

FIRST READING*In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.*

See the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm**Response:** How happy are the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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| <p>1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for every, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.</p> <p>3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.</p> | <p>2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.</p> |
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SECOND READING*God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves for instance, borthers, at the time when you were called; how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL*How happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
 Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
 Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.
 Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
 Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
 Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
 Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven
 Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak of kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Zephaniah 2:3: 3:12-13**Corinthians 1:26-31****Matthew 5:1-12**

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Sunday, 29th January 2017 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
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: Rosemary Scott
Monday 30 th January	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Peter Hughes	
Tuesday 31 st January St John Bosco		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion
Wednesday 1 st February St Bridget	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Thursday 2 nd February Presentation of the Lord		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion
Friday 3 rd February St Blaise Bp: St Ansgar Bp. Martyr	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Saturday 4 th February	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	9.30. No Mass:
Sunday 5 th February 5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Violet Makumbé	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: People of the Parish

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, Lena Armbuster and baby Eliana Carter. We pray for all those who have died recently and also for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Baptism

Baby Eliana Carter, daughter of Chris and Joey Carter, was baptised in the RVI on 17th January after her birth on 14th January. She is very critically ill. Please pray for her and parents at this anxious time for them and for their family and friends.

A Thank You from EVC Uganda:

A really huge thank you to Fr Chris and all the parishioners at St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's for the warmest of welcomes last weekend. Rebecca and Mia were very taken with the incredible support and enthusiasm shown at both churches for this amazing charity. We are extremely thankful for your generous donations to the dormitory project in St Mattia Mulumba School in Kyancooli totalling £597.68. This is a huge help and we are so grateful for your kindness. If anybody would like further information about the charity, including the 'Sponsor a Child' scheme, please check our website at www.evcuganda.org Thank you all again and we will say a special prayer for your parishioners.

Young People

We are trying to get a list of your people who regularly attend the parish and are pupils of St Thomas More. If you are a pupil at St Thomas More's please complete the form at the back of Church. Young parishioners will be meeting next Sunday, February 5th at 6.00pm.

John Hall & the SVP

John Hall is standing down as President of the Parish SVP. On behalf of the parish, Fr Chris would like to thank John Hall for his commitment and service to the SVP even in the tenth decade of his life! If you are looking for ways to help and serve those in need then the SVP would welcome new members.

Mercy Associates

The next meeting for the Mercy Associates will be on February 2nd at 1pm. It will be held at the Convent at 17 Cartington Road, all welcome.

International Refugee Trust

This charity is looking for people to take part in the Great North Run on 10th September. If you would like to run for this charity that helps refugees in Jordan, South Sudan and Uganda, please contact Katie on 020 8994 9120 or at: Katie@irt.org.uk

Tyne and Wear Citizens

The next stage of Tyne and Wear Citizens is what is called a listening campaign. We want to know what concerns and issues people have in the local areas. Fr Chris is willing to host two meetings, on February 15th at St Joseph's, February 21st at St Cuthbert's and would welcome anyone who would like to share concerns and issues in their local area and any vision for change they would like to see. Please let anyone irrespective of their belief know they are welcome.

Day of Reflection

There is to be a Lenten Day of Reflection at the Franciscan Friary, Alnmouth on Saturday 1st April. The day will be led by Fr Chris and will give us an opportunity to 'pause and reflect' on our Lenten Journey. All parishioners are most welcome. The theme will be – 'Christ: Our Servant and Teacher. The cost will be approximately £15, a packed lunch will be required; tea and fruit juice will be provided. Please sign up in the church porch if you would like to attend.

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.pm 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 29th January 2017.

Join with us this Sunday 29th 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

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.

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.

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 Calendar

Future events are as follows:

28 th February	- Pancake Night at St Cuthberts
18 th March	- Ceilidh at St Cuthberts
25 th March	- Jumble Sale at St Cuthberts
23 rd April	- Afternoon Tea at St Josephs
27 th May	- Polish Night (food etc more info later)
8 th July	- Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts

Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball money due 5th February for 4 weeks £4.00.