

<p>TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP Parish of OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH & ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS</p>	<p>Canon Martin Stempczyk St Mary's Presbytery Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY 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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21st Sunday of Year B – 25th August 2024

SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	25th	21st Sunday of Year B	St O	9.30am	Angela King (BH)	<i>Josh 24: 1-18, Eph 5: 21-32 John 6: 60-69</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon	26th	Weekday	St M	10.00am	Word & Holy Communion	<i>2 Thess 1: 1-12, Matt 23: 13-22</i>
Tue	27th	St Monica			<i>No Service</i>	
Wed	28th	St Augustine, Bp	St O	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>2 Thess 3: 6-18, Matt 23:27-32</i>
Thu	29th	Passion of John the Baptist	St M	10.00am	Priest's Intention	<i>Jer 1: 17-19, Mark 6: 17-29</i>
Fri	30th	Weekday			<i>No Service</i>	
Sat	31st	St Aidan			<i>No Service</i>	
Sun	1st	22nd Sunday of Year B	St O	9.30am	Pat Dougal (MM)	<i>Deut 4: 1-8, James 1: 17-27 Mark 7: 1-23</i>
			St M	11.00am	People of the Parish	

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available on Request
St Mary's (St M) Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm

**Congratulations and Welcome to
Isabella Scott
who was baptized at St Mary's last Sunday**

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in August: Andrew Storr, Anne Cowey, Wanda Parker Lockwood, Dave Child, Robinson Family, Brian Mulvenna, Theresa E, Pat Scott, Win Brown, Eileen Whalen, Sam Butler, Ken & Dora Percival, Oliver & Grace Robson, Ricci & Catherine Hudson-Storey, Sheila Clarke, Lisa Stimpson, Rose & Tim Madden, Peter Goodwin, Luke Goodwin, Maz Goodwin.

We also pray for Teresa (Terry) Witheridge and Ann Dunn who died recently. Teresa's Requiem Mass will take place on Mon 2nd Sept 1.00pm at St Mary's Church followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May they rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Burr, Jenny Cawood, Iris McKenna, Sarah McGee, Eleanor Gilbert, Jeremy Kennedy, Carole Wall, Ina McDermott, Bridget Matthews, Anne O'Kane, Esther King, Ellen Russell, John Marriott, Veronica Wigham, Walter Baharie, Harry Swaddle.

Weekday and Sunday Masses: From 9th September
Masses will be celebrated in the parish by Fr Chris and Mgr Andrew as follows:
Tuesday's 10.00am at St Oswin's
Thursday's 10.00am at St Mary's
Saturday's 10.00am at St Mary's
The Sunday Mass times will remain the same, namely:
Sunday's 9.30am at St Oswin's
11.00am at St Mary's

Recruiting: Foundation Governor: St Thomas More Catholic High School – if interested, please see poster on Noticeboard.

There will be a retiring Collection today and next Sunday which will form part of our farewell presentation to Fr Martin on Sunday 8th Sept. So please also return any envelopes too. *Thank you.*

Fr Martin Leaving: As most of you know, we have been giving envelopes out for those who would like to donate to his leaving gift (still at back of church today) but I'd also like to let you know that Fr Martin mentioned to me a while ago that the best gift he received from his last parish at Jarrow was a book where parishioners left messages or photos for him to read later. He was really touched by this and I thought it would be something our parish could do. I have left the book at back of church today if you'd like to add a message as you leave. I will also bring it to the hall after mass. If you'd rather think about this, please write a short note at home and bring it either to mass next week or post it through the Presbytery door and I will collect them and place them in the book. Any photos you might have, e.g. from Baptisms, weddings, parish trips etc where Fr Martin might be on, please let me have a copy to add to the book. I have to send the book to St Oswin's next Sunday for the parishioners to do the same before Fr Martin's return on 8th September, so time is limited. *Thanks in advance.* Kath Kelly.

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2.15-18

Joshua confronts the people with a vital decision – to serve the one true God or to serve false gods.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33

Response: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast
The humble shall hear and be glad.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

St Paul uses the image of marriage to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

The disciples of Jesus are faced with a vital decision to stay with Jesus or to leave him.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

How does the Sunday celebration help you to renew your faith?