

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

Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown, be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.**

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| <p>1. O God, you are my God, for you I long
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.</p> | <p>2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.</p> |
| <p>3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.</p> | <p>4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.</p> |

SECOND READING

God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command the Lord himself will come down from heaven: those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' 'At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you: you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.' 'They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said 'open the door for us.' But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you. 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'"

Wisdom 6: 12-16

Psalm 62

Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 12th November 2017 – 32nd Sunday of the Year - Year A

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
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:	9:30am Mass: John & Ellen More & family
Monday	13 th November	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	14 th November		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Annie & Patrick Breen
Wednesday	15 th November	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: No Intention	
Thursday	16 th November		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday	17 th November	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Raymond Howe	
Saturday	18 th November	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Monica Whelan	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	19 th November 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Anne Baker	9:30am Mass: Gloria Gascon

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 all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Collection – Sunday 5th November
£906.72

Remembrance Sunday

This week-end we remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts over the past hundred years. As we remember their sacrifice for our nation's freedom perhaps we can reflect on we use the precious of freedom in the service of God and our neighbor.

Partnership News

Last week-end, The Bishop announced that Fr David Smith would be the new parish priest for St Columba's in Wallsend. Fr David has also been appointed at Parish administrator of St Anthony's in Walker. The Bishop has also asked Monsignor Faley as Partnership Dean to explore how the number of Masses can be reduced within the partnership. This will be discussed at the Partnership Development Group this week. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Supporting the Bereaved

The newly established parish Pastoral Carers group have organised for Lisa Johnstone from Macmillan Bereavement Support Tyneside is to deliver a half-day session, Helping the Bereaved, 1pm-4pm on Tuesday 12th December 2017 in St Cuthbert's Hall. If you would like to learn more how to support people who have experienced bereavement you are welcome to participate in this session

Crib Festival

This year the Crib Festival will be at St Cuthbert's. The festival will start on Friday 15th December and will formally end at the Carol Service on the evening of December 17th but the hopefully most of the cribs will stay in St Cuthbert's till the end of the Christmas Period.

Mercy Associates

Christmas Coffee Morning. The Mercy Associates Christmas Coffee Morning with mince pie will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday December 5th at 10.15 am. Prize Bingo, lucky dip and raffle. Tickets £1.00.

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 November 13th at 1.00 pm at the Convent, 17, Cartington Road.

World Gifts for Christmas

Please see leaflet from CAFOD at the back of church that may help you with the Christmas shopping. You can buy gifts on behalf of people that will help people to have a more just and healthier life. These are presents that will express the true meaning of Christmas

Ushaw Lecture Series:

Tuesday 21 November: 'The Survival, Alteration and Appreciation of English Medieval Embroideries' by Glyn Davies (Victoria & Albert Museum). To register please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/uls-the-survival-alteration-and-appreciation-of-english-medieval-embroideries-registration-39359946660>

Riddell Memorial Lectures

A Catholic composer's perspective on musical and extra-musical considerations in the modern world Sir James MacMillan, composer and conductor Tuesday 21 November: Music, modernity and the search for the sacred Wednesday 22 November: A composer's personal reflections on the impact of religious, social and aesthetic influences on music. 5.30pm Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, Newcastle University. Free admission and open to all. This is a time when artists are told that, to be at the cutting edge of culture, they have to reject the burdens of tradition, especially religion. Music has offered a stubborn resistance to this command, and it is clear that many of the great composers of the last century were either profoundly religious men and women or reflected deeply on the wider possibilities of the sacred in their work. James MacMillan explores this phenomenon in a musico-historical context and subjective reflection.

Coming up at Minsteracres:

The next walking retreat is on Wednesday 14 November, 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Sr. Rosarie Spence will lead a Quiet Day on Wednesday 22 November, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Euan Tait will lead an Advent retreat with Handel's Messiah as musical guide on 1 - 3 December.

For more about Minsteracres and to see our new 2018 programme visit our website or call us on 01434 673248.

Tyne and Wear Citizens

Thanks to parishioner and pupils and staff in our schools for their attendance and support of the Launch of Tyne and Wear Citizens. There were a number of people from the partnership present at the launch. Fr Chris will be exploring whether the partnership could be become a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens

Journey of Faith

This year the Journey of Faith Programme for those inquiring about becoming a Catholic commenced last Thursday and the group meets 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.

Funeral Service

Kevin Murray, 14th Tuesday, November, 10.30am at St Cuthbert's.

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.

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.

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".

St Cuthbert's Christmas Coffee Morning

St Cuthbert's Annual Christmas Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 25th November at 10:00am. Tickets £1.00, which includes Coffee & sweet Mince Pie. There will be lots of Christmas stalls.

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.

'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=FiygWLt9oWU

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; tgardland46@gmail.com) please.