

<p><b>TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP</b></p> <p>Parish of</p> <p><b>OUR LADY &amp; ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH &amp; ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS</b></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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## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year B – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

<b>SERVICES &amp; MASS INTENTIONS</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Year B</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Shelagh Moore (KDoc)	<i>Lev 13: 1-46, 1 C or 10: 31-11:1 Mark 1: 40-45</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish	
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Theresa Shipley	<i>James 1: 1-11, Mark 8: 11-13</i>
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday			No Mass	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>St M</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Pat Lowndes (JD)	<i>Joel 2: 12-18, 2 Cor 5: 20;6:2</i>
			<b>St O</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	Maureen&Gordon Hogg (BH)	<i>Matt 6: 1-18</i>
Thu	15 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Fred Stimpson (MS)	<i>Deut 30: 15-20, Luke 9: 22-25</i>
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St O	10.00am	Florence Palmeja (Chloe)	<i>Is 58: 1-9, Matt 9: 14-15</i>
Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>	Weekday of Lent	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>Is 58: 9-14, Luke 5: 27-32</i>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>St O</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Maureen&Gordon Hogg (BH)	<i>Gen 9: 8-15, 1 Peter 3: 28-22 Mark 1: 12-15</i>
			<b>St M</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	People of the Parish	
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> 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:** Sheila Clarke, Jacky Armstrong, Cath Peffers, Pat Scott, Eileen Whalen, Win Brown, Les Flintham, Grace Robson, O Robson, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Lisa Stimpson, Margaret Kearney, Tim & Rose Madden, Catherine & Ricci Hudson-Storey.

**And for Kathleen Brannon** who died recently. A Funeral Service for Kathleen will be held at Tynemouth Crematorium on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12.00noon. May she rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Bridget Foreman, Kathleen Lillico, Peter Devlin, Margaret Sopwith, John Mather, Sheila Routledge, Veronica Lathan, Mary Bryce, Theresa Shipley, Margaret Nicholson.

**Today** we welcome the Holy Communion children at Mass at St Mary's.

**Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday:** Mass on this day will be celebrated at **10.00am at St Mary's** and at **7.00pm at St Oswin's**. *Please try to make every effort to come along.*

**Stations of the Cross** will be celebrated on **Friday evenings during Lent at 6.30pm** at St Mary's, beginning on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you would like to help lead one of these. *Resources will be available in the sacristy.*

**Diocesan Lenten Reflection Booklets:** Daily Lenten Reflections will be available for viewing, downloading and printing from the Diocesan website, using this weblink: <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>.

**A Christian Meditation Group** will meet each Tuesday during Lent 7pm till 8pm from 20 February at St. Cuthbert's on Albion Road North Shields. (Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details).

**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 and non gift aid donors could make their contribution **monthly** rather than weekly. This would save on the accounting admin required.*

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

**Copies of the Minutes** of the recent **Parish Open Meeting** are available at the back of church.

**A Celebration of Marriage & Family Life** will take place on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12noon at the cathedral, led by Bishop Stephen. (This forms part of the national celebrations for Marriage week).

**Sycamore - Online Sessions for Lent 2024:** These meetings online (via Zoom) will explore how we can live out our 'Ministry of Love'. The sessions will take place on Thursdays throughout Lent from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. (There is no obligation to attend all if you can't commit to every week). To register go to the Diocesan website (follow the link for Lent) and complete the online form.

**First Reading**

*Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46*

*Lepers were considered ritually unclean and were compelled to live apart from the community.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 31*

**Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1*

*St Paul urges us never to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 1:40-45*

*This tells of the cure of a leper by Jesus.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**Question of the week**

*(for further Personal Reflection on these Readings)*

**Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian?  
Why or why not?**