

<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 Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY <b>Tel: (0191) 2513770</b>  Deacon Gareth Rowe		<u>Local Partnership Contacts</u> Fr Christopher Hughes <b>(Tel: 2575801)</b> Mgr Andrew Faley <b>(Tel: 2528021)</b> <u>Hospital Chaplain</u> Deacon Stephen Boulter <b>(Tel: 07768 387393)</b>
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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

<b>SERVICES &amp; MASS INTENTIONS</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ruth & Bill Dixon (60 <sup>th</sup> Ann)	<i>Is 55: 6-9, Phil 1: 20-27 Matt 20: 1-16</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish	
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St O	10.00am	<i>Requiem Mass: Pat Dougal</i>	
Tue	26 <sup>th</sup>	SS Cosmos and Damien			No Mass	
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	St Vincent de Paul	St O	10.00am	Jenny Cawood (SK)	<i>Ezra 9: 5-9, Luke 9: 1-6</i>
Thu	28 <sup>th</sup>	St Wenceslaus	St M	10.00am	Bill Devlin (JD)	<i>Haggai 1: 1-8, Luke 9: 7-9</i>
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>Dan 7:9-14, Apoc 12:7-12, Jn1:47-51</i>
Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>	St Jerome	St M	10.00am	Allan Muir (B&LHickey)	<i>Zech: 5-15, Luke 9: 43-45</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year A</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Patrick McCumisky (TMcC)	<i>Ezek 18: 25-28, Phil 2: 1-11 Matt 21: 28-32</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish	
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturdays 10.30–10.45am in St Mary's Church <i>St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm</i>						

**We remember those who have asked for our prayers in September:** Senara Wilton (7yrs), Win Brown, Les Flintham, OR, GR, Maureen Ruddick, Lilian Bland, Clare Nelson, Pat Scott, Paul Mazzucchi, Luke Goodwin, Lisa Stimpson, Margaret Kearney, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Mary Smith, Eileen Whalen, Wendy O'Toole.

**And for Alec Turner and Pat Dougal** who died recently. A Requiem Mass for Pat will be celebrated on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am** at St Oswin's church, followed by cremation at Tynemouth crematorium. A Requiem Mass for Alec will be celebrated on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am** at St Mary's church, followed by cremation at Tynemouth crematorium. May they rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Rosary McSwaine, Lawson Swallow, Barbara Morris, Rita Walker, James McFarlane, Kevin Tyson, Willam West, Margaret James, Frank Nugent.

**First Holy Communion Enrolment Forms** for parents of pupils in school Year 4 are available to collect after Sunday Masses. An information evening for parents will be held in the church hall at St Mary's on **Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.00pm**. The first meeting of the children with the catechists will be at 11.00am on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, in the church hall at St Mary's.

**A Day of Reflection for all involved in any Lay Ministry in our Partnership Parishes will take place on 14 October at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, led by Amy Cameron.** The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am and conclude at 3:30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Please let the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office know by 11 Oct if you are attending ([parishoffice@btconnect.com](mailto:parishoffice@btconnect.com)) – 0191 2527066.

*Congratulations to  
**Ruth & Bill Dixon**  
 who celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Today*

**The Newman Tyneside Circle** invites you to come and hear: **Joe Ronan on Catholic Voices** at St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats on **Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm**. See notice board for further details.

**The Next Parish Open Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm** in St Mary's church Hall. All welcome.

**PIZZA/QUIZ NIGHT:** to be held **Friday 6 October, 6.30pm**. Bring own wine if you wish! Cost for adults £5, children free!. Tickets available with payment back of church after Mass. *All welcome!*

**APF Red Mission Boxes:** September quarter for collection is due. Please bring your box and leave at back of church, or contact your collector.

**Courses for New Readers and New Catechists for Children's Liturgy** begin in October and are advertised on the Diocesan Website. If interested e-mail parish office.

**The Diocese has the following job vacancies: Dept. for Education:** Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 2 October. Primary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Full time, term-time. Closing date: 5 October. Secondary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Part-time, term-time. Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October. All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. See [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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

### **First Reading**

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

*As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are God's ways above our ways.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 144*

*Response:*    **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

1.     I will bless you day after day  
        and praise your name for ever.  
        The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
        his greatness cannot be measured.
2.     The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
        slow to anger, abounding in love.  
        How good is the Lord to all,  
        compassionate to all his creatures.
3.     The Lord is just in all his ways  
        and loving in all his deeds.  
        He is close to all who call him,  
        who call on him from their hearts.

### **Second Reading**

*Philippians 1:20-24.27*

*Writing from prison, Paul is thinking of his death, and longing for complete union with Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

### **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

*This is a story about the generosity of God, which soars above human standards.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

### **Question of the week**

**What lessons do you draw from today's Gospel? How has God been generous to you in this way?**