

MASS READINGS
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

FIRST READING

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Psalm 144

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.	2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.	

SECOND READING

Life to me is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Why be envious because I am generous?

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 24th September 2017 – 25th Sunday of the Year - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	23 rd September	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Eleanor Robson's 90 th Birthday	10:00am Mass: <i>Please note time change</i>
Sunday	24 th September 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Colette Marie Bernarde D. Lleses	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Amando Pagsanghan SR
Monday	25 th September	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	26 th September		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion
Wednesday	27 th September St Vincent de Paul	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: No intention	
Thursday	28 th September		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Elsie T. Lumbaria
Friday	29 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: No intention	
Saturday	30 th September	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9:30am No Mass
Sunday	1 st October 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Eleanor Short	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Veronica Hanlon

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 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, David Hennessey, Pat Skelly, Fr Michael Conaty, Brenda Hutchinson and Jean Slater. We pray for all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

First Holy Communion Programme for 2017-18

The First Holy Communion Programme will begin with a meeting of all interested parents at St Cuthbert's Church on Thursday 28th September at 6.00pm. If your child is not at either at St Joseph's or St Cuthbert's school and is in year 4 or higher. Please inform Fr Chris that you would like your child to part of the programme as soon as possible. The first of the First Holy Communion Liturgies will be on Sunday October 1st.

Celebration of Baptism

This Sunday we have the baptism in our community of Scarlett Ruddy at St Cuthbert's at 12.30pm. We remember Scarlett in our prayers.

Partnership Development Group

The first meeting took place on September 13th. The officers elected were
Chair: Ian Pearson (St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's: North Shields)
Vice Chair Andrea Hall (St Aidan's: Wallsend)
Secretary: Joe James (Our Lady Star of the Sea: Whitley Bay, West Monkseaton and Backworth)

Tyne and Wear Citizens and St Thomas More Academy

During the election campaign, Tyne and Wear Citizens got a promise from the local MP Alan Campbell to meet with him after the election. We met in St Thomas More's Secondary Academy in North Shields on September 15th. There was a two hour session the previous day with 30 pupils where we hoped to develop skills needed in meeting people with power. At first they were a bit unsure but once they realised that had the power to speak on issues that mattered to them and how they could ask the MP to do things, the transformation and energy in them was amazing.

The pupils decided to talk re Mental Health Provision and Tuition fees. At the meeting they spoke with eloquence and passion. It was at the end when one of the pupils fed back all the things Mr Campbell had promised to do during the conversation that I appreciated that these young people were making their MP accountable. They have a got a promise to meet him in 3 months time The sense of empowerment and growth in confidence in those young people was amazing, with their teachers being so proud of them- wonderful!

Profession as a Third Order Ursuline

Congratulations to Ruth Corless who made temporary vows for the Ursuline Secular Institute on September 23rd. We pray for Ruth as she makes this important step in her own journey of faith.

Parish Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm.

Translations of Roman Rites and Bishop Conferences

The Vatican has announced that in future the local Bishop Conferences will be responsible for Liturgical Translations. We hope this means for more accessible and less elaborate translations for our liturgical rites!

Reinstatement of Holy Days of Obligation

The Bishop's Conference have decided that the Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on January 6th unless it is on a Saturday or Monday when it will be the Sunday, and the Feast of the Ascension will revert to the Sixth Thursday of Easter, 40 days after Easter Sunday. The Feast of Corpus Christi will still be on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. These changes will take place in 2018.

Thank you

Shirley Maddison would like to say thank you to Sylvia Newman, Merle and Margaret who have been making hats for babies and children in Africa. Shirley, who helps with the "Joseph's Hats Project" met Sylvia in the Summer. Since then Sylvia has made well over 100 hats with the help of Merle and Margaret. Shirley said, "Can you thank the ladies for their magnificent work. I am absolutely overwhelmed by their kindness." Thank you ladies.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage

The 50th Anniversary of the Pro-Life Pilgrimage will be taking place at Osmotherly, 11.00am on Sunday, October 1st. Coach leaves Newcastle at 9am with pick ups at Heworth Metro and Sunderland. Cost £15. To reserve a place on the coach please phone: 0191 285 4395

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, 4th NOVEMBER 2017 at 11:00am
Bishop Seamus has kindly agreed once again to celebrate the annual Guild of St Stephen altar servers Mass in our Diocese. Servers are asked to wear: Alb & Red Band, Cassock & Cotta and of course any Guild medal. Parishioners and parents are most welcome to join us in this celebration of dedicated service to the altar. If you would like to attend, please let Fr Chris know by October 5th.

Youth Ministry Module

Adults who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 30th September and 28th October at the Emmaus Youth Village. Further information from education@diocesehn.org.uk

The Gifts of Old Age:

Mental wellbeing, spirituality and older people 2nd December 2017, St Mary's University, Twickenham. 9:30am-4:00pm. A day exploring the integration of mental health and the spiritual life, bringing together older people and those who care for them: parishioners, chaplains, clergy, ministers, counsellors and mental health professionals.

There will be opportunities to explore methods of practice and talk about the integration of spirituality and mental health. Keynote by Paul Farmer CEO of leading mental health charity Mind. Several very interesting workshops. The day will cost £35 including a buffet lunch. For more details, contact Kit Penny at inspire@stmarys.ac.uk or see www.stmarys.ac.uk/inspire To book www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/178798 In collaboration with The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Resurrection of Hope: Digging Deep for a Just Peace in Palestine & Israel

A reflective journey on November 3rd/4th 2017 at Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Northumberland
Join us for all or part of two days full programme & booking form contact 01434 673248
www.minsteracres.org/contact-us

Liturgy and Formation

Could members of this group please note that the next meeting is on Thursday October 5th at St Cuthbert's at 7:30pm.

Ushaw Lecture

Monday 16 October: Ushaw Lecture by Rt. Hon Roy Hattersley: The Catholics: The Church and its People in Britain and Ireland, from the Reformation to the Present Day. 5.30pm, Ushaw College.

Youth Sunday Preparation - Sunday 8 October

This year's Youth Sunday is on Sunday 26 November. An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn on Sunday 8 October between 3.00pm - 5.15pm.

Every parish is asked to invite a group of adults and young people (year 9 and above) to represent them at this session and to collect materials for their parish celebration of Youth Sunday. There will also be an opportunity during the session for partnership groups to meet together.

Church Action on Poverty AGM

This event will be taking place in our parish at the Cedarwood Centre, Avon Avenue, Meadow Well, NE29 7QT on October 2nd at 6.30pm. The theme of the evening is 'Church of the Poor- So What?' Speakers will be the former MP and national co-ordinator of Church Action on Poverty John Battle and local councillor Margaret Reynolds. Refreshments will be served from 6.00pm. They both will be inspiring speakers.

Newman Association

Next Talk : "A Vulnerable God? Exploring a Theology of Disability through L'Arche Communities and the writings of Jean Vanier" I by Fr. Chris Hughes Wednesday September 27th 7.30 At St Mary's Church Hall Farringdon Road, Cullercoats, NE30 3EY All welcome.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

September is SVP awareness month and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the terrific support you have given in the past both financial through collections and in the great response to appeals in the newsletter for various household goods. You have enabled us to assist several families and individuals in great need. We are all called to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, take care of the sick and visit the imprisoned. Being a member of the SVP enables us to answer this call. Please see our poster campaign on the notice board in the porch. Our conference consists of six members, we meet fortnightly on a Monday and would like to recruit more members to join us. If you would like to find out more about the Society or would like to become a member please contact Peter Quinn on 0191 2584526 or Kath Kenny on 0191 2577041.

Exhibition on the Turin Shroud

Between September 29th and October 6th St. Patrick's Church in Consett is hosting an interactive exhibition, The Holy Shroud, curated by Pam Moon. This exhibition is open to people of all Faiths and none. One of the purposes of the exhibition to tell the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.. The Exhibition includes a full-size copy of the Shroud of Turin; original Roman nails; a replica scourge and Roman spear. There are also several information boards about the Shroud as depicted in History and in Art and details on the latest scientific research. There will be DVDs shown about the Shroud; a Quiz for children; refreshments and a small stall. Admission is free, donations welcome to cover costs. Opening times: 9am-4pm daily, plus two evening openings until 7pm. For more information contact Maggie Quinn on (01207) 506425.

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.

First Sunday Youth Group

This will take place on Sunday 1st October, 6:00pm until 7:30pm at St Cuthbert's Church hall, North Shields. Open to all secondary school age young people.

Jumble Sale

Good quality goods needed for the Jumble Sale on the Saturday, 14th October, starting at 11:00 a.m. NO ELECTRICALS PLEASE.

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