

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

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

*The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Lords.*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 79**

Response: ***The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

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| <p>1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;<br/>to plant it you drove out the nations.<br/>It stretched out its branches to the sea,<br/>to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.</p> | <p>2. Then why have you broken down its walls?<br/>It is plucked by all who pass by.<br/>It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,<br/>devoured by the beasts of the fields.</p>         |
| <p>3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,<br/>look down from heaven and see.<br/>Visit this vine and protect it,<br/>they vine your right hand has planted.</p>                       | <p>4. And we shall never forsake you again:<br/>give us life that we may call upon your name.<br/>God of hosts, bring us back:<br/>let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</p> |

**SECOND READING**

**Philippians 4:6-9**

*The God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from the Father. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 21:33-43**

*He will ease the vineyard to other tenants.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - Year A**

| Masses, Devotions and Services           |   |  |  |
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|  | St Cuthbert's Church                          |  | St Joseph's Church                           |
| Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October         | <b>4:45pm-5:15pm</b> Confessions              |  | <b>9:30am No Mass</b>                        |
| Our Lady of the Rosary                   | <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Paul Whalen               |  |  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October           | <b>11:00am Mass:</b> Robert Wolczynski        |  | <b>9:25am</b> The Angelus                    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |   |  | <b>9:30am</b> Eleanor Short                  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October           | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  |  |  |
|  | <b>9:30am</b> Word & Communion                |  |  |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October         |   |  | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
|  |   |  | <b>9:30am Mass:</b>                          |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October       | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament  |  |  |
|  | <b>9:30am Mass:</b> McKnight Family           |  |  |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October        |   |  | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
|  |   |  | <b>9:30am Mass:</b>                          |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October          | <b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |  |  |
|  | <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Joseph & Marie McGhee     |  |  |
| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October        | <b>4:45pm-5:15pm</b> Confessions              |  | <b>9:30am No Mass</b>                        |
|  | <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Ray Reorden               |  |  |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October          | <b>11:00am Mass:</b> Eleanor Short            |  | <b>9:25am</b> The Angelus                    |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time |   |  | <b>9:30am</b>                                |

**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 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, Brenda Hutchinson and Jean Slater. Please pray for Stephen Bunting and Fr Michael Conaty 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017- £776.01

#### October the Month of Our Lady and the Rosary

The commemorate the month of October as a month dedicated to our Lady, the Rosary will be celebrated on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's and 4pm on October 22 at St Joseph's.

#### Prisoners Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>

Prisoners' Sunday is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel reminds us of our duties towards them, 'I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me; (Matthew 25:36). The Prison Advice and Care Trust's (Pact) work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every human being. Through this campaign we ask you to engage with a core element of Catholic social teaching and put our faith into action. This year's theme 'We press on—Together, In Hope' recognises the vital role we all need to play in the coming together as a community, in compassion and without judgement, to offer hope and a fresh start to all those affected by imprisonment. For more information or you would like to help with their work in some way please go to: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/> or contact Fr Chris

#### Social Committee

This group carry out a huge amount of work on behalf of the parish in organising jumble sales, fayres and social events. This group is in need of new members. At the present time there are no regular worshippers from St Joseph's on the committee. If you would like to contribute to this important part of parish life please contact Fr Chris or Nora Pearson.

#### 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.

#### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday October 6 was CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please return the envelopes today. This year the theme of the fast day is 'Plant the seed that one day will grow, quoting a prayer from Archbishop Ocsar 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.

#### SVP

The SVP Conference in this parish has existed for 171 years. It was the second conference of the SVP to be set up in the entire country. Currently, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to help those in need. So, one can see how the SVP conference is an important part of heritage and life. However it is clear that if the Conference is to continue new members are needed. So please consider how you could support this important part of our parish.

#### Tyne and Wear Citizens

At the meeting of the parish council, the council was addressed by members of St Thomas More's school who shared their experience of being involved with Tyne and Wear Citizens. They talked of their meeting with Alan Campbell and addressing the Delegates Assembly. The council were moved and impressed by their passion, commitment and eloquence. The full launch of Tyne and WEAR Citizens is on November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House on the Westgate Road at 6.00pm. Anyone can take part. If you would like to attend so you can understand the way it can motivate our young people and I hope motivate our parish at some point in the future please register on the following website link. If you are not able to sign up electronically but would like to attend please let Fr Chris know and he will register you. If you do sign up please let Fr Chris know since he is responsible for counting all at the assembly from the diocese.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-launch-assembly-doors-1730pm-start-1800pm-tickets-36189090544>

#### Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

- Deputy Head of the Diocesan Department for Education – full time, term-time
- Administrator, Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation - full time, fixed term contract until Aug 2019
- HR Administrator, Department for Finance, 15 hours per week

For further information and an application pack please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us (0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk))

#### Catholic Medical Association

'Inspirational Catholics in Healthcare', for juniors and Students in all Healthcare Professions.

The conference takes place on Saturday 4th November 2017 at St Aloysius Catholic Church, Euston, and London. Those interested should please contact us on [events@catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk](mailto:events@catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk) or via our Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/CMAEnglandandWales> for more details.

#### Community, Spirituality and Dementia

Saturday 11th November 2017 9.30-4 at St Hilda's Church, Jesmond, close to West Jesmond Metro station – limited parking on request. We will explore the interface between Community, Spirituality and Dementia, aiming to help people living with dementia to live well and those who support them at home, in church or in any community setting to gain fresh ideas and inspiration. Keynote speaker – Revd Canon Prof James Woodward – Principal of Sarum College, Salisbury. The cost is £10 waged (£6 unwaged) to include tea / coffee and a sandwich lunch. To book please contact Revd Pauline Pearson, the Office, St George's Church, St George's Close, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2TF Tel: (0191) 281 1659 or email: [office@stgeorgesiesmond.org.uk](mailto:office@stgeorgesiesmond.org.uk)

#### New Certificate in Pastoral Ministry for Diocese in the North of England:

This certificate has been custom designed to meet the needs of those wishing to learn more about serving in a faith setting in our Diocese. It is a non-degree certificate that will monitor progress through practice. Integrating online learning with the chance to meet face to face for support, this certificate provides flexibility and accessibility. This exciting opportunity offers world class teaching and resources current to the needs of our partnerships and would be an ideal platform for those wanting to take more of a lead in their faith community. Modules will include titles such as: Holiness & Wholeness: How we grow as people of faith. Missionary Disciples: The story of the Church in Britain Building parish communities.

Serving and leading skills and strategies for ministry.

The cost of this certificate is £2,000. It is expected that partnerships will explore funding a place with the expectation that the learning is practically explored and developed within the partnership setting. An Information Session will be held on Wednesday 1 November 2017 from 5.30pm for 6.00pm – 7.30 pm at St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Coniscliffe Road, Darlington DL3 7RG.

For further support and information email Amy Cameron by email or telephone 0191 243 3313.

#### Meeting of Baptismal Catechists

There is to be a meeting for all Baptism Catechists in our Cluster on Monday 30th 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.

#### 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.

#### Day of Recollection for Lait

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 5th November 2017 at 3.00pm

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Jumble Sale

Good quality goods needed for the Jumble Sale to be held at St Cuthbert's Church Hall next Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 11:00 a.m. NO ELECTRICALS PLEASE.