

**FIRST READING***He never commanded anyone to be godless***Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

**Responsorial Psalm***Response: They are happy who follow God's law!***Psalm 118**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.	2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.	4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

**SECOND READING***God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.***Corinthians 2:6-10**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.***Matthew 5:17-37**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> February Our Lady of Lourdes	<b>4:45-5:15pm:</b> Confessions <b>5.30pm Mass:</b>	<b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Mass:</b>	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Edith O'Kane
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Nora Ord	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February		<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>4:45-5:15pm:</b> Confessions <b>5.30pm Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b>

**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 recently died and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Collections for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February - £782.68

#### St Cuthbert's Primary School

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January the School Office Manager for St Cuthbert's Primary School, Mr Barry Jennings, collapsed and tragically died aged just 51 years old. This is a sudden and sad death, that as you can imagine has made a huge impact on his family, the whole of the school community and on all those who loved him. The school will be celebrating his life at some point in the future. At the time of writing there are no details for his funeral. Please remember, Barry, his family and friends and the school community at this time of sudden loss.

#### First Holy Communion Liturgy of the Word

This week-end we have the next of the Liturgies for our First Holy Communion Candidate. This week-end our children will be learning about the importance of hearing God's word in the Mass. The children will be presented with a copy of Mark's Gospel. We continue to pray our children preparing for First Holy Communion.

#### Church Action on Poverty

Poverty Action Sunday is February 26<sup>th</sup>. This year the theme is: Poor Church, Transfigured Church. What change must take part in our Church if the needs of the poorest come first. There will be an ecumenical event at St Michael's Church, Headlam Street, Byker, NE6 2DX. All are welcome.

#### Flame

The deadline for taking part in this event is soon approaching. If any of young people (minimum age of 16) is interested in taking part, please collect forms and complete them as soon as possible and give to Kath Naylor, Ruth Corless, or Fr Chris.

#### Cleaners

There is now only one team on the cleaning rota for St Joseph's. Any volunteers to join the rota would be most appreciated.

#### Changes in the Diocese

There have been a number of important developments in key posts in the Diocese. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr Paul Young retired as the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. On behalf of the parish, Fr Chris would like to express our thanks to Mr Young for advice and support given to the parish on this important area of Safeguarding. The new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer is Angie Richardson. We wish her well in this important role in the life of the Diocese.

Mrs Kathleen Smith, the Chief Operation's Officer for the Diocese and Mr Joe Hughes, the Diocesan Director for Education, have announced that they will be retiring during 2017. We are also aware that Bishop Seamus will under Canon Law have to offer his resignation (though it may not be accepted by Pope Francis) when he is 75 in July of this year. So, we can see that this is very much a time of transition for the Diocese.

#### Baptisms

Next week at the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's we will have the baptism of Isabelle Swash.

The following week we will welcome Baby Eliana Carter to our community. Eliana was baptised soon after her birth at the RVI hospital on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Eliana is now back at home and her parents Joly and Chris Carter are very grateful for the card, best wishes and prayers from the parish. We will carry the symbolic acts of the baptism service that did not take place at her christening at the hospital.

#### Celebration of Confirmation

This Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's at the 9.30 Mass, Fr Chris has been given permission by Bishop Seamus, to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on April Infante. We will welcome April, her fiancé Noel and all her family and friends. Please pray for April as she prepares for this sacrament.

#### Finance Committee

The Parish Finance committee will now be meeting at St Joseph's on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.00pm. The main focus of the agenda will be discussing the building carried out by the Diocese on our parish properties.

#### John Paul II Awards

Our sincere and warm congratulations to Sam Burwood who has been awarded the God award for the John Paul II Awards. This is a great achievement and the parish have every right to be very proud of her. Sam, who is a year 13 pupil at St Thomas More's High School and a member of the parish council, is the first parishioner to receive this award. We hope her success will inspire other young people in our parish to seek this award. Sam will collect her award from Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor at a ceremony at the Tyneside Opera Theatre on the Westgate Road, on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### A Diocesan Sacramental Day for Reconciliation and Eucharist.

An opportunity to develop your understanding of what it means to be a Catechist and to look at the programmes and guidelines available. For those already involved in catechesis and those interested in becoming involved. Saturday 4 March 2017 at 10.00am - 3.00pm to be held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. There is no charge for this day. Please bring a packed lunch.

Booking is essential. If you would like to attend, please email: [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) or tel: 0191 243 3313.

#### Coming up at Minsteracres:

Quiet days of reflection during Lent  
Wednesday 15 March – Sr. Rosarie Spence RSM  
Wednesday 22 March – Sr. Anne McCarthy RSCJ  
Wednesday 29 March – Kathryn Turner  
Wednesday 5 April – Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ

#### 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.

#### Centre for Catholic Studies

Wednesday 22 February 2017: Ushaw Lectures: A lecture by Prof. Maurice Whitehead: 'Maps, Meridians and Missions: Christopher Maire, SJ (1697–1767), a Durham Cartographer'. 5.30pm drinks reception followed by; 6.00 - 7.15pm lecture in the Exhibition Hall, Ushaw College. To book a place at an Ushaw Lecture, please email: [hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk) or tel: Jane Lidstone on 0191 334 1656.

#### International Refugee Trust

This charity is looking for people to take part in the Great North Run on 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Katie@irt.org.uk)

#### 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](mailto:hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk). Thank you.

#### 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 15<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's, February 21<sup>st</sup> at St Cuthbert's both commencing 7pm 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.

#### 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<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> March. The woman's world day of prayer event at St Cuthbert's on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March will mark the start of the event, finishing with Stations of the Cross at 4pm 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.

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:elizabeth.m.austin@icloud.com). The theme this year is: 'Am I being unfair to you?'

#### 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<sup>th</sup> February - Pancake Night at St Cuthberts
- 18<sup>th</sup> March - Ceilidh at St Cuthberts
- 25<sup>th</sup> March - Jumble Sale at St Cuthberts
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Afternoon Tea at St Josephs
- 27<sup>th</sup> May - Polish Night (food etc more info later)
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts

Goods needed for the Jumble Sale, no electricals please.