

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.
“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

Responsorial Psalm (to be read by the whole congregation together)

Psalm 102

Response: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him

SECOND READING

Corinthians 3:16-23

All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

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Sunday, 19th February 2017 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	18 th February	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: People of the Parish	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	19 th February 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass:
Monday	20 th February	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	21 st February		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	22 nd February Chair of St Peter Apostle	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Pauline Hiscock	
Thursday	23 rd February	12:00 noon: Funeral Service for Robert Molloy	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday	24 th February	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday	25 th February	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Pat Taws	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	26 th February 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Joan & Herbert Redpath

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 Arbustor and baby Eliana Carter. We pray for Bob Molloy who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Moving Forward in the Faith

On Thursday 9th February the Diocese announced that the Diocese would be structured as 18 partnerships. The diocese had received 27 proposals. The full details of the partnership will be made available. The partnership that our parish had put forward along with the other parishes was accepted with no amendments. So our parish will be part of the partnership of the parishes in the Cluster and Wallsend. Within the remainder of the Vicariate we belong to, which is the other parishes in North Tyneside and all the parishes in the City of Newcastle, becoming two partnerships, one those parishes in the east and north of the city and then the parishes in the city and centre and to the west of the city being another partnership.

The Bishop sees Partnerships as having the following qualities:

- A range of formation programmes can be developed, at a more local level, to help communities provide pastoral care for many groups of people, catechesis, marriage preparation and worship.
- Support can be made available for smaller communities.
- The gifts, talents and financial resources in a wider area can be put at the service of more people.
- Responsibility for a range of services such as finance, health and safety, administration and communication can be coordinated across a wider area.
- Priests can be freed to concentrate on their essential calling to preach, call the community to worship and the celebration of the sacraments.
- A thorough and careful review of property and its uses can be carried out throughout the area.
- Opportunities can be found for people to come together across the area to celebrate and worship together.
- Leadership teams including priests, deacons and people can develop to help everyone deepen their understanding of what it means to be a witness to Jesus in our world today.

I hope that our whole diocesan family will continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us. Fr Chris' initial reflections as to how we as a parish move on from here is that as a parish community we need to be aware of the gifts and strengths we have to share with our partnership. We need to quickly develop a strong collective sense of communal identity of a partnership that is made up of 6 parishes and 10 church communities.

The need to have a strong sense of the different ministries of parish life: prayer & worship, evangelism, formation, administration, pastoral care, social outreach, to enable growth in our parish and partnership and to develop personal discipleship of Christ.

The full details of the proposal are on the diocesan website. The diocesan will be offering practical guidelines as to how partnership can be developed. Once the clergy have met to form our partnership, Fr Chris shall let you know the next steps in this process

Funeral Service

The Funeral Service for Robert Molloy is on Thursday, 23rd February at 12 noon at St Cuthbert's Church.

Baptisms

This week at the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's we will have the baptism of Isabelle Swash. We welcome Isabelle and her parents & family

Special Ministers

After the Masses on Ash Wednesday, 9.30 at St Cuthbert's and 7.00pm at St Joseph's, Fr Chris would like to meet with all the special ministers at either Mass to discuss their ministry

Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting

All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY at 3.30pm. (Tea, coffee and cake and a chance to chat from 2.00pm). An important aspect of the new partnerships is to explore how we can deepen our relationship with young people. There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Diocesan Support for Catechists

CCRS ModuleThis module enables participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. It offers an introduction to the theology, principles and goals of parish catechesis. The cost for the module is as follows: £100 – waged / £50 – students and unwaged Applicants are encouraged to seek sponsorship from their parish Booking for modules is essential. For further information and to book, please contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or at education@diocesehn.org.uk Wednesday 26 April and 3 May 9.30am - 3.30pm St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY

A diocesan sacramental day for Reconciliation & 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. There is no charge for this day. Please bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend, please contact us at:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk 0191 243 3313 Saturday 4 March 2017 10.00am - 3.00pm St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

The Cedarwood Centre

As many of you know, the Cedarwood Centre in the Meadow Well Estate, moved premises in December across the road to a former local authority building just across the road in Avon Avenue. One of the projects is to build a 'street gym', which is raising costs by crowd funding. Can you please have a look to see whether this is something that you'd like to support and/or pass the link to your contacts please? The link is <https://www.spacehive.com/cedarwood-streetgym>

Called to Glory IV - Dig deep into the Riches of the Catholic Faith

During this weekend we will be exploring the power and purpose of the Jesus' work and mission

Sat 18th - Sun 19th March 2017, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - DONATION ONLY EVENT

To book or for more information: Web: www.coretlumenchristi.org Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org Tel: 016973 45623 or 07516 075896

Church Action on Poverty

Poverty Action Sunday is February 26th. 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.

Finance Committee

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

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 Recollection

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.

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 a meeting, on February 21st at St Cuthbert's 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, 3rd-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 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 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?'

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.

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

Appeal from St Joseph's Nursery

St Joseph's Nursery would be most grateful for any of the following:
Toy Cars, Fairy Tale story books, Wellies to fit up to size 12, old cordless telephones, Small World Toys (e.g animals & Playpeople). Please put in the box at St Joseph's Church. Many thanks.

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)
10 th June	- Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts
Goods needed for the Jumble Sale, no electricals please.	