

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

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

After sin you will grant repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85

Response: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1.

Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice.
2.

All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God.
3.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’ He put another parable before them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’ He told them another parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’ In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields		
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Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017 – 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A		
	Masses, Devotions and Services	
	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July St Mary Magdalen	<b>4:45pm-5:15pm</b> Confessions <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Mrs Mary Jeffrey	<b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> Mrs Elizabeth Oakley	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Deceased Members of the Hearon Family
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July St James the Apostle		<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Steven Fitzsimmons	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary of Lazaro Palapal	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> July St Martha	<b>4:45pm-5:15pm</b> Confessions <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Lilian Shotton	<b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Anniversary of Lazaro Palapal	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Pouilas Kasparavicius & Mursas Jonavicius

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, Patrick Butler and Monica Hennessey. We pray all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### **Collections**

16<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - £826.20

#### **Confirmation Celebrations**

Congratulations to all our parishioners who were confirmed by Bishop Seamus last Thursday. We pray that having received the gift of the Holy Spirit and fully initiated into the Church, their discipleship of Christ will be a source of blessing and joy to them all.

#### **Ordination Anniversaries**

In the Tynemouth Priory Partnership are we are having a number of priests celebrating significant anniversaries of their ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Martin Stempczyk celebrated his Silver Jubilee on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr John McElhone celebrated his Ruby Jubilee on July 16<sup>th</sup> and Fr Thomas Cunningham who is residing at Immaculate Heart in West Monkseaton celebrated his Diamond Jubilee on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Our prayers and sincere congratulations to each of these priests and we give thanks for their commitment and dedication to the diocese.

#### **Alzheimer's Walk**

Pamela Hart, whose parents worshipped at St Joseph's has registered with The Alzheimer's Society to do a Memory Walk in honour of her Parents, she has set a date of the 2nd September, with the walk from St Anne's Care Home to St Mary's Lighthouse and back approx. 5 miles. If you would like to be involved please contact Fr Chris or Pamela Hart at: [pam996@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pam996@hotmail.co.uk).

#### **End of the Academic Year**

As the summer holidays begin for our schools. Fr Chris would like to express his best wishes and thanks to all the staff of our three Catholic schools in North Shields, St Cuthbert's Primary, St Joseph's Primary and St Thomas More's Academy for their hard work and dedication to serving our children. We hope all staff and pupils have a joyful and refreshing break. We pray also for pupils who are leaving these schools and wish them well as they move on.

#### **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.

#### **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

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Parish Pilgrimage to Holy Island**

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

#### **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](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on (0191 243 3301 or [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.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

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