

MASS READINGS
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
FIRST READING

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

Psalm 64

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.	2. And thus you provide for the earth; you French its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.	4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

SECOND READING

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL

A sower went out to sow.

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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Sunday, 15 th July 2017 – 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 15 th July St Bonaventure, Priest & Doctor	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9:30am Mass: No intention
Sunday 16 th July 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Fr Leo Pyle Thanksgiving Golden Jubilee	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Gloria Gascon
Monday 17 th July	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	10:20am Mass at St Joseph's School: Joint School Mass for St Cuthbert's School and St Joseph's School
Tuesday 18 th July		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday 19 th July	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Paul Cullen 1:30pm Mass: Leavers Mass for St Cuthbert's School at St Cuthbert's School	
Thursday 20 th July		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Leavers Mass for St Joseph's School at St Joseph's Church
Friday 21 st July	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Kerry O'Neill	
Saturday 22 nd July St Mary Magdalen	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Mrs Mary Jeffrey	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 23 rd July 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Mrs Elizabeth Oakley	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Deceased Members of the Hearon Family

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership	
We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:	
Holy Mary, Mother of God.	Pray for us
St Joseph	Pray for us
St Columba	Pray for us
St Aidan	Pray for us
St Oswin	Pray for us
St Cuthbert	Pray for us
St Edmund	Pray for us
St Edward	Pray for us
St Bernadette	Pray for us
Lord, in your mercy	Hear our prayer

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, 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, Scott Oakley and Patrick Butler. We pray for David Shieber who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Collections

9th July 2017 - £800.15
Apostleship of Sea - £264.49

Parish Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on 19th July at 7.30 at St Cuthbert's. Please note that this is a change of date.

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Fr Chris is already receiving inquiries from people who have expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic. If you or someone you know has expressed an interest please contact Fr Chris. We keep in our prayers those who have expressed an interest in coming into the Church

Joint School Mass

The annual joint school Mass between St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Mass will be on Monday 17th July at 10.20am at St Joseph's School. The whole parish are welcome to this event. The Leavers Mass for St Cuthbert's will be 1.30pm at the school on Wednesday 19th July, with the Leavers Mass for St Joseph's in St Joseph's Church on Thursday 20th July at 9.30am.

Ministries in the Parish

If you have not yet had a look at the list of ministries in both churches, I would encourage you to do so. If you already undertake a ministry there is no need to do so.

News from the Department for Development and Renewal:

Well, it's 'all change' in Development and Renewal - from 7 July things will look a little different - Fr. Jim O'Keefe heads off to become Parish Priest of St Bede's in Washington (part of the Benedict Partnership), Amy Cameron will become part of the Adult Formation Team and Jon Melson will join the Property Department. Tony Sacco and Nancy Gash will be available full-time until the end of December - supporting the new Implementation Group and assisting Episcopal Vicars and Partnership Deans in their task of helping partnerships to get up and running. From January 2018 Tony will continue this on a part-time basis for up to a year. We can still be contacted in the same way (E-mail or Tel: 0191 243 3304) and, as always, we will try our best to respond quickly. Thank you all for the huge contribution you've made to this work - please continue to pray for the success of our partnerships.

While the Forward Together in Hope journey is reaching its conclusion the work of our 18 new partnerships is only just beginning. So what can you expect to see by way of advice and support as we move ahead? From 7 July the current Forward Together in Hope website will be 'frozen' although all of the resources it contains will remain accessible for a few months longer at the same address.

On the same day a new Partnership area, integral to the main Diocesan website will be launched and this is where partnership guidelines and other key news and information will be located. In many respects this is quite symbolic of the 'switching off' of Forward Together in Hope as a 'project' and the 'switching on' of new partnership arrangements as a regular part of the day-to-day life of the diocese - 'embraced and owned' by local communities. Already the 'Directory' section of the main website has been restructured to reflect the new partnership arrangements.

While local areas have the responsibility for taking things forward from here, we are committed to providing advice and support to partnerships as they get up and running. 'First Steps' guidelines were published at Easter. More detailed guidelines on key aspects will be provided over the months ahead. We have already issued 'Some Thoughts about Producing a Partnership Development Plan'. Information on

Partnership Bank Accounts and Partnership Finance Committees will follow very soon.

First Holy Communion Catechists

The parish is in need of new catechists for First Holy Communion especially if catechism is going to be offered in both churches and at different times. Training is available. Please contact Fr Chris if you are interested.

Confirmations

35 young people attended the first session of our Partnership Confirmation program with a few more expected to sign up. This week at Masses there will be prayer partner cards available if you would like to pray for a young person by name. Please see one of the Catechists if you would like one, or simply keep our young people in prayer throughout this time.

Eucharistic Congress 2018

As you may have seen from the Catholic Press, the Church in England is going to host a Eucharistic Congress from 7-9 September 2018 in Liverpool. The Diocese will give us more information at a later time.

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies in the Diocesan Department for Education:

- Head of the Department for Education, full-time, term-time
- Administrator, full-time.

For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on (0191 243 3301 or human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Action Hosting

If you have a spare room and would like to help someone who is homeless, then hosting may suit you. Our scheme helps destitute asylum seekers in the Tyne and Wear area. Hosts will provide a safe place to sleep, for people who have nowhere else to go, for an agreed and defined amount of time".

Come and find out more about our hosting scheme at Sunderland on 19th July 17:30 - 18:30 (The Place, SR1 1QX)

For more information contact Action Foundation: 0191 231 3113 or 07557 21 65 88 or go to: www.actionfoundation.org.uk

2018 Synod on Young People in the Church

In October 2018, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome to consider 'Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment.' In preparation for this, the Bishops of England and Wales would like to hear from young people and from those who are regularly in contact with them. If you are aged 13-29, please take part in the Mega Youth poll at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>

Parents, teachers, catechists, youth leaders please participate in the poll at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cymfed-yourview>

Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Island

The Worship and Formation group have decided to have a day of Pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday September 2nd. There will be more details later and a list to sign up.

Brave of Heart - A Weekend Journey for Men

Come and find all that God has prepared for your masculine heart - Inspiring & challenging talks, Fellowship & sharing with other Christian men, walk in the Lake District, and much more!

Sat 15th - Sun 16th July 2017, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - DONATION ONLY EVENT

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