

FIRST READING*In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm**Response:** The Lord is my light and my help.

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| <p>1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?</p> | <p>2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.</p> |
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3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

SECOND READING*Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom,
and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL*He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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Isaiah 8:23-9:3**Psalm 26****Corinthians 1:10-13. 17****Matthew 4:12-23**

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Sunday, 22nd January 2017 – 3rd in Ordinary Time - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 21 st January St Agnes Virgin & Martyr	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 22 nd January 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Lillian Shotton	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 23 rd January	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 24 th January		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday 25 th January Conversion of St Paul Apostle	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Alf Hezelgrave	
Thursday 26 th January Sts Timothy & Titus Bishops		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday 27 th January	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday 28 th January St Thomas Aquinas	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass:	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 29 th January 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Alice Betham	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass:

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, 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, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson and Lena Armbuster. We pray for Patricia Taws, James Widdowson, Fr Cuthbert Johnson and Brian Callaghan (in South Africa) who have died recently. We also pray for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Week of prayer of Christian Unity

On Tuesday 17th January, in this country we began the week of prayer for Christian Unity. The Church invites us to pray and work for unity, to bring the scandal of division in Christ's church to an end. Please keep this in our prayers.

Celebration of the First Sacrament of Reconciliation

The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our First Holy Communion Candidates will be on Tuesday 24th January at St Cuthbert's Church at 7.00pm. Parishioners are welcome to come and pray and support our young people as they celebrate this sacrament.

Appeal and Welcome

This weekend the parish welcomes Rebecca Lland, cofounder of EVC (Empowering Vulnerable Children) Uganda, and Mia Fox, one of the chaplains to The University Catholic Chaplaincy in Newcastle. Rebecca will speak at the end of our Masses. The charity raises funds to provide desperately poor children with an education in a loving, caring and supportive environment. The Sponsor a Child Programme provides a route out of poverty and destitution through education, offering a real hope for the future. After Mass, Rebecca will be available with further information and to answer questions about the charity. Fr Chris appreciates that many calls are made on your generosity, but Fr Chris responded this request for an appeal since we have a young person with north east connections putting their faith into action in a powerful and inspiring way, which he thinks is worth supporting. Of course, he is also a former chaplain to the Universities in Newcastle, keen to support former chaplaincy students in living out their faith.

Galilee Lecture- St Mary's Hexham

Three Popes & their Three Papers on Work
Employment lawyer - and parishioner of St Mary's, Hexham -Max Winthrop looks at Catholic Social Teaching on work and employment and raises the question: "If the Jesus of the Gospel, who befriended tax collectors and prostitutes, returned today, what message would we have for lap dancers and people on zero hours contracts – and their employers?"

Prayer Festival

The Liturgy and Formation group have decided that we will go ahead with a prayer festival during the first weekend in Lent, 3-5th March. The woman's world day of prayer event at St Cuthbert's on Friday 3rd March will mark the start of the event, finishing with Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm on the Sunday. The hope of the weekend is to have a number of prayer stations across the Church that will inform and help people to learn and take part in a number of different types of prayer and spirituality. The Church will be open during the weekend for people to come at their own pace to reflect on the various stations. If you yourself would like to prepare a station, please contact Fr Chris.

Position of Parish Administrator

The diocese has accepted an application from the parish for a paid position of parish administrator to be established for the parish. In the light of the Moving Forward Together in Hope process and the establishment of Partnerships, the post will be a temporary contact for 12 months. Please see the insert that has been published by the diocese. There is also a poster about the post at the back of the church.

Administrator Vacancy

The parish of St Cuthbert and St Joseph requires a part-time administrator to support with parish administration. The post-holder will be experienced in general office and administration duties, and have excellent and up-to-date I.T. skills. 16 hours per week. 12 month fixed term contract. For further information and an application form visit www.rcdhn.org.uk tel: 0191 243 3301 or email: human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 2 February 2017.

Parish Council

At the close of nominations on January 16th, The Chair of the Parish Council, Ian Pearson, had received 6 nominations: Margaret Alderson, Bernard Carley, Claire Harvey, Catherine Kelly, Linda Shotton and Jill Taylor. There are five vacancies, however since three parishioners can be co-opted onto the council (with two parishioners having been already co-opted- Sam Burwood & Anne Badenhope), one of the six nominations can be co-opted onto the council. With discussions with Ian Pearson, Fr Chris and he have decided that, with the one co-opted place available, we can have all six nominations on the parish council, without elections. Sincere thanks for all six who are willing to serve the parish in this way. Fr Chris would like to take the opportunity to thank Susan Skelly, Liam Skelly and Sean Brockbank who have served on the council during the last year, who have stood down in the last 12 months. Their commitment and service to the parish is appreciated.

There will be a meeting of the parish pastoral council on Wednesday 25th of January at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm. The newly elected members of the parish council will be present.

Celebration of Baptism

Next Saturday, January 28th at 2.00pm we will have the baptism of Alexander Lyba at St Joseph's. Alexander's parents and big sister Matilda, are regular worshippers at St Joseph's. The parish are welcome to join in the celebration of their son's baptism.

Young People in the Parish

The Christmas party was enjoyed by all who took part. The young people have decided that they would like to meet once a month, on the first Sunday of every month, from 6-7.30. The time will be an informal social time which is open to all at secondary school age. The next meeting will be on Sunday February 5th.

Homeless Sunday

This Sunday, January 22nd is Homeless Sunday. Each year, churches and Christian ministries unite together to mark Homeless Sunday. This is something which has been going in excess of 15 years to enable Christians to pray for those in their own community who are homeless as well as to look at how they can commit to new practical action. The Christian Campaign group on Housing, Housing Justice, whose CEO, Alison Gelder, spoke in our parish last year, ask us to: connect with homeless people, challenge politicians and those in power to make response and commit to practical action.

Housing Justice has been working alongside Crisis in mobilising support for the Homelessness Reduction Bill which is currently going through Parliament. It is a Private Member's Bill which means that there are no guarantees of its success - at least 100 MPs must be in the Commons on the day of the debate, and the next is scheduled for Friday 27th January. You can help by writing to your MP and asking her/him to be present at Parliament to vote in favour of the Bill making it through to the final stage.

CAFOD News

CAFOD is desperately looking for volunteers willing to help children and young people in our schools learn about global poverty. You don't need to be an expert or a trained teacher, just someone who cares about global poverty and is happy to work with children and young people. We offer all our volunteers a full training programme, ongoing support and excellent resources. If you're interested, please contact the diocesan Volunteer Centre on 0191 384 4847 or hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk. Thank you.

CAFOD's Winter Warmer, Sunday 29 January 2017.

Join with us on Sunday 29 January from 2.30pm as we welcome Isam Aruri, Director of CAFOD's Palestinian partner Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre (JLAC) and Project Coordinator, Shu'la Abdelahbi, to the parish centre of St Charles, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. They will be speaking about the legal work that JLAC has been doing on behalf of some of the poorest and most marginalised people on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem. The event begins at 2.30pm with a display and video setting the scene for our visitors who will speak at 3.00pm. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and to come together with other CAFOD supporters and volunteers. For further information or to register for the event please email: hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk or tel: 0191 384 4847

Tyneside Circle Newman Association

Next talk is "Prison Fellowship: Taking the Love of Jesus into Prison" by Patricia Bragg. At St Mary's RC Church Hall, Farringdon Road, Cullercoats NE30 3EY at 7.30 Wednesday 25th January. All welcome.

Holocaust Memorial Evening

The Department of Interreligious Relations are having a Holocaust Memorial Evening on Wednesday 25th January at 7pm, at St Mary's RC Comprehensive School, Benton Park Road, Longbenton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7PE. The key speaker will be Mrs Marta Josephs, who is a survivor of the Concentration Camps. If you would like to attend please let the Interreligious department know at: gjw1949@aol.com or on: 0792 9115 712.

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Women's World Day of Prayer

This event is being hosted at St Cuthbert's on March 3rd at 2.00pm. The prayers and reflections are offered from a particular country and for 2017, it is women from the Philippines who have created the prayers resources. In the light of this, the organisers are wondering if the Filipino women from the parish would like to be involved. If interested, please contact Fr Chris or Elizabeth Austin at: elizabeth.m.austin@icloud.com. The theme this year is: 'Am I being unfair to you?'

The Source

Wednesday 1 February 2017 between 7.00pm – 8.30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. A chance to take some time for ourselves. Praise and worship, prayer, a guest speaker followed by social time and refreshments. Year 9 and above.

Reunion for existing Liturgical Lay Leaders

This is for those already exercising this ministry. Please let Fr Chris know if you would like to attend. It will be at St. Hilda's Resource Centre Monday 27th March 2017 - 7.00pm-9.00pm St. Cuthbert House, Newcastle, NE15 7PY. There is no charge for this event.

Children's Liturgy St Joseph's

The Children Liturgy needs more people to help with this. Even if you are DBS covered, just being present in the chapel would be helpful. Please see either Fr Chris or Sheila Hall, Joanna Waggot or Maria Robson.

Social Committee Meeting

The next Social Committee Meeting will be on MONDAY, 23rd JANUARY at 7:00pm.