

**FIRST READING**

*They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of **Israel** then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

**Samuel 5:1-3**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** *I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3. For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David.

2. Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.

**Psalm 121**

**SECOND READING**

*Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**Colossians 1:12-20**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

**Luke 23:35-43**

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

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**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 – Christ the King**

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>5:00-5:30pm:</b> Confessions <b>5.30pm Mass:</b> Monica Whalen	<b>9:30am</b> No Mass
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> November Christ the King	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> No Intention	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Celso José Mendes
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> November Presentation of the BVM	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am</b> Word & Communion	
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> November St Cecilia, Virgin		<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Povilas Kasparavicius
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>	
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> No Intention	
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> November Cardinal Lavigerie	<b>4.45-5.15pm:</b> Confessions <b>5.30pm Mass:</b> Repose of the soul of Anneliese Daniell	<b>9:30am</b> No Mass
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> November 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> Frank Lewis	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Ada & Harry Snowden

**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, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Patricia Taws, Shane Aberintos, Stephen Hyde, Evelyn Oshegbu, Pauline Chandra, Debbie Megan and Kay Butler. We pray for all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Collections

13<sup>th</sup> November - £828.11  
Priests Training Fund - £118.09

#### Christ the King

Christ the King Sunday marks the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. The Church acknowledges that human history will come to an end but Christ's Kingship over all of creation does not come to an end. Pope Pius XI established this feast during the reign of Mussolini, to remind the Italian people not put their ultimate faith in an earthly ruler. At a time when some fear that autocratic rulers will dominate the world's political order, it is useful to remember that tyrannies and empires come and go, although carrying out much harm in the process, but Christ's Kingdom is still embodied in communities of faith throughout the world and through all ages. At a time when significant events are taking place we focus on Christ, his ultimate kingship, and his invitation to share and make flesh his Kingdom.

#### Baptism

This week-end on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November we have the baptism of Lucas James Proud at St Joseph's at 1.00pm We pray for Lucas and his parents as he is welcomed into our family and united in Christ in this sacrament.

#### Moving Forward Together in Hope

Thanks to all who took part in the deanery meeting last Wednesday at St Thomas More's Academy. Over 110 people were there and our parish was strongly represented. The proposal for the six parishes of the deanery to be a partnership was accepted. The emphasis is on we as a partnership can be a flourishing and sustainable community of disciples. The latest proposal is on the Cluster Website: <http://www.northyntesidecatholic.org.uk/>

#### New Times for Confessions

Please note that from next week-end confessions at St Cuthbert's will be on a Saturday from 4.45pm to 5.15pm, so if Mass starts late then it is only Fr Chris' fault!

#### Youth Sunday

Today on Youth Sunday, we celebrate the gift of young people in our Church and renew our commitment to encourage and support them. Please pray for the young people in your parish and throughout the diocese and for those who work with them and please give generously to today's collection for the Youth Ministry Team, our diocesan youth service ([www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org)).

On behalf of the parish Fr Chris would like to thank our young people, the mini vinnies, Mrs Cotis, Mrs Gibbons (from St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's primary schools respectively), Kath Naylor and Ruth Corless and all who have contributed to ensure that our young people can contribute so powerfully to Youth Sunday

#### Encounter the Living God through Sacred Scripture The Living Word 3

During this weekend we will be exploring the power and purpose of the Gospels. Sat 26<sup>th</sup> - Sun 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - DONATION ONLY EVENT To book or for more information:

Web: [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)

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#### Crib Festival

Please note the Crib festival will this year will take place at St Joseph's from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December till after the Carol Service at St Joseph's on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Would you like to create a crib? Donations of money, toiletries and canned food will be kindly accepted on behalf of the local YMCA. The organisers of the Crib festival would appreciate all cribs for the festival by Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please let others know about the festival

#### Preparing for Christmas

Volunteers are kindly requested to help decorate the Church and put up the Christmas tree at St Joseph's in readiness for Christmas and the Crib Festival. This will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00am. Coffee and mince pies will be available to refresh the workers

#### Finance Committee

At their last meeting, David Leane was elected as Chair of the Finance Committee. David is the financial Director of the Carmel Multi Academy Trust in Darlington, so he has much experience in overseeing finances and making important decisions in how resources should be used. On behalf of the parish Fr Chris would like to offer his thanks to David in being willing to take on this important role in the life of the parish.

#### St Thomas More's Academy's Community Party

This event at St Thomas More's on Monday December 12 from 2-4pm pm is for all senior members of our community. If you would like to take part please sign list in the porch

#### Advent Events at the Cathedral

##### Advent Retreat Day - Thursday 8 December 2016

10.45 am Talk by Fr Paul Jenkins O Carm  
11.30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
12.05 pm Solemn Sung Mass for the Immaculate Conception  
1.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Confessions from 1.00 – 2.00pm)

##### Reconciliation Day - Saturday 17 December 2016

12 noon Service of Reconciliation with Bishop Séamus  
12.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (With individual confession until 4.00pm)  
4.00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

#### The Trinity Charity Shop

We have received the cheque for the third quarter of the year from the Trinity Charity Shop. The cheque was for £1486.85, which is a great total. On behalf of the parish, Fr Chris would like to offer sincere thanks to all who work in the shop on a Thursday or who contribute in any way to Trinity Shop. This is a very useful contribution to parish funds

#### Tyneside Circle Newman Association

Next talk: The Challenges for Catholic Education Today in The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle by Mr Joe Hughes, Diocesan Director for Education, at St Mary's RC Church Hall, Farrington Road, Cullercoats NE30 3EY at 7.30 on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Parish Christmas Parcel Appeal

Once again we will be providing hampers to some of those in need in our Parish. As usual we ask for cash donations not food. There will be a box for donations after masses over the last 3 weekends of November or you can make a donation to Fr.Chris or any SVP member.

If you are aware of anyone (family or single) you believe is in need please advise Father Chris or an SVP member. Thanks again for your generosity at this expensive time of year.

#### Youth Sunday Collection

Next weekend we celebrate Youth Sunday. Bishop Seamus and the Youth Ministry Trust wish to thank you for your generous contributions to last year's collection and for all you have done throughout the year to support our young people on their faith journey. There will be a collection next week to support the work of YMT. Envelopes are available if you would like the opportunity to Gift Aid your donation.

#### Torchlight Procession

St. Mary's Hexham are hosting a Torchlight Procession to mark the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and in Thanksgiving for the Year of Mercy, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm, led by Bishop Seamus Cunningham. All welcome ... meet at the bandstand in the park adjacent to Hexham Abbey which will be decorated with festive lights to pray the Rosary and sing hymns in honour of Our Lady, then process to St. Mary's for a homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A Collection will be taken in aid of the Diocesan Hospitalité Lady of Lourdes.

#### Journey in Faith 2016 – 2017

The Journey in Faith is for anyone wishing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church next Easter, and for others who wish to refresh their faith. It will start on Thursday, 3 November at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road, North Shields. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Terry McGann on 0191 251 8672 or 07785906599. Many thanks.

#### The Art of Dying Well

The Catholic Church in this England and Wales has produced a website: [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org) This website has resources, reflections and prayers to help people and their loved ones at a time of dying and grief. This for Catholics and others who may find the website useful

#### Advent Reflections

With Advent two weeks away here is notice of Advent Reflections on a Sunday afternoon  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00pm St. Cuthbert's - Scripture Reflections with Lectio Divina led by Ian Pearson  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm St Joseph's – Taize reflections lead by St Joseph's music group  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's - Using our imaginations with Advent reading lead by Fr Chris  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm at St Joseph's - Christmas Carol Service

#### A Request for Rosaries and Prayer Books

The Apostleship of the Sea ministers on behalf of the Church at ports and docksides across the Country, they offer pastoral care and support to men and women from across the world working on transporter and cruise ships. They often have requests for rosary beads and prayer books. If you have any these items spare please leave them with the 'welcomers' as you come into church.

#### Christmas Coffee Morning

This will be on November 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Cuthbert's parish hall 10:00am. Tickets on sale at both churches £1.00 tea/coffee & a mince pie. Lots of goodies to buy and win, also a raffle. Donations to the stalls or raffle would be gratefully received including cakes on the day.

#### Parish Carol Service

This year the Parish Carol Service will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm at St Joseph's. The St Joseph's music group are enquiring to see if our Schools can contribute to the service. Conscious that not all our young people go to our local Catholic schools, if any of these people would like to take part in the Carol Service please let Fr Chris know.

#### Annual Walk for Peace

To be held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016 starting at 10:00am from the Hindu Temple, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9QB, for more information see notice on notice board.

#### Mercy Associates

**Christmas Parcels** – The Mercy Associates would be grateful for any items. These can be left at the back of St. Joseph's Church.  
**Christmas Coffee Morning** – The Mercy Associates Christmas Coffee Morning will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10:15am. Prize Bingo, Mince Pies, Raffle, Lucky Dip. Tickets £1.00.