

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

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her?

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127

Response: *O blest are those who fear the Lord.*

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| <p>1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.</p> | <p>2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.</p> |
| <p>3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!</p> | |

SECOND READING

St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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Sunday, 19th November 2017 – 33rd Sunday of the Year - Year A

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
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
Monday	20 th November	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Tuesday	21 st November		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	22 nd November St Cecelia	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Thursday	23 rd November		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday	24 th November	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday	25 th November	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	9:30am No Mass
Sunday	26 th November Christ the King	11:00am Mass:	9:30am Mass: Luciana Sugide Sufacio

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, 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, Pat Skelly and Jean Slater. Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

World Day of the Poor 2017

Pope Francis asked the entire Catholic community worldwide to observe the World Day of the Poor for the first time on Sunday 19 November 2017.

The World Day of the Poor will be observed each year on the 33rd Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar.

"The poor are not a problem," the Pope wrote in the statement. "They are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel." In his Apostolic Letter Pope Francis writes. We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: "If you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness" (Hom. in Matthaem, 50.3: PG 58). We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself.

Baptism

This Sunday we have the baptism of Jaxson John Turner at St Cuthbert's North Shields at 12.30pm. We pray for Jaxson and his parents as he is welcomed into our community and is united with Christ.

Youth Sunday

Next Week we celebrate National Youth Sunday. Practice for all young people and adults who wish to support this on Saturday 25th November 10am at St Cuthbert's Church

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be this Tuesday 21st November at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm

80 Years of the Young Christian Workers in the UK

On December 2nd at St Joseph's High West St. Gateshead, NE8 1LX at 3.30 pm there will be a Mass to celebrate the Young Christian Workers (YCW) presence in the UK for eighty years. Its sister organisations, the Movement for Christian Workers (MCW) and Family & Social Action (FSA) will also be remembered and celebrated. Light refreshments will be served in the adjacent hall for members to renew old friendships

Afternoon Tea for St Thomas More's Easter HCPT Trip

At Easter 2018 thirty three 6th Form students from St Thomas More are travelling to Lourdes with HCPT Group 714 and 36 (Family Group). Their week on Pilgrimage will involve supporting the children of Group 36 and others from our region. On Sunday 3rd of December the staff and students of St Thomas More are holding an Afternoon Tea with Bingo in St Cuthbert's church hall after morning mass. Tickets are priced at £5 and include homemade afternoon tea and a game of prize bingo. All monies raised on the afternoon will support the fundraising for a Child from our locality to travel to Lourdes at Easter 2018 which cost £850. If you would like to attend then tickets are available after Sunday Mass from Anna or Andy Merchant - Heather or David Leane. Alternatively contact Anna on 07765023857 - abmerchant@stmschool.org.uk.

Friends of North Tyneside

North Tyneside's Volunteering Centre is looking for local people aged 50 and over to get involved in a short-term volunteering project and make a real difference in the local community.

The Friends of North Tyneside project is a 12-week programme, which offers volunteers the chance to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of children, young adults and older and isolated residents in the borough. By volunteering two days a week for three months, participants will join a team to plan and deliver a range of sessions and activities that will have a positive impact on people in the local area.

There are so many benefits to taking part in a volunteering programme such as this. It's not a long-term commitment, it's a time-limited project and the volunteers will get to see the real results of their participation at the end of their projects. Plus it's a fantastic way to meet new people, take on new challenges and have some fun! We know that people in this age bracket have a lot to give in terms of their skills, experience and knowledge. We want to really harness that and put it to good use to solve issues in the community such as social isolation and getting young people ready for work.

No skills or volunteering experience are necessary, just a willingness to take part and the commitment of volunteering two days a week for 12 weeks. The majority of Friends of North Tyneside activities are based at the Cedarwood Trust, and the next programme will begin w/c Monday 22 January. A fun and interactive taster session will take place the week before in order to give anyone interested in taking part more information about the project and to have a go at some of the activities they might be involved in. If anyone is interested, they can get in touch with VODA on 0191 6432626.

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 as 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 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.

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>

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 become a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens

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.

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:

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.

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.

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.

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.