

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		<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 Year B – 7th April 2024

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	7th	2nd Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	Maureen&Terry Robinson (FB)	<i>Acts 4: 32-35, St John 5: 1-6 John 20: 19-31</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	8 th	Annunciation of the Lord	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>Is7:10-14;8:10,Heb10:4-10,Lk1:26-38</i>
Tue	9 th	Weekday of Easter			<i>No Mass</i>	
Wed	10 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	10.00am	Mike Lockwood (WPL)	<i>Acts 5: 17-26, John 3: 16-21</i>
Thu	11 th	St Stanislaus	St M	10.00am	Rita Di Meo (TDiM)	<i>Acts 5: 27-33, John 3: 31-36</i>
Fri	12 th	Weekday of Easter	St O	10.00am	Alec Turner (MT)	<i>Acts 5: 34-42, John 6: 1-15</i>
Sat	13 th	Weekday of Easter	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>Acts 6: 1-7, John 6: 16-21</i>
Sun	14th	3rd Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 3: 13-19, St John 2: 1-5 Luke 24:35-48</i>
			St M	11.00am	Joseph Mastaglio (FM)	
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>						

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in April: Dave Child, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Maureen Ruddick, Grace Robson, O Robson, Rhesa Royo, Teddy & Chloe Arcillas, Les Flintham, Jacky Armstrong, Betty Briggs, Win Brown, Pat Scott, S Butler, Sheila Clarke, Peter Goodwin, Luke Goodwin, Sheila Lamb.

Anniversaries: John Graham, Lesley Hyett, Gerry Mason, Walter Gibbons, Sylvia Rackham, Harriet Butler, Arthur Boyle, Giuseppina Winlow, Joseph Mastaglio, Ronald Banks, Margaret Lewis, David Cranmer.

A Retiring Collection will be held Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, for the Northern Bretheren Fund to support our Sick and Retired Priests.

The Next Baptism Preparation Evening for the Partnership of Parishes will take place here at St Mary's Cullercoats on Thursday 11th April 7-9.00pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Pupils in Year 9 are invited to enroll to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Forms for this are available after Sunday Mass. Preparation begins on Wednesday 1st May with meetings being held 6.30-8.00pm in different churches in the partnership. This year the Sacrament will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th July 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's, North Shields by Bishop Stephen. We keep all our young people very much in our prayers.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: a new list is available at back of church for those who **definitely** wish to join. Please sign name and contact number. Sue Oxley will be in touch with date for a meeting to go through details.

Parish Finances: 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. *This would save on the accounting admin required.*

Parish Pizza & Quiz evening will be held on Friday 26th April 6.30pm in St Mary's church hall. Adults £5, children £1. (*Please bring your own drinks*). Tickets available today. *Any prizes for the raffle gratefully received*

New Gift Aid Envelopes can be collected as you leave church. *If you no longer have a tax liability, please advise Michael Cassidy, the chair of parish finance.*

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

Public Lecture By Professor Eamon Duffy: Holy Name Parish in Jesmond invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on Celebrity Priest: Monsignor Robert Hugh Benson and the End of the World, on Saturday 4 May in the church (North Jesmond Avenue, NE2 3JX). The church will open at 11.00am for an 11.30am start and will end at 12.30pm. Cold drinks will be served after the lecture when there may be a chance to chat with Professor Duffy.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

This reading gives us a picture of the how the first Christians lived in community.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

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.' 2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
Let the sons of Aaron say; 'His love has no end.' his right hand raised me up.
Let those who fear the Lord say: I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.
His love has no end.' I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.
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 John 5:1-6

Christians are children of God, and show their love for God by keeping his commandments.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

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 into 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)

What could you do this week to inspire your family to resemble the early Christians more closely?