

<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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5th Sunday of Year B – 4th February 2024

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	4th	5th Sunday of Year B	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Job 7: 1-7, 1 Cor 9: 16-23</i>
			St M	11.00am	Fred Stimpson (MS)	<i>Mark 1: 29-39</i>
Mon	5 th	St Agatha	St M	10.00am	Priests Intention	<i>1 Kings 8: 1-13, Mark 6: 53-56</i>
Tue	6 th	St Paul Miki & Comps			No Mass	
Wed	7 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	Muriel Gosling (TS)	<i>1 Kings 10: 1-10, Mark 7: 14-23</i>
Thu	8 th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Pat Lowndes (MS)	<i>1 Kings 11: 4-13, Mark 7: 24-30</i>
Fri	9 th	Weekday	St O	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (MK)	<i>1 Kings 11:29-32;12:19, Mk 7:31-37</i>
Sat	10 th	St Scolastica	St M	10.00am	Pat Murray (GM)	<i>1 Kings 12:26-32;13:33-34, Mk 8:1-10</i>
Sun	11th	6th Sunday of Year B	St O	9.30am	Shelagh Moore (KDoc)	<i>Lev 13: 1-46, 1 C or 10: 31-11:1</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	<i>Mark 1: 40-45</i>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 10.30am – 10.45am at St Mary's Church <i>St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm</i></p>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in February: Cath Peffers, Pat Scott, Eileen Whalen, Win Brown, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Lisa Stimpson, Margaret Kearney, Tim & Rose Madden, Kathleen Brannon.

And for Joan Bain who died recently. Joan's Funeral Service will take place at Whitley Bay Crematorium on Monday 5th Feb 3.00pm. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Thomas Anderson, William Goode, Danielle O'Hagan, Terence Boyd, John Mather, Thomas Heenan, Vera Taylor, Nancy Baird, Joseph O'Driscoll.

The Next Parish Open Meeting will take place this Wednesday 7th Feb 6.30pm in the church hall at St Mary's. *All welcome.*

Consultation on Transport for Pupils in North Tyneside: The Council have started consultations on proposed changes for funding transport to school. One proposal is that all pupils who live beyond a three mile radius from the school will have to pay unless the families are on low income. This will impact on pupils in Whitley Bay, Backworth and Wallsend. Head Teacher, Mr David Watson is asking you to complete the online consultation: <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/node/32983>. He states "I know that most of you will not be directly affected by this proposal but, as St Thomas More is the only Catholic High School in North Tyneside, I believe that the proposal puts at risk the ability of all families to choose to send their child to a Catholic High school without extra individual financial burden." The consultation only runs until 8th February. Few copies of a letter about the transport review from Mr Watson, Headteacher of St Thomas More High school at the back of the church.

Parish Finances: With the closure of HSBC Whitley Bay Branch it would be enormously helpful if more parishioners would consider making their **contribution to the church via a monthly standing order** with the parish, to the following account:

HSBC Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin
Account Number: 12011336
Sort code: 40-34-18

We can also collect Gift Aid donations in this way. Just let us know by e-mail to the parish office.

It would be most helpful if existing standing order gift aid donors could make their contribution monthly rather than weekly. This would save on the accounting admin required.

NB: A Mass Intention envelope was picked up from St Oswin's last Sunday with donation inside but had no information on the front. If it belonged to you, please email parish office (address above).

Forthcoming Parish Social Events

The Parish Social Group are planning a pizza night on Friday 26th April and a coach trip to Holy Island is booked for Saturday 13th July. *Why not save the dates!*

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

2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis - in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be year of prayer, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee. In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer. There are lots of resources available on the diocesan website at: www.rcdhn.org.uk

First Reading

Job 7:1-4.6-7

Wrestling with the problem of why the innocent suffer, Job takes a rather pessimistic view of life.

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weavers shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146

Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted
he binds up all their wounds
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.
3. Our Lord is great and almighty
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23

St Paul tells how he has made himself all things to all in order to bring them the Good News.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

In the midst of his work Jesus finds it necessary to go to a lonely place to pray.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?