

18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - FIRST READING

What does a man gain for all his toil?

Ecclesiastes 1:2. 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm *(To be read by the whole congregation together)*

R/ O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

Psalm 89

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| <p>1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.</p> | <p>2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R/</p> |
| <p>3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.</p> | <p>4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.</p> |

SECOND READING

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation John 17:17

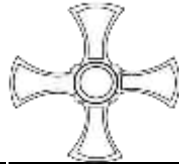
Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?." So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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Sunday, 31 st July 2016 – 18 th Sunday of the Year		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday, 30 th July	5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Ellen Quinn	9:30am Mass
Sunday, 31 st July 18 th Sunday of the Year	11:00am Mass: Elizabeth Fenby	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Von Hanlon
Monday, 1 st August St Alphonsus	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday, 2 nd August		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday, 3 rd August	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Thursday, 4 th August		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass
Friday, 5 th August	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday, 6 th August Transfiguration	5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Monica Whalen	9:30am Mass
Sunday, 7 th August 19 th Sunday of the Year	11:00am Mass: John Ray	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Zora Murkstys
Sunday, 7 th August 2016 – 19 th Sunday of the Year		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday, 6 th August	5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Monica Whalen	9:30am Mass
Sunday, 7 th August 19 th Sunday of the Year	11:00am Mass: John Ray	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Zora Murkstys
Monday, 8 th August St Dominic	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday, 9 th August St Teresa Benedicta		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday, 10 th August	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Thursday, 11 th August St Clare		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass
Friday, 12 th August		1.15 pm: Funeral Service Bill Hearon
Saturday, 13 th August	5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9:30am Mass
Sunday, 14 th August Assumption of BI Virgin Mary	11:00am Mass: Herbert Watson	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Herbert Redpath & Joan Taylor

FIRST READING – 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**Wisdom 18:6-9***By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R/ v.12*R/ Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.	2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our trust in you.	

SECOND READING**Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19***Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (You too must stand ready)**Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Please pray for ... A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews: Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, Human Life and Seafarers. Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Jackie Kelly, Joseph Ackerley, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Vonne and Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Canon Frank Kearney, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Maura Lang, Kathleen Lavery, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Patricia Taws and Fr Ernie Donnelly. We pray for Billy Hearon and all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell to Sr Maureen

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the work of Sr. Maureen in the parish will take place on Friday August 12th at 7.00pm. A reception will take place in the hall after the Mass. All are welcome.

Bulletin for next two weeks

Please note newsletter for this week covers next week as well as the newsletter production team have a well-deserved break. Fr Chris would like to thank the 'team' for all their work over the past year

Mass Times for the next two weeks

Masses are as normal with the exception of Friday 12 August when there is no mass.

Funeral Service

The Funeral Service of Bill Hearons will be this Friday at St Joseph's at 1.15pm

A Warm Welcome

Now that the holiday season is upon us, if you are visiting the area or just passing through please know you are very welcome to our community. May your time in the region be restful and blessed? Wishing you safe and peaceful journeys. As we as a community pray for our visitors, please keep this community in your prayers as well

Missionary Appeal

Next week-end is the annual Missionary Appeal. We have an appeal from the Comboni Sisters. A member of the community will speak at all the Masses

Baptisms

Over the next two weekends we have two celebrations of Baptism. This week-end we welcome Connor James William Shearer at St Cuthbert's. The following week-end (August 7th) also at St Cuthbert's we welcome Ellie-Marie Rowley. As they are united in Christ in baptism, may they always know his grace and love. We pray for their respective parents and families

YPC

The next meeting is at St Cuthbert's at 12 noon next Sunday 7th August. Thanks to all who enabled the trip Holy Island to go take place. Lots of paperwork needs to happen Fr Chris enjoyed being with the group and other visitors

Moving Forward Together in Hope

As part of the next stage of this process there will be an open parish meeting on Saturday 1st October at St Cuthbert's Time to be confirmed. Fr Chris will use the homily slots in September to reflect on the feedback we have received from the Diocese. There is a Deanery meeting on 19th October at St Mary's Cullercoats at 7.30. If you have not read the report, Fr Chris would encourage you to read it. As you read it please do not just look for factual accuracy, which is important, but also to understand the sense of mission that is the foundation of this parish, and to reflect on what your personal contribution is and could be in the future to this mission.

Action Hosting

Do you have a spare room? Would you like to help someone who is homeless? Hosting may suit you.

Action Hosting has been set up following people's desire to help refugees when the migrant crisis grew. Most hosting schemes help destitute refused asylum seekers that are currently living in Britain, rather than newly arrived asylum seekers, as there are systems in place to support asylum seekers.

We are asking hosts to provide accommodation for an agreed amount of time to a destitute asylum seeker who would otherwise be street homeless and extremely vulnerable. Whilst on the hosting scheme the guest will work with an Action Foundation support worker to look at their future options

For more information about becoming a host and an application form check www.actionfoundation.org.uk/projects_hosting.html or contact Vicki Harris, hosting coordinator at hosting@actionfoundation.org.uk, Tel 0191 231 3113.

Zimbabwe Catholic Community England & Wales Mass in the North East

The Zimbabwean Catholic Community is having their Mass in their Vernacular languages on Saturday 13th August 2016 at St Cuthbert's (North Shields). Mass will start at 1pm followed by Food & Refreshments. ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further details please contact: Mrs Nestah Masiwa (07737686154) or Mr Conrad Masiwa (07411038609) or Mrs Pricilla Moyo (07878 408644)