, Bp	St O	10.00am	Sid & Tess Snowball (TR)	Col 1: 24-29, Luke 22: 24-30
Thu	30 th	Octave of Christmas	St M	10.00am	Norman Peffers (CP)	1 John 2: 12-17, Luke 2: 36-40
Fri	31 st	Octave of Christmas	St O	10.00am	Maureen Cairns (AC)	1 John 2: 18-21, John 1: 1-18
Sat	1st	Mary, Mother of God	St M	10.00am	Maureen Hogg (JDevlin)	Nums 6 :22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21
Sun	2nd	2nd Sunday after Christmas	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Ecc 24: 1-12, Eph 1: 3-18
			St M	11.00am	Fr Peter Smith	John 1: 1-18
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Available on request. <i>St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel Open Daily 7.30am-7.30pm - for Short visits</i>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December: Teresa Shipley, Pam Dean, 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 Richard Harriott who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Sandra Wood, Violet Mackintosh, George Marshall, William Tilley, May Cassidy, Maureen Kay, Maureen Cairns, Lawrence Goveas, Willine McAllister, Sid Snowball, Bernadette Fielding, Richard Leslie, Rose Hyett, Norman Peffers, Mary Collins.

Crib Offerings can be placed in the basket by the crib. Money will go to Friends of the Holy Land. Every penny will help the poorest Christian families, especially in and around Bethlehem, Gaza and Israel, with education, employment, health and housing costs and initiatives. FHL is non-political and ecumenical.

Thank you 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*

As we step into the New Year, you may like to reflect more deeply on what we can each do in response to these words from Pope Francis: *Laudato si* - On care for our common home: 'I would like to ask ...all men and women of goodwill: Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.'

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.

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

Christmas Collections – money raised at Masses at Christmas will be donated to Homeless Charities.

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.*

Prayer for the Christmas Season:

Christ Jesus, as we celebrate your birth in a stable we remember all those among us who are left out, who live in poverty, who are homeless and who long to go home. Make room in our hearts for our sisters and brothers, so that we may reach out to them in love. Amen

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First Reading

Samuel 1:20-22.24-28

This reading recalls the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him'. When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever'. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord'. There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 83

Response: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praises.
They are happy, whose strength is in you.
they walk with ever growing strength.
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
Look on the face of your anointed.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2.21-24

We are God's children and are invited to live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore, it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall see him as he really is. 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. Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your son. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:41-52

The story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families, and gives us a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Question of the week

What does your family do to honour and respect its older members?