

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP Parish of OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH & ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS	Canon Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY Tel: (0191) 2513770 Deacon Gareth Rowe		<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)
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2nd Sunday of Easter – 16th April 2023

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	16 th	2 nd Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Maureen&Gordon Hogg (BH)	Acts 2: 42-47, 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20:19-31
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	17 th	Monday in Easter Octave	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	Acts 4: 23-31, John 3: 1-8
Tue	18 th	Tuesday in Easter Octave			No Mass	
Wed	19 th	Weds in Easter Octave	St O	10.00am	Pat Murray (GM)	Acts 5: 17-26, John 3: 16-21
Thu	20 th	Thurs in Easter Octave	St M	10.00am	Class Mass: Year 1	Acts 5: 27-33, John 3: 31-36
Fri	21 st	Friday in Easter Octave	St O	10.00am	Holy Souls (MK)	Acts 5: 34-42, John 6: 1-15
Sat	22 nd	Saturday in Easter Octave	St M	10.00am	Priests Intention	Acts 6: 1-7, John 6: 16-21
Sun	23 rd	3 rd Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	Acts 2: /14-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24: 24: 13-35
			St M	11.00am	Maria Henderson (MH)	
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 April: Eileen Whalen, Les Flintham, Luke Goodwin, GR, Lisa Stimpson, Irene Keenaghan, Alan Brown, Betty Briggs, Sheila Boyle, Paul Mazzucchi, Clare Nelson, Laura Nuttall, Maureen Ruddick, Pat Scott, Wanda Parker-Lockwood.

We pray for Alan Hails who died recently. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Alan on Wed 26th April 10.00am at St Oswin's followed by burial at Tynemouth. May he rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Angela Horseman, Maud Reynolds, Anne Bianchi, Sylvia Wall, Joseph & Elizabeth Coates, Anne Whenray, Tony Power, Peter Pegg, Joan Hope, Helen Douglas, Maureen Fernyhough, Maureen Summers, William Flett, Ivan Knowles, James Bryan Ruddick.

Retiring Collection - will be held **today** for Sick and Retired Priests.

Forthcoming Parish Social Events:

Sunday 7th May - 12.00noon - Coronation Tea
Saturday 8 July - Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Island
 Further details to follow.

A Day for All Catechists – A Fresh Approach to Faith Formation will be held on Saturday 15th July 10.00am-3.00pm at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School Washington, NE38 8AF. If interested please contact the parish office at the e-mail address given above.

Re-wire of the Church and Hall at St Mary's: The lighting in the church and hall is complete, with a few finishing touches remaining.

The Partnership Confirmation Programme for students in Years 9 and 10 begins on 26 April 2023. Meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings 6.30-8.00pm with the Confirmations taking place in the week beginning 17th July. Applications are available from your parish priest or school chaplain. Any queries, please e-mail Michael Thompson: mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk.

Diocesan Vacancies: **Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover)** – full-time. Closing date: 18 April 2023. **Senior Administrator, Dept for Education**, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 18 April. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details.

The Partnership Retreat To Ampleforth takes place from Mon 24th - Wed 26th July and will be led by one of the monks. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be about £215 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms in The Grange are now en-suite. A deposit of £75 will be needed by Sunday 30th April, in order to confirm your booking. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk. If interested contact Pauline Keavey on 2521790.

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

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

The early Christian community was characterised by worship of God and loving service towards one another.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end,'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned to faith.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

**We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty.
What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?**