

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

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66

Response: *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

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| <p>1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.</p> | <p>2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.</p> |
| <p>3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! The seep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left the Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canannite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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Sunday, 20th August 2017 – 20th Sunday of the Year - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	19 th August	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Brian Crumbley	9:30am Mass: Lilian Shotton
Sunday	20 th August 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: John Ray	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Special Intention
Monday	21 st August	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	22 nd August Queenship of Mary		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	23 rd August	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Thursday	24 th August St Bartholomew Apostle		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday	25 th August	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday	26 th August	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Mrs Mary Jeffrey	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	27 th August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Celia Kidd

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

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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 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, David Hennessey, Pat Skelly and Fr Michael Conaty. We pray for Sarah O'Callaghan who has died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Offertory Collections

6th August 2017 - £715.17 & 13th August 2017 - £825.39

Fr Michael Marr R.I.P

It was with sadness to hear the death of Fr Michael Marr who was curate here at St Cuthbert's from 1979-1981. As many of you will know the quality of his life was dramatically harmed by a stroke which forced him to retire in 2005. His requiem Mass will be Thursday 24th August at 12 Noon at St Mary's Forest Hall, followed by cremation at the West Road Crematorium, with his body being received at St Mary's followed by Mass at 6pm on Wednesday 23rd August. We pray for him, his family and all the parishes and chaplaincies he served.

Requiem Mass for Sarah O'Callaghan

The family of the late Sarah O'Callaghan, who has tragically died at the age of 42, have asked that her funeral take place at St Joseph's. Members of the family worship at St Joseph's in Gateshead at a Celebration of the Eucharist that take places under the Extra-Ordinary Form of the Tridentine Rite but for understandable pastoral reasons the family would like the funeral to take place in North Tyneside. I have given permission for the Requiem Mass under the Extra-Ordinary Form to take place at St Joseph's. The Mass will be presided by Fr Michael Brown, the parish priest of St Joseph's Gateshead.

Sarah's Body will be received on at 4.00pm on Wednesday 23rd, with her Requiem Mass at 12 noon on the 24th of August. We pray for her and all the family. Her niece and nephews, members of the Guneyogullari family, are respectively pupils at St Cuthbert's and St Thomas More's schools

Celebration of Baptism

This Sunday we have two baptisms in our community. Joseph Archie MacLaren will be baptised at 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's by the Rev Terry McGann. Charlie Patrick will be baptised by Fr Chris at St Joseph's at 1.00pm. Please pray for Joseph and Charlie and their respective parents

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.

Peer Talk

Interested in mental wellbeing and a good listener? Peer Talk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers to help run a second peer support group for people living with depression in Newcastle. Training Day is on Saturday 16 September at, The Copthorne Hotel, The Close, Quayside, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3RT, 10am – 4pm. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer or contact admin@peertalk.org.uk

A Level Results

This week a number of our parishioners have received their A level results this week. Congratulations to all who achieved what they need for further studies or employment. Prayers and solidarity to those who may be disappointed, Fr Chris has some sense of what you may be feeling from his own experience! Do not give up trying.....

For those who are going on to University and College, please let Fr Chris know about where you are going. An e-mail or a piece of paper with your name, name of university or college, the subject you will be studying and the date of you starting would be appreciated. I would like their names to be remembered at bidding prayers at a Mass in early September, so they know they are in our prayers as they start a new part of their lives. Pray also for those who will be receiving their GCSE results this week.

Home Exchange Offer

A family from Lyons (South East France) would like to exchange their 5-room apartment (1 double, 4 bunks, bed settee) for accommodation on Tyneside. Exchange possible either July 8th-22nd or July 15th-28th, 2018. Buses are a 5 minute walk away. If you are interested contact maureenbocquet@hotmail.com or Gerry Beldon at gerry@beldons.co.uk

I Call You Friends

This is a course for catechists and teachers involved in sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The content includes:

- Supporting children with special needs both pre and post communion
- A guide to the programme
- Sharing good practice and exploring resources

Wednesday 20 September 2017- 5.00pm - 7.00pm
St Cuthbert's House, Newcastle

The course costs £25 per person and MUST be booked through the school via the online booking system.

Coming up at Minsteracres:

In September, Fr. David Williams and Sr. Anne McCarthy lead an individually guided retreat between the 3 - 8 September and Fr. Chris Thomas and Pat Kennedy lead a weekend between the 8 - 10 September reflecting in the call in scripture 'Come, this is the time'. Where do we see ourselves in that call, where are we being fed within that call and to whom are we being sent?

For more about Minsteracres and to see our full programme visit our website or call us on 01434 673248.

Catechesis in the Mission of the Church

A course for catechists and those interested in becoming a catechist involving 18 evening sessions led by a variety of speakers on a range of topics including vocation and identity, theology of the church, and specific instruction on individual sacraments. Time for prayer and reflection will be included in each session. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, 6.00pm - 8.00pm at St Aloysius Parish Hall in Hebburn (final dates to be confirmed).

Further details will be sent to parishes shortly. To register your interest, please contact adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313.

Reflection

As promised, here are parts of the reflection I gave during my homily last week:

- Look back on any period you want, can be done on a daily basis
- In starting this exercise be aware of God presence
- Acknowledge blessings received
- What have been a key positive emotion? Is God's voice present in this?
- What has been a negative emotion? Is God's voice present in this?
- Acknowledge where you have been an instrument of God's love and grace and give thanks
- Acknowledge you have be an obstacle of God's love and grace? What can you learn from this? Be aware of God's forgiveness for you
- Think of a period of time for the future, next day or next week or month. What is God asking of you. What gifts and graces do you need in seeking to be faithful to your calling at this time?

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.

A Day for women with Sr. Sheila McNamara:

"Encounters With Grace: There's a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in" (Leonard Cohen)

On Saturday 16 September 2017 between 10.30am - 3.30pm at St. Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY. There is no charge, but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend you can book online

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocesan-department-for-adult-formation-13249241994> or contact us by email: adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3313.

Trip to Holy Island

The sign up list for the trip to Holy Island on 2 September is at the back of Church. Please sign up as soon as possible. The cost of the trip will depend on how many sign up.

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.

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>

Church Together August Services 2017

During August many of the Churches in the town have no main Sunday Service but come together for a joint service. Times and venues are below. We are welcome to any of these services

20 August: St. John's, Percy Main: 6.00 pm

27 August: St. Columba's URC, Northumberland Square, North Shields: 6.30 pm

Please note different times for Services

A Spiritual Spa Day for Women –

A day for women to experience the renewing love of God Soak up God's blessings, inspirational teaching, fellowship with other women, cream tea, quiet adoration, stroll in our gardens and prayer ministry. Allow Jesus to pamper you!

Sat 9th September 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.

Sorry No Coffee on Sunday 27th August.

Most of the rota people are doing other things. **Partnership of**

Tynemouth Priory Prayer:

God of all Creation, You have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.

Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit, deepen the faith you in invite us to share and inspire us to become faithful witnesses. As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another to serve the world and to live in harmony with the whole of creation. All of this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen