

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

Malachi 1:14-2:2. 8-10

You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 130

Response: **Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever.

SECOND READING

Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do; since *they* do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

"You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Sunday, 5th November 2017 – 31st Sunday of the Year - Year A

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	4 th November	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: No Intention	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	5 th November 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: No Intention	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Joan Kerrison
Monday	6 th November	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	7 th November		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion
Wednesday	8 th November	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Thursday	9 th November		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Haraltas Povilas Kasparavicius
Friday	10 th November	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday	11 th November	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	No Mass
Sunday	12 th November 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass:

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, Brenda Hutchinson and Jean Slater. Please pray for Bernadette Parker, Cathy Watson and Kevin Murray 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.

Launch of Tyne and Wear Citizens

This Tuesday at 6.00pm, we will have the full launch of Tyne and Wear Citizens. The Bishop will be there along with other church leaders, MPs, leaders of local authorities, and leaders of other institutions such as Universities. Three parishioners have said they will be there along with staff and pupils of St Thomas More and St Cuthbert's Primary school. If you would like to be there please let Fr Chris know ASAP

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This week-end we have the next First Holy Communion Liturgy. This week we will be reminding our children of the importance of their baptism.

Funeral Service

Bernadette Parker, Monday 6th November, 12.45pm at Tynemouth Crematorium
Kevin Murray, 14th Tuesday, November, 10.30am at St Cuthbert's

Journey of Faith

This year the Journey of Faith Programme for those inquiring about becoming a Catholic will start this Thursday, November 9th at 7.30 with the group meet regularly on a Thursday to reflect on the scriptures at St Cuthbert's. Fr Chris is very grateful to this group for their willingness to open up their group to those who wish to come into the Church. This meeting is also open to anyone in the parish who would like to know more about the scriptures and spend time reflecting on them

Baptism

This Sunday at St Cuthbert's at 12.30 Megan Sarah Grace Bloomfield will be baptised in Christ and united in our family of faith. We pray for Megan and her parents

Service of Remembrance

This service is for our families, friends and parishioners who have died over the past year. This will take place at St. Edward's, Whitley Bay at 7.30 pm on Thursday 16th November.

Patricia Thompson

She would like to thank the parish for purchasing her book of poems. So far she has raised £455 for CAFOD. This is a great total. Well done to the parish and much respect and congratulations to Patricia for using her talents for the good of others.

The Living Word - Encounter the Living God through Sacred Scripture

During this weekend we will be exploring the powerful and life giving message of ST Paul in the Scriptures Sat 18th - Sun 19th November 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

Sponsor a Spiritan Seminarian

Angela Shanley, a parishioner in Wallsend but who regularly worships at our parish week-day Masses in the parishes has asked Fr Chris to mention the scheme to sponsor a Spiritan Seminarian scheme. This is a programme she has been involved with and knows the importance of supporting a young Zambian seminarian. Please see forms at the back of church for more information

Christmas Parcel Appeal

Apologies as we are only in November but our Christmas appeal starts now. As you will be aware our Parish has a long tradition of distributing food hampers to some of the less fortunate in our area. Boxes for cash donations to fund this will be in the entrance throughout November. Donations can also be given to Fr. Chris or any SVP members if you miss the box. Last year we also received supermarket vouchers and again these would be most welcome.

If you are aware of any deserving family or single person who you believe would welcome a hamper please write details - name address & preferably a contact no. - and again deposit in the box or hand over to Fr. Chris/SVP. The number and size of hampers will depend on your generosity but this initiative is always wonderfully supported by our Parish so thank you in advance.

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.

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@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

'Walking With in North Tyneside': could you consider becoming a Trustee?

Walking With provides relief and support for refugees, asylum seekers, those without national status and others experiencing need, hardship or distress. From our base within St Luke's Church, Frank Street, Wallsend, we provide them with a safe and welcoming place, treat them with dignity and empathy, get to know and understand their situation and aspirations, and help them stand on their own feet in our wider community. Our aim is to help those who come to us feel less isolated, more self-confident, better able to settle and adjust to life in Britain, more likely to integrate with their neighbours and thus to make a contribution to the society in which they live and work. We invite you to look at our YouTube video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FiqgwLt9oWU

Walking With is a Registered Charity. It's run by an Executive Committee, whose members have the status, in Charity law, of trustees. Trustees have independent control over, and legal responsibility for, a charity's management and administration. They ensure their charity is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit; they plan what their charity will do, and what they want it to achieve; with their co-trustees, they make balanced and adequately informed decisions, thinking about the long term as well as the short term; they make sure the charity's assets are used only to support or carry out its purposes; and they need to be able to demonstrate that their charity is complying with the law, well run and effective. This team needs and deserves support from their Executive Committee. This is about policy making and the raising and management of resources, of course. But it's potentially a great deal more than that. Trustees can be extremely helpful as ambassadors for the Charity, making sure as best they can that our aims and work are well understood and supported. A Trustee who is prepared to apply his or her skills and experience in contributing to some aspect or other of the work of the Charity will be particularly welcome.

Some current issues: All the ten Syrian families referred to above are now settled in various parts of North Tyneside, and a second support worker (employed by the Council) is now helping address some of their pretty formidable needs, helped by excellent volunteer input. It has been agreed in principle to attempt to replace our Project Manager, nominally a half-time appointee, when she retires next summer, with a full-time person. Budget provision has been anticipated in the funding projections, but no work has yet been commenced on the recruitment and appointment work. There are quite a few areas where we need to update or formalise our policies, and where some new input would make a huge difference to how we deal with, for instance, outreach and public relations. Walking With needs you! A number of our Trustees have stood down for health or other reasons over the last year and it's time to take a fresh look at ourselves, and to consider how much better we might do with some new trustees. We're planning to hold our Annual General Meeting on 6 December. That's when new and existing members of the Executive Committee will be elected. We need new talent – might that mean you?

You will be very welcome to have a look at what goes on. You can ring Carole (Monday to Wednesday) on 0191 649 8974 to arrange a visit. Mondays and Wednesdays - the drop-in days - are best. Any queries or expressions of interest either to Carole or to Tony Garland (0783 1339 123; tgarland46@gmail.com) please.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our Lady Star of the Sea parish is holding a Day of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, 11th November, 1.00pm to 4.00pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton. We have 40 places available. Tea, coffee and cake will be served mid-afternoon but we would advise you have lunch beforehand.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to reserve a place please contact the parish secretary, Janet Murphy, on 0191 2527066 or email parishofficeolss@btconnect.com giving your name, contact telephone number, email address and church. If we receive more than 40 requests we will start a reserve list and contact people accordingly.

A Cheery Ceilidh Dance Evening– 18th November

This evening is in aid of local sufferers of Multiple Sclerosis, 7pm on Sat 18th November 2017 at Marden Resident's Community Centre . Pride of Erin Ceilidh Band, with Kathleen, our fab caller. Watch the Inchigeelagh O'Gorman Academy of Irish Dance. Savour Irish Stew. Meet a peculiar Leprechaun. Tickets are £5 with MS free. Ring Francis 07446 151 950 or 0191 258 7101 or from Marden Club 0191 2900201. All Welcome".

APF Boxes

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

Mercy Associates

Christmas Parcel Appeal. The Mercy Associates would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable goods. These can be left at the back of St Joseph's Church.

Next meeting. The next meeting of The Mercy Associates will be held on Monday 13th November at 1.00pm at the Convent, 17 Cartington Road.

Pantomime - Saturday 6th January 2018

This year's Pantomime at Tynemouth Priory Theatre is Hansel & Gretel. Tickets are £6.00. Lists will be put on notice boards at both churches. Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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