

MASS READINGS
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)
FIRST READING

His robe was white as snow.

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages become his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty, which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96

Response: *The Lord is king most high above all the earth*

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| <p>1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right.</p> | <p>2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.</p> |
| <p>3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits.</p> | |

SECOND READING

We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven

Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour." We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies, and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

His face shone like the sun.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, "Lord," he said "it is wonderful for us to be here, if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. "He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. "Stand up," he said "do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead."

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 6th August 2017 – The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	5 th August	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Monica Whalen	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	6 th August The Transfiguration of the Lord	11:00am Mass: Mick Durkin	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Joan & Herbert Redpath
Monday	7 th August	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	8 th August St Dominic Priest		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	9 th August St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Death of John Loyola	
Thursday	10 th August		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday	11 th August St Clare	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Valsamma on her anniversary	
Saturday	12 th August	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	13 th August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Herbert Watson	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass:

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

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| 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 David Hennessey. We pray for all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Feast of the Transfiguration

Since the Feast of the Transfiguration is on a Sunday we will celebrate this feast. In the Gospel we get a true glimpse of the glory of Christ but for this glory to be ultimately manifested the passion and the self-giving of the Cross must be entered into. This event is also seen as the Christ event being a fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets of the Hebrew Scripture tradition. This counter intuitive and counter cultural way of the embracing of suffering and death to new life is at the heart of the Gospel. The apostles are told that we are called by God in that experience on a mountain to listen to Christ, we must likewise. We are also called to imitate that self-giving for leading to our own transformation and in doing, sharing in Christ's glory.

As the poet Michael Symon-Roberts has acknowledged, the date of August 6th has also, in quoting William Blake from his poem 'Tyger Tyger', a 'fearful symmetry'. Since in remembering the glory of Christ being manifested in an utter brightness, this date also acknowledges another manifestation of utter bright light, but this time in not the revelation of the life giving salvation of God offered in Christ but the destructive brightness of the first explosion of an atomic bomb at Hiroshima on August 6th, 72 years ago today. That a small number countries still have a huge number of similar weapons of Mass destruction is still a cause for major concern at a time of uncertainty and instability. We pray that world's leaders will seek to be rid of these weapons that not only drain scarce resources that could be used for health and education but are also a constant questioning of the world's continuation as we know it.. We also pray for those in Nagasaki and Hiroshima still alive who live with the effects of that bomb. Whether one has a 'unilateral' or 'multilateral' approach to nuclear weapons disarmament, ones desire to rid the world of weapons, which could kill millions if just one of the many thousands of war-heads that exist were used, must be part of our response in sharing in the glory of the Crucified and Risen Christ and in seeking his Kingdom of truth, holiness, justice and peace.

Celebration of Baptism

This week-end at St Joseph's at 1.00pm our parish welcomes Madison Smith into our community as he is united in Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray for Madison and his parents.

Annual Mission Appeal

This week we will be having our annual Mission Appeal. We welcome Fr Robert Moreland who will be making an appeal on behalf of his Order, the Society of African Mission (SMA Fathers). We look forward to his appeal in our parish and I ask that the parish respond as generously as they possibly can.

Superintendent Peter Dade

Last week-end I attended a service of thanks giving for the 25 years of Service Superintendent Peter Dade has given to the Seamen's Mission down at the Quayside. On behalf of the parish our sincere congratulations to Peter for his commitment and dedication to this ministry to seafarers and their families from Alnwick to Hartlepool and also our thanks for the valuable work he does in his role as Chair of Churches Together in North Shields.

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?

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.

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

Coming up at Minsteracres:

Their annual rosary rally is on Saturday 12 August from midday. 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.

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.

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.

Confirmations

All the response to the Confirmations on 20 July have been very positive. I would like to thank catechists and all parishioners who contributed in any way to the Liturgy and social afterwards. Your generosity and dedication not just to the parish but to the Partnership is much appreciated

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>

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.

Partnership Development Group

At the parish Council on 19 July, it was agreed that Ian Pearson and David Leane would represent the parish on the partnership development group. This role is for two years. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank Ian and David for their willingness to take on this role

Trinity Shop

Fr Chris has just received the quarterly cheque from the Trinity Shop which for the last quarter came to £1,477.66. This is a great total. Well done thanks to all who contribute in any way to the Trinity Shop. Your commitment and generosity is much appreciated

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

- 6 August: Salvation Army, Howard Street, North Shields: 5.00 pm
13 August: North Shields Baptist Church, Howard Street, North Shields: 6.00 pm
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

List of Ministries

The list of Ministries that has been up since Pentecost will come down after this week-end. Sincere thanks to all who have added their name to the lists. Please consider if you can make a contribution to the parish with your time and talents.

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

Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball money is due today, 4 week, please.