

**MASS READINGS FOR THE  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)  
FIRST READING**

I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth. Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die;" and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die." '

## Responsorial Psalm

**Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

## Psalm 94

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

## SECOND READING

*An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.*

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

*He taught them with authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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## The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year		
	Masses, Devotions and Services	
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B	11:00am Mass: Gus Shotton	9:30am Mass:
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January		9:30am: Mass: Charlie Hartwell & family
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January St John Bosco Priest	10:00 Mass: Requiem Mass for Nancy Healy	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		9:30am Mass: Maurice Black
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Presentation of the Lord	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: James Hughes	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Ellen Austin Holland	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B	11:00am Mass: Alice Betham	9:30am Mass: John Corless

## 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, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Mel Mitchell, Father Bill Bellamy, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Armbuster, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater and Katie McVay. Please pray for Harry Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Chrissie Ariss, Joan Stewart and Florence Bartolome who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Racial Justice Sunday

This weekend is Racial Justice Sunday. On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstance. There are many stories of alienation throughout the Bible, with clear calls to "Love the stranger". That the Church is a place where all belong is clearly seen in the recent Feast of Epiphany, when Christ is revealed not only to the Israelites, but to all of God's people.

All the money raised will go towards supporting the Church's work on racial justice issues. The theme this year is "Belonging", emphasising that we are called not only to ensure our parishes welcome newcomers, strangers, and those from different backgrounds, but also that all people will know they will find a welcome in our parishes.

"Every Stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age: Pope Francis World Day of Migrants and Refugees Message 2018

#### PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

O God, Who created all people in Your Holy Image,  
Who loves the stranger,

Who cares for the downtrodden,  
Walk with those who face discrimination,  
protect them from harm

help them see Christ in our community.

Guide those who fan the fires of discrimination  
to open their eyes to the beauty of all your creation  
and respect the human dignity of all people.

Open our hearts to those who face hatred  
and injustice because of their race, their background,  
their ethnicity that we might better help them belong.

Through Christ Our Lord Amen

#### Pastoral Care for the Bereaved

We have a group of parishioners who are willing to spend time with anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one. They can be contacted on the Pastoral Carers phone line on: 07526080729

#### Parish Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30

#### Baptism

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Elvie Glen. We pray for her parent as she is welcomed into the parish community and is united with Christ in this sacrament.

#### Change of Mass Times

This weekend is the last opportunity to express your view on what Mass times are to be in responding to the Bishop deciding that all Churches in the partnership should have just one Mass in each Church. Voting will close after the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's. Each parishioner from the age of receiving being First Holy Communion (Year 4 at Primary school) is entitled to vote. Once the votes have been counted Fr Chris will inform the Bishop for him to make the final decision

The options are as follows:

##### Option A

St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am

St Cuthbert's Sunday 11.00am

##### Option B

St Cuthbert's Saturday 5.30pm

St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am

##### Option C

St Joseph's Saturday 5.30pm

St Cuthbert's Sunday at 11.00am.

The last opportunity to vote is after 11.00am Mass on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Events St Antony's Priory Durham

Tuesday 13th February: Praying with your Bus Pass 3 sessions Exploring prayer and spirituality for the second half of life with Bishop Mark Bryant. Beginning with prayer at 12.30 then lunch (optional). Full session 1.30 -3.30 pm. Use public transport and get a reduction on the price of the day (then February 27th and March 13th same format). Suggested donation £12 with lunch, £6 without.

#### CCRS Specialist Parish Catechesis module

Saturday 17th and 24th March 2018, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Venue: St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY Buffet lunch is provided both days. Cost: £120.00 (waged) and £60.00 (unwaged). Applicants intending to engage, or already engaged, in local parish ministry may find their parish willing to assist with the course fee. Please contact your parish priest for further information.

The purpose of this module is to enable participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. It offers an introduction to the theology, principles and goals of parish catechesis. Please contact Eamonn Diffley no later than Friday 2nd March 2018 at [eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 243 3313 to book or for more information.

#### Trinity Shop

Fr Chris has recently received the proceeds for the last quarter of the Trinity Charity Shop which amounted £1509.86p, a great effort. Many thanks to all who contribute to the work of the shop. Your commitment and dedication is much appreciated

#### Holocaust Memorial Day

This weekend we remember the victims of the Holocaust and all victims of genocide. We pray that the dignity of all is respected.

#### First Holy Communion Liturgies

Thanks to all who contributed to the celebration of First Confessions, which was a lovely celebration.

This weekend, we will have the next of our First Holy Communion Liturgies, acknowledging that we are called to hear God's Word in knowing Christ in the Mass. Please continue to pray for our candidates for First Holy Communion.

#### First Sunday Youth Group

The First Sunday Youth Group meet next Sunday, February 4th at 6pm. All young people are welcome.

#### Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, partnerships of Brinkburn and Heavenfield, Northumberland, full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 2 February.
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady and St Columba, Wallsend, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 31 January.
- Parish Secretary, St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 30 January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301 or [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

#### Evangelism and Proclaiming the Gospel in our parish

As you know Fr Chris believes that there are a number of activities that as a parish we should be involved in our union with Christ. He is delighted that a pastoral carers group has been established. Another area that needs our attention is how we proclaim, witness and present ourselves as a community of disciples to those beyond our parish. This activity is often known as evangelism. If anyone is interested in being involved in this important aspect of parish life there will be a meeting at St Joseph's on Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All are welcome

#### Centre for Catholic Studies

Forthcoming events include:

Thursday 1 February 2018: 'What is the Point of our Praising the Saints?' The Convergence of Theory and Practice in 12th Century Saints' Cults. 5.30pm, Durham City.

Ushaw Lecture Series:

Wednesday 24 January 2018: Sin, Confession and Politics: Royal Confessions in Seventeenth-Century Catholic Europe. 6pm, Ushaw College.

18 - 20 April 2018: Centre for Catholic Studies 10th Anniversary Celebratory Conference: Catholic Theology in the Public Academy: Searching the Questions, Sounding the Depths. Early registration advised as we expect this to be a popular event.

More information on these events and how to reserve your place are available here.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/centre-for-catholic-studies-durham-university-12053530194>

#### The Source Youth Event

This will be at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday 7th February at 6.45. Check [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) for more details

#### Homeless Sunday 2018

From Housing Justice

Each year Housing Justice join our sister organisation Scottish Churches Housing Action in organising Homeless Sunday. 2018's event will take place on Sunday 28th January.

Homeless Sunday is a chance for Churches and Christian groups from across the country join together to pray, reflect and plan practical action on homelessness, but also for a united christian voice to offer solidarity and be a prophetic voice for change.

Here are the ways you can get involved;

Send us a written reflection on what home means to you, or send us a video or picture with a short message on the same theme. Use a file transferring system and send via [info@housingjustice.org.uk](mailto:info@housingjustice.org.uk) mark the subject line as Homeless Sunday. Support Housing Justice through a donation (to donate to Scottish Churches Housing Action, click here) You can donate on: <https://www.housingjustice.org.uk>

We want this to be the biggest Homeless Sunday ever, for Christians across the United Kingdom to be aware of the growing homelessness crises in Britain, to increase the numbers active in addressing it and to send a message to policy makers that Christians are adamant that in the fifth richest economy in world, no one should be without a home that truly meets their needs.

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.

#### Northern Catholic Calendar

Copies of the 2018 Northern Catholic Calendar are now available for sale. 'Flat' Copies £3.00. Ringbound £3.50

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word Study Day

Fundamentals of Children's Liturgy of the Word At St. Hilda's Resource Centre West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY on Saturday 3rd February 2018—10:30am—3:30pm (Registration and refreshments from 10:00am) If interested, please contact Fr Chris or Catherine, the Parish Administrator to book or contact the Department for Liturgy on :- Tel: 0191 243 3312 Email: [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk)

#### Social Events

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake Night and raffle at St Cuthbert's at 7:30pm. £3 per ticket

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Soup Sunday - Soup with bun plus raffle. £2.50. Money to be donated to Mary's Meals.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Jumble Sale. All donations gratefully received. No electricals.

#### Local family requires a vacuum cleaner.

Anyone with a working unwanted spare please contact any SVP member.

#### Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball money due this Sunday, 4 weeks please.