

FIRST READING*Who can divine the will of the Lord?*

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm *(To be read together by the whole congregation)***Response:** *O Lord, you have been our refuge, from one generation to the next.*

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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.</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*Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL*None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Wisdom 9:13-18**Psalm 89****Philemon 1:9-10. 12-17****John 15:15****Luke 14:25-33****The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

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Sunday, 4th September 2016 – 23rd Sunday of the Year

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday, 3 rd September Translation of St Cuthbert	5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Austin Family	9:30am Mass:
Sunday, 4 th September 23 rd Sunday of the Year	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Deceased members of Hearon Family
Monday, 5 th September Bi Teresa of Calcutta Religious	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday, 6 th September		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday, 7 th September	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Thursday, 8 th September		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday, 9 th September	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Saturday, 10 th September	5:00-5:30pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9:30am Mass:
Sunday, 11 th September 24 th Sunday of the Year	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Joan Taylor

Forward Together In Hope

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.
Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.
Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.

Parish Mission Statement

"You send forth your spirit they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)
We are a community who meet Jesus in His words and in His Sacraments.
Filled then, with the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community of faith, hope, love and hospitality.
As the Gospel is proclaimed, celebrated and lived out in our daily lives, we are sent out to renew the face of the earth."

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, Fr Ernie Donnelly and Stephen Hyde. We pray for John Dryden who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Baptism

This weekend we have the Baptism of Neve Charlotte Smith at St Joseph's at 1.00pm We pray for Neve Charlotte and her parents.

Canonisation of Blessed Mother Theresa

This week-end, Pope Francis will canonise Blessed Mother of Theresa of Kolkata. We give thanks for her life and for loving response to the most poorest and rejected in our world. We pray for her intercession for those who are in that position today and that we may see Christ in those in need of mercy. We also pray for the Church in her adopted India and her native Albania.

Moving Forward Together in Hope

Due to the significance of Moving Forward Together in Hope and to ensure people are aware of the feedback from the questionnaire Fr Chris will spend the next four weeks reflecting on the feedback from the diocese, helping us to reflect on what our shared mission is and then to help us to reflect on the way forward. Fr Chris appreciates that this is a major change from preaching on the Scriptures as he would like to do but he thinks this is the way in which he can have people's attention and get people to reflect on what Moving Forward Together in Hope is about. There will be a general open meeting at St Cuthbert's on Saturday October 1st

Sick and Housebound

Pauline Rogers and Shelagh Goodwin will co-ordinate the list for Special Ministers and the Sick and Housebound from St Cuthbert's. If you are visiting the sick and housebound with Holy Communion and are aware of any changes, please notify them or Fr Chris.

RCIA

The Cluster lead programme for those enquiring into the possibility of coming into the Church will start in about two month time. If you or you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Chris as soon as possible.

Meeting with Catechists

Fr Chris has realised that the date given for the meeting with the Catechists with Theresa Hill, who is going to support catechists in the parish, September 29th is the next meeting of the parish council, so the meeting with the catechists will be on the 28th September at 7.00pm

Catechesis in the Mission of the Church

A course for catechists and those interested in becoming a catechist involving 18 evening sessions led by a variety of speakers on a range of topics including vocation and identity, theology of the church, and specific instruction on individual sacraments. Time for prayer and reflection will be included in each session. The programme booklet will be available in parishes soon. For further information please go to: http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/formation/form_catechist.php

Mystical Theology Conference 2016: Reconciling with the Earth: 7 - 9 September 2016 in Durham

A three-day conference exploring one of the pressing issues of our time – how can the mystical return to our appreciation of creation and the natural world.

Speakers include Rev'd. Michael Gartland, Prof. Mary Grey, Sr. Maggie Ross, Dr. Eugenia Russell, Br. Sam SSF and Rev'd. Ray Simpson.

For further information, including the call for papers (deadline: 8 Aug), please see the conference website or contact myka.s.lahaie@durham.ac.uk.

Exploring Pope Francis' Ecological Vision in Laudato Si'

With Professor Karen Kilby, The Bede Chair in Catholic Studies

Wednesday 5 October, St. Aloysius', Hebburn.

Thursday 6 October, St. Anne's, Darlington.

Monday 10 October, St. Michael's, Houghton le Spring.

Wednesday 12 October, St. Cuthbert's House, Newcastle.

All sessions run from 7.00 - 8.30pm. See poster for more details and booking information. Further details and booking information are available on the Diocesan posters noticeboard.

To contact the team please email:

adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or tel: 0191 243 3313

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.

Liturgy and Formation Group.

The Liturgy group will me meeting this Tuesday(September 6th) at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's. Sean Crews has agreed to join the group.

Safe Places

Fr Chris has been approached by the Safe Places Scheme run by North Tyneside as to whether the parish could be a 'safe place'. 'Safe Place' is for vulnerable adults in North Tyneside who have registered to the scheme. If they feel vulnerable or at risk they can come to a 'Safe Place' and give a phone number of a relative or carer, who will come to collect them. St Joseph's will be a 'Safe Place'. Since for the time being St Cuthbert's presbytery will be vacant, it was not right to register St Cuthbert's as a 'Safe Place', but this can be reviewed at a later stage

CAFOD Pilgrimage to Holy Island

After a break for a year, the CAFOD annual pilgrimage to Holy Island will take place on Saturday September 10th. The walk across the causeway at 1.30 with Mass in St Mary's Parish Church at 3.00pm. Any parishioners taking part should recognise the celebrant! Anyone needing a lift to Holy Island can contact Ruth on 07752009361. She has four places available in her car.

Vocations Discernment Weekend

Vocation Discernment Weekend for Single, Catholic Women.6 pm Friday 30th September until after lunch Sunday 2nd October Venue: 216a, Wingrove Rd, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9DD. More details on the website:

www.societyofthesacredheartvocations.org.uk

or contact Sr Barbara on 0191 272 3000. Please see poster at back of Church for more details.

Concert at St Edwards Whitley Bay

NEWCASTLE MALE CHORUS at St Edwards Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm, Saturday 24th September 2016. Admission (inc Wine) £6.00 In Aid of : Diocesan Justice & Peace Refugee and Open Gate Prison Projects. Please see poster for more details.

Schools Return

During this week our staff and pupils return to the schools. Between our three Catholic schools in North Shields we have about 2,400 children in our schools and scores of staff. Their contribution to the Catholic life in this area is immense, as well as the high standard of education and care they provide to our children. We owe them all our prayers as they begin a new academic year. We especially remember the two new head teachers who take up their new positions on September 1st. They are Mr David Watson at St Thomas More's Academy and Miss Claire Hedley at St Joseph's Primary School. We promise them our prayers and support and wish them every blessing for their respective school as they take up these important roles in our schools.

We also remember those pupils who beginning new schools or colleges at this time of year. We hope and pray they will be happy and flourish in their new schools.

Training for Special Minister and Leading Services of Word and Communion

Dates have been announced for courses in the autumn. If Fr Chris has asked you concerning either of these courses please see him as soon as possible.

Fr Michael Hickey

Last Friday Fr Michael moved into the presbytery. We hope Fr Michael is very blessed and happy in his now home. Fr Michael will be going on holiday soon and will be taking advantage of the rest that retirement hopefully will bring, but at some point Fr Michael wishes to offer his considerable experience and gifts for the parish

One year on

Fr Chris writes 'On Thursday, September 1st, it was my first anniversary of arriving in the parish. I am very grateful for the support, encouragement and blessings I have received in the last 12 months. I also appreciate the three Catholic schools, North Shields. I understand that with Moving Forward Together in Hope this is a very important time in the parish. I feel settled but the opportunity for learning and being open to the Spirit is always present so I hope I am not complacent. I also feel in terms of knowing people in the community, I am at the tip of the iceberg. So there is plenty to do in my second year with you all. Please remember me in your prayer'

The Finance and Property Group

The finance and property group will be meeting this Thursday (September 8th) at St Joseph's Presbytery at 7.00pm. Last week, Diocese undertook the belated quinquennial review of all the parish properties. Hopefully we will have the feedback from that report to discuss

Ecumenical Service This Sunday

Our thanks to those who contributed to the service. Our special thanks and respect to our young people, Aesha, Liam, Marti and Thea for the willingness, commitment and example in leading us in this service. Thanks also Kath Naylor for the guidance and support she gave the group. Members of Churches Together and the parish appreciated the service. Our young people gave a great example and inspiration to us all- well done!

Nite Bite

Donations of food for the Tuesday Nite Bite Project at Howard Street Baptist Church will be most welcome

A Day of Reflection for Special Ministers

There is day of reflection for Special Ministers on Saturday October 1 from 10.30am-3.30pm at St Thomas Aquinas' Parish Hall, North Road, Darlington, DL1 2PU. The day will be led by Pat Kennedy. The theme will be 'If only you knew what I was offering you'

Jumble Sale

The next parish jumble sale will be held on Saturday 8 October at 11:00am. Donations of clean jumble would be appreciated, but NO ELECTRICS PLEASE. Thanks for your continued support.

Bonus Ball

The bonus ball to be paid this Sunday, 4th September, £4,00 for 4 weeks. Please note there are 2 spare numbers available for anyone who would like to participate.