

<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</p> <p>Tel: (0191) 2513770</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 Easter Year B – 28th April 2024

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS						
Sun	28th	5th Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 9: 26-31, 1 John 3: 18-24 John 15: 1-8</i>
			St M	11.00am	Noel Woodfine (A&RMoxon)	
Mon	29 th	St Catherine of Siena	St M	10.00am	Ciara Di Mascio (TDiM)	<i>1 John 1: 5;2:2, Matt 11: 25-30</i>
Tue	30 th	Weekday of Easter			<i>No Mass</i>	
Wed	1 st	St Joseph the Worker	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>Acts 15: 1-6, John 15: 1-8</i>
Thu	2 nd	St Athanasius	St M	10.00am	Pasquale Di Mascio (TDiM)	<i>John 5: 1-5, Matt 10: 22-25</i>
Fri	3 rd	SS Philip & James	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>1 Cor 5: 1-8, John 14: 6-14</i>
Sat	4 th	The English Martyrs	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>Acts 7: 55-60, Matt 10: 17-20</i>
Sun	5th	6th Sunday of Easter	St O	9.30am	People of the Parish	<i>Acts 10: 25-48, 1 John 4: 7-10 John 15: 9-17</i>
			St M	11.00am	Peter (taking exams) (RC)	
<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 April: Angela King, Dave Child, Maureen Ruddick, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Grace Robson, O Robson, Rhesa Royo, Teddy & Chloe Arcillas, Jacky Armstrong, Betty Briggs, Win Brown, Pat Scott, S.Butler, Sheila Clarke, Peter Goodwin, Luke Goodwin, Sheila Lamb, Catherine Hudson Storey, Ricci Hudson- Storey, Sandy, Tim & Rose Madden.

And for Catherine Thirkle who died recently. Her funeral service will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium on Wed 8th May 12.45pm. May she rest in peace.

Anniversaries: George Lilly, Peter Laughlan, Peggy Taylor, Stanley Bell, Harry Bain, Dorothy Reid, Francis Campbell, Joe Dunn, Margaret Redburn, Ken Smith, Bill Jackson, Moira Joyce, Rosemary Gartland, Laura Hails, Arthur Atkinson.

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 this Wednesday 1st May at St Cuthbert's Church, with meetings being held 6.30-8.00pm. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Tuesday 16th July 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's by Bishop Stephen. We keep our young people in our prayers.

Message from Missio: Mill Hill Missionaries: Thank you for helping to share the love and compassion of Jesus with the needy in the world by donating **£2379.92** in 2023.

The Survivors' Mass - to show further support for victims and survivors of abuse will be celebrated by Bishop Stephen on Tuesday 30 April 2024 at 12.05pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle

Congratulations and Welcome to
Harriet Georgia Little
who was Baptised at St Mary's last Sunday

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.*

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancy: IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 6 May. Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details.

Declaration *Dignitas Infinita* on Human Dignity
'Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state or situation the person may ever encounter...The church resolutely reiterates and confirms the dignity of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed by Jesus Christ. From this truth, the church draws her commitment to the weak and those less endowed with power.....Every human being is loved and willed by God'.(Pope Francis)

First Reading

Acts 9:26-31

This reading tells us about some of the trials Paul endured after his conversion.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21

Response: **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. 2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
May their hearts live for ever and ever! before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24

Here John is reflecting on Christ's commandment to love.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Jesus uses the image of a vine and its branches to illustrate how close are the ties that bind him to his disciples

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?