

**MASS READINGS**  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**  
**FIRST READING**

*When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.*

**Ezekiel 18:25-28**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 24**

**Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.**

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways.<br/>         Lord, teach me your paths.<br/>         Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:<br/>         for you are God my saviour.</p>              | <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord,<br/>         and the love you have shown from of old.<br/>         Do not remember the sins of my youth.<br/>         In your love remember me,<br/>         because of your goodness, O Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is good and upright.<br/>         He shows the path to those who stray,<br/>         he guides the humble in the right path;<br/>         he teaches his way to the poor.</p> |   |

**SECOND READING**

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 2:1-11**

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

*He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their ways into the kingdom of God before you.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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**Sunday, 1st October 2017 – 26th Sunday of the Year - Year A**

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	30th September	<b>4:45pm-5:15pm</b> Confessions <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	<b>9:30am No Mass</b>
Sunday	1st October 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> Eleanor Short	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Veronica Hanlon
Monday	2nd October	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am</b> Word & Communion	
Tuesday	3rd October		<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Wednesday	4th October St Francis of Assisi	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> The repose of the soul of Gino Capocci	
Thursday	5th October		<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Friday	6th October St Bruno	<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Denis Hills anniversary of his death	
Saturday	7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	<b>4:45pm-5:15pm</b> Confessions <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Paul Whalen	<b>9:30am No Mass</b>
Sunday	8th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> Robert Wolczynski	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Eleanor Short</b>

**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. Also pray for the people of Dominique and all affected by hurricanes and earth quakes.

**Collections for Sunday - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017- £914.134**

#### **First Holy Communion Liturgy**

This Sunday we have the first of the First Holy Communion Liturgies. We pray for new candidates as they begin this important journey of their faith.

#### **Celebration of Baptism**

This Sunday we have the baptism of Harrison Jack O'Neill into our community at St Cuthbert's at 12.30pm. We remember Harrison and his parents as he is unity with Christ

#### **Meeting of Baptismal Catechists**

There is to be a meeting for all Baptism Catechists in our Cluster on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road, North Shields in the upstairs meeting room. It is hoped that this meeting will inform all Baptism Catechists of the 'New Guidelines for Infant Baptism' as well as enable us to pool resources and share ideas. We hope as many as possible will be able to attend. If you are considering becoming a Baptism Catechist, you are most welcome to come along, join the session and find out what it's all about. Kind regards Teresa Hills

#### **Day of Recollection for Laity**

On Thursday 26 October, Bill Huebsch will be visiting the Diocese and leading a day on his most recent book, "The Art of Accompaniment". In this pastoral workshop Bill will help us explore Pope Francis' frequent proposals that the Church needs to be open and trained so that we can accompany people from all walks of life on their faith journeys – from the very earliest steps through to major discernment about life choices. We would like to invite you to consider making use of this great opportunity to hear Bill speak – share ideas with others – and, feel enthused about exploring these ideas further. There is no charge for the day but should you wish to have a light lunch there is a charge of £10-00. Lunch bookings must be made in advance, and payment will be collected at the point of registration on the day by diocesan staff. The day will run from 10.30am to 4.00pm at the Sunderland Marriott Hotel, Sunderland. Booking is essential and can be made by contacting the Department for Spirituality. Telephone 0191 243 3302 | email [spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk)

#### **A Light in the Darkness**

A service for those who mourn the loss of a child will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral Newcastle Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 3.00pm

#### **Pastoral Care in the Parish**

As stated before we as a parish in seeking to follow Christ have a number of activities as part of our response and witness to Christ. Fr Chris sees these ministries as: Prayer and Worship, Evangelism & Worship, Teaching & Formation, Pastoral Care, Prophetic and Social Outreach and Administration. Fr Chris is aware that there are a number of groups such as Liturgy and Formation Group, Catechists, Finance & Property Group, Social Group that take responsibility for a number of these ministries. One significant area of parish life that there is not a group is the area of Pastoral Care. Inspired by the day on Ministry of Consolation, a small group of parishioners came together to discuss how pastoral care especially for those experience a death of a loved one or another experience of loss can be referred to many excellent services already on offer or supported within the parish. It was evident that there is a lot of experience and expertise in offering care though more importantly our most important qualification shared by us all was being human, had experienced loss and know the value of listening and being present to others.

Fr Chris proposes that this group be simply designated 'The Pastoral Carers Group', which is open to other parishioners, that will meet to develop resources and provision in the parish to support anyone who needs help. This is not just concerning bereavement but in any other personal struggle that we can all encounter in our journey of life and faith. The next meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **CAFOD Family Fast Day**

October 6<sup>th</sup> is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Envelopes will be available as you leave church this weekend. Please return the following weekend. This year the theme of the fast day is 'Plant the seed that one day will grow, quoting a prayer from Archbishop Oscar Romero. May the donations from this year's fast day give people who need them, the seeds for new harvests and meeting the needs of their family and community.

#### **A Church Without Priests?**

Professor Werner Jeanrond, Master of St Benet's Hall at Oxford University - the first lay person to hold this post – will give a lecture here at Holy Name Church on Thursday 26 October at 7pm on A Church without Priests? The need for new forms of leadership in the Catholic Church. He is one of the most important theologians working in Britain today and has taught in several European countries. Professor Jeanrond believes the renewal of our Church requires a radical rethinking of ministry. He asks: Where is the Church to be found? Where there is a priest or where there are people responding to Christ's invitation to build up God's reign? If the first is true, the Church will come to an end when the last priest dies. If the second scenario is right, the Church flourishes wherever people gather together around the good news of God's project of creation. As the number of priests declines and our diocese reorganises and rethinks its future, Professor Jeanrond's message is one all should hear.

#### **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.

#### **Reinstatement of Holy Days of Obligation**

The Bishop's Conference have decided that the Feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Job Vacancy**

Pauline Books & Media at St Mary's Cathedral Newcastle Position for part time Assistant (approx. 26 hours per week) The successful candidate should have an open and friendly personality, enjoy working with the general public and with a well established and competent team of women committed to the ministry of Pauline Books & Media. Basic computer skills, flexibility, initiative, good communication skills as well as the ability to relate well with people are important qualities for this position. An involvement and interest in Christian faith and in particular The vision and ministry of the Catholic Church would make this position interesting and fulfilling. A Driver's Licence is necessary for this position. For an application form email: [angelagrantsp@yahoo.com](mailto:angelagrantsp@yahoo.com) or write to Sr Angela Grant Pauline Books & Media, Clayton St West, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 5HH Closing date for applicants 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

#### **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **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!

#### **Diocesan Altar Servers Mass**

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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](http://www.minsteracres.org/contact-us)

#### **Liturgy and Formation**

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

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **Exhibition on the Turin Shroud**

Between September 29<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 11:00 a.m. NO ELECTRICALS PLEASE.

#### **APF Boxes**

Could all box holders please bring their boxes to church for emptying. If preferred telephone Kath 2577041 or Pauline 2581456 for emptying at home.