

<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 Farrington Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY Tel: (0191) 2513770</p> <p>Deacon Gareth Rowe</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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4th Sunday of Lent Year A – 19th March 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	19 th	4 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Pauline & Rodney (JW)	1 Sam 16:1-13, Eph 5: 8-14
			St M	11.00am	Anne Headley (CT)	John 9: 1-41
Mon	20 th	St Cuthbert	St M	10.00am	Betty Briggs (SS)	Ezek 34: 11-16, John 10: 11-16
Tue	21 st	Weekday of Lent			No Mass	
Wed	22 nd	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Is 49:8-15, John 5: 17-30
Thu	23 rd	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Mike Lockwood (WPL)	Ex 32: 7-14, John 5: 3-47
Fri	24 th	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Anna Bradley (FM)	Wis 2: 1-22, John 7: 1-30
Sat	25 th	Annunciation of the Lord	St M	10.00am	Maureen Robinson	Is7:10-14;8:10, Heb10:4-10, Lk1:26-38
Sun	26 th	5 th Sunday of Lent	St O	9.30am	Tony Goode	Ezk 37:12-14, Rom 8: 8-11
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	John 11: 1-45
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30-10.45am in St Mary's Church St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in March: Olive Dargavel, Clare Nelson, Wanda Parker Lockwood, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Maureen Ruddick, Sheila Boyle, Laura Nuttall, Luke Goodwin, Gordon Lamb, Sheila Lamb, Lisa Stimpson, Margaret Kearney, GR, Betty Briggs, Eileen Whalen, Paul Mazzucchi, Les Flintham, Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Pat Scott.

Anniversaries: Miranda Moore, Margaret Nixon, Mike Lockwood, Ann Trumble, Anna Bradley, Maureen Harvey, Maureen Manning, Dorothy Robinson, Maureen Robinson.

School Pupils from Year 10 at STMA will be joining us for Mass at St Mary's on Thurs 23 March 10.00am.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm**. Please come along and be part of this important tradition of the church.

There will be a Meeting for all those who wish to be involved in our liturgies of Holy Week on **Sunday 26th March, 12noon** after Mass in the church hall.

CAFOD Fast Day. Please return your envelope to the collection as quickly as possible.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday mornings 10.30am-10.45am in St Mary's Church.

The School Children will be participating in a **CAFOD Lent Walk** as a whole school, walking around the local area, to raise funds for CAFOD on Thursday 23rd March at 9.15am. All parishioners welcome.

Mother's Day: Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers.

Re-wire of the Church and Hall at St Mary's: The lighting in the church is almost complete. The next phase will be to re-wire the hall area. This is scheduled to take a further 3 weeks to complete. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Daily Diocesan Reflections for Lent can be found at:
<https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

GiftAid/Planned Giving: Envelopes for new financial year are available after mass. If you would like envelopes or a standing order, please contact Allan Muir on 253 2252.

APF Red Mission Boxes – The quarterly collection is due. Either bring your boxes & leave at back of church (they will be returned the following Sunday), or contact your collector.

The investigation commissioned by the Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views. It will run until Mon 27 March and can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zrj1t8SCxNq5> through the Diocesan website.

CAFOD Lenten Prayer

Plant in us, Lord, seeds of solidarity, so that, rejoicing in your gifts, we may cherish your presence in each other and all creation. Root us, Lord, in compassion and justice. Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain, softening our hearts, washing away division and selfishness. Cultivate in us, Lord, attentiveness to your call. Give us hope to dream of a better world and strength to play our part to make it a reality. Grow in us, Lord, your ways of peace and courage, so that, in this time of Lent, we may bear witness to your love, revealed to us in Jesus. Amen.

The Order of Mass can be found on Page 4 of your Hymn Book

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

God chose David, the least of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lords anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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| 1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. | 2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name,
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. |
| 3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. | 4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. |

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a lifestyle in keeping with their faith.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

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Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Jesus, the light of the world, not only gives sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?