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| <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 Farringdon 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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The Feast of the Holy Family Year B – 31st December 2023

| SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS | | | | | | |
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| Sun | 31st | The Holy Family | St O | 9.30am | People of the Parish | Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Heb 11: 8-19 |
| | | | St M | 11.00am | Joseph & Elizabeth Coates | Luke 2: 22-40 |
| Mon | 1 st | Mary, Mother of God | St M | 10.00am | Special Intention (PH) | Num 6: 22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 216-21 |
| Tue | 2 nd | SS Basil & Gregory | | | No Mass | |
| Wed | 3 rd | Holy Name of Jesus | St O | 10.00am | Sid & Tess Snowball (TR) | 1 John 2: 29-3:6, John 1:29-34 |
| Thu | 4 th | Thurs before Epiphany | St M | 10.00am | Elsie Boyle (sick) (MB) | 1 John 3: 7-10, John 1: 35-42 |
| Fri | 5 th | Fri before Epiphany | St O | 10.00am | Dec'd Lavery Family (MK) | 1 John 3: 11-21, John 1: 43-51 |
| Sat | 6 th | Sat before Epiphany | St M | 10.00am | Bernadette Joyce (SD) | 1 John 5: 5-13, Luke 3: 23-38 |
| Sun | 7th | Epiphany of the Lord | St O | 9.30am | People of the Parish | Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-6 |
| | | | St M | 11.00am | Sister Anne McCarthy (FM) | Matt 2: 1-12 |
| <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am – 10.45am at St Mary's Church St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm</p> | | | | | | |

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in December: Cath Peffers, Pat Scott, Eileen Whalen, Storr Family, Win Brown, Mary Smith, Luke Goodwin, Sheila Lamb, Terry Oxley, Lisa Stimpson, Margaret Kerney, Victoria Madden, Marilyn Peracullo, Mercedita Ramos, Ma Teresa Prodigio, Catherine & Ricci Hudson-Storey, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, OR, Grace Robson, Les Flintham, Betty Briggs, Chris Lincoln.

And for Fr John Gibbons and Jean Cook who died recently. Jean's Requiem Mass will take place at St Oswin's on Wednesday 17th January 10.00am followed by committal at Tynemouth crematorium. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Mary Collins, Ian Archard, George Hinton, Nancy Cawood, Ted Harding, Alexander Howells, Fr Aidan Pickering, James Birkett, Annie Spence, Bernadette Joyce.

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

If you wish to support the **Christian Community in the Holy Land**, including in Gaza and Palestine, offerings can be left in the basket at the crib.

I take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your cards, gifts and good wishes for Christmas. Your kindness is truly wonderful. I extend a very sincere thank you to all those volunteers who do so much in service of the community during the year. Your commitment and generosity is inspiring. I wish you all a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.
Fr Martin

APF Red Mission Boxes: December quarter is now due. Please bring your box and leave at back of church and collect the following Sunday or contact your collector. *Thank you.*

The Rosary is Prayed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after Mass on Mondays and Thursdays. All welcome.

Congratulations and Welcome to
JOSEPH ELLIOT TRACEY
who was baptised at St Oswin's

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.

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

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

Writing 200 years before the birth of Christ, the author of Ecclesiasticus, Ben Sirach, talks of the need to preserve the Jewish family way of life, which he thought was being threatened by the dominating Greek culture of the time.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127

Response: **O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his way!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Paul stresses that patience, tolerance, and forgiveness are essential ingredients for the family unit. Such united families are a real blessing for the whole community.

You are God's chosen race, his saints: he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
Let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:22.39-40

This tells us about the presentation of the child Jesus in the temple, and also provides us with a glimpse of his life at Nazareth.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Question of the week

How do your family members know that you are a compassionate person?