

FIRST READING*Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial PsalmResponse: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

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| <p>1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.</p> <p>3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.</p> | <p>2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.</p> <p>4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.</p> |
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SECOND READING*It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just described it very shortly. This that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

GOSPEL*We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Isaiah 60:1-6**Psalm 71****Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6****Matthew 2:1-12****The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

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Sunday, 8th January 2017 – The Epiphany - Year A**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 7 th January	4:45-5:25pm: Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 8 th January The Epiphany of the Lord	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Sr Bernadette Dooley
Monday 9 th January Baptism of the Lord	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Tuesday 10 th January	12:00am Mass: Requiem Mass for Margaret Grant	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday 11 st January	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Vincent Jones	
Thursday 12 nd January		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday 13 rd January	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: John & Teresa Elsdon	
Saturday 14 th January	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm Mass: John Hughes	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 15 th January 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Daughters of St Paul

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, Patricia Taws, Shane Aberintos, Stephen Hyde, Evelyn Oshegbu, Pauline Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler and Sarah Harrison. We pray for all those who have recently died and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Epiphany

This week-end we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Having focused on Incarnation, God becoming Human, we now focus on Epiphany, which means revelation, God who manifests himself to the world, today we focus on the Magi finding Christ by means of the star, but with the Baptism of Christ and the Miracle at Cana which we will focus upon, the theme is also Epiphany, God revealing himself to us. This feast day and theme of Epiphany asks us to reflect on what 'stars', what signs have lead us to God in recent times.

Baptism

This Sunday at the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's we will have the baptism of Jemima Ogunyemi. We pray for her and her family.

Christmas Liturgies

The celebration of the Baptism of the Lord tomorrow marks the end of the Christmas period. We will be in 'Ordinary time' till Ash Wednesday which is on March 1st. There has been a lot of positive feedback about the school and parish liturgical celebrations that took place during in Advent and Christmas period. Not only have many people worked very hard in our parish and in the schools but there has been strong degree of co-operation between various groups and people which has resulted powerful and inspiring liturgical celebrations that have been appreciated by many people. It has been a great blessing and also a sign of hope, which shows what can be done in the parish when people work together. Well done to all involved. May 2017 deepen the sense of unity and mission in our parish as well as the new partnership which will be announced later this year.

Peace Sunday 15th January

Next Sunday is Peace Sunday where we can support the work of Pax Christi. The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, Pax Christi work with all who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Christmas Parcels

Congratulations and warm best wishes from the recipients of the Parish Christmas Hampers. People's generosity was truly appreciated. You provided well over £400 to provide a boost to those who needed a little extra help at that special time. Parish thanks go also to Elizabeth and Andrew Austin, who once again collected names, then arranged selection, ordering, packing and delivery of hampers.

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?'

First Holy Communion Programme

The next Liturgy of the First Holy Communion programme will be Sunday. There will be a short liturgy at the Penitential rite. This will focus on God's forgiveness as the children prepare for their first Confession on January 24th at St Cuthbert's. We continue to pray for the First Holy Communion candidates. Please note that there is a meeting for all parents on 18th January at 6.00pm at St Cuthbert's. The theme of the evening is Forgiveness. The parish is delighted to welcome Richard Moore who is the Director of Children in Crossfire. Children in Crossfire help children experiencing poverty in some of the most trouble parts of the world. Richard at the age of 12, was blinded by a rubber bullet in Derry by a British Soldier. Richard will give a personal story of his coming to terms with his blindness and his story of not only forgiving the soldier who shot him but how they have become personal friends. It will be an inspiring evening about the power of forgiveness. The meeting is open to other parishioners as well.

Youth Party

This Sunday on January 8th from 6-8pm there is a party for the young people in the parish at St Cuthbert's Church hall. All our young people from Secondary school age are welcome to this.

Elections to Parish Council

Elections to the parish council will take place on January 22nd. There are at five vacancies on the council. Please consider if you would like to be on the council or please approach someone else whom you think would have something important to offer the work of the council. Fr Chris would like to see the parish council strongly reflecting the very rich diversity of the parish. As we enter into a partnership, it is very important that the parish is focussed on its mission and covering all areas of Christian life. The parish council can enable this to happen. Nominations need to have a proposer and seconder from the parish. They are to be given to Ian Pearson, the Chair of the parish council by 15th of January.

The White Flower Appeal

This will be this weekend to assist the work of the Society of the Unborn Child (SPUCK) in protecting the sanctity of all human life. There will be a retiring collection at all Masses that weekend.

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

FLAME CONGRESS

On Saturday 11th March a group of 1,000 young people and accompanying adults from our diocese will be travelling to Flame at Wembley Arena. Flame is a National Catholic Youth Congress with inspiring speakers and music from Matt Redman. Coaches will be leaving from every part of the diocese. There are still places left for young people Year 9 and above and for adults. If you would like to go, please contact YMT for further details. Email admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244

Young people

Have you checked out the FLAME video? CYMFed Flame 2017 Have you booked your place? March 2017 10,000 Reasons. Poster at the back of Church Pass your name to Fr Chris, Kath (St. Cuthbert's) or Ruth (St. Joseph's) £10 deposit, nothing else to pay for return trip to London and entry into the event. Be one of the 1000 young people from the diocese.

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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.

Blessing of Animals

This was a very successful event last year and it has been decided to be repeated but this time outside on the grass near the car-park. It will take place on Saturday 21 January at 12 noon.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal for Crisis in Yemen

Advent is a time of prayer and reflection as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ. CAFOD especially asks over the coming weeks for us to remember the people of Yemen.

CAFOD's partner in Yemen is providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, medical care and shelter. You can find updates on the situation and how we are responding to this crisis: <http://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Yemen-Crisis-Explained>

You can download prayers to use:

http://cafod.org.uk/content/download/609/5794/version/6/file/Prayer_conflict_may-your-kingdom-come_prayer.pdf.

Should your parish or anyone like to support this appeal, they can donate online at: <http://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/yemen-crisis-appeal> or give donations in an envelope marked 'Yemen Emergency appeal'.

Margaret Grant

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Grant will be held at St. Cuthberts Church on Tuesday, 10th January at 12:00 o'clock.