

**MASS READINGS**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**  
**FIRST READING**

*Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.*

**Job 7:1-4. 6-7**

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 146**

**Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

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| <p>1. Praise the Lord for he is good;<br/>sing to our God for he is loving;<br/>to him our praise is due.</p>   | <p>2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem<br/>and brings back Israel's exiles,<br/>he heals the broken-hearted,<br/>he binds up all their wounds.<br/>He fixes the number of the stars;<br/>he calls each one by its name.</p> |
| <p>3. Our Lord is great and almighty;<br/>his wisdom can never be measured.<br/>The Lord raises the lowly;<br/>he humbles the wicked to the dust.</p> |   |

**SECOND READING**

**Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23**

*I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.*

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:29-39**

*He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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

<p><b>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church</b>  <i>Albion Road West</i>  <i>North Shields</i></p>	 <p>Tynemouth Priory Partnership</p>	<p><b>Saint Joseph Catholic Church</b>  <i>Wallsend Road</i>  <i>North Shields</i></p>
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**Sunday, 4th February 2018 – 5th Sunday of the Year**

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Ellen Austin Holland	
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
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> February		9:30am: Mass: Maurice Black
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Joseph Ackerley	
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> February		9:30am Mass: Vera & Oliver Latimer
Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Christine Arris	
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> February 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B	11:00am Mass:	9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell (Baby)

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

#### **Collections**

28<sup>th</sup> January - £951.60

Rachial Justice - £37.73 (St Josephs)

#### **Lent Approaching**

Ash Wednesday is 14<sup>th</sup> February. Nearer to Lent Fr Chris will say more about what will be taking place during this time. For the time being he would like you to know that we will have prayer stations in St Josephs during the first weekend of Lent February 16-18<sup>th</sup> and that he would like to meet the Special Ministers of the Eucharist after the Masses on Ash Wednesday, 9.30am at St Cuthbert's and 7.00pm at St Joseph's

#### **Change of Mass Times**

The voting was as follows

##### **Option A 193 Votes**

St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am

St Cuthbert's Sunday 11.00am

##### **Option B 156 Votes**

St Cuthbert's Saturday 5.30pm

St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am

##### **Option C 136 Votes**

St Joseph's Saturday 5.30pm

St Cuthbert's Sunday at 11.00am.

As you will see, the most popular choice was to have the Masses on a morning. Having discussed this with the Bishop, it has been decided that to take another vigil Mass away from the deanery would not be helpful to those who wish to go to a Vigil Mass. He asked the partnership as a whole to discuss the times of Masses and decide as a partnership. Therefore, any decision will be deferred till later on in the year. The Bishop has asked for the priests and the partnership development group to discuss this and come to a decision.

#### **Action Tutoring**

Action Tutoring, an education charity that provides support to disadvantaged pupils through tutoring, delivered entirely by volunteers. They work with primary and secondary school pupils delivering tutoring programmes in Maths and English in Newcastle They support those pupils who are at risk of not meeting national standards in their GCSEs or SATs and are facing socio-economic disadvantage, meaning they wouldn't otherwise have access to this kind of help. They want them to reach their potential and ensure that the circumstances they are born into do not affect their chances of success. They are looking for volunteers to support us by tutoring a pupil for just one hour a week, for approximately 8-10 weeks. Their tutoring takes place on the school premises and their volunteers work with the same pupils every week, meaning they can see first hand the impact they are having. They have a member of our team present at every session and provide training and specially designed workbooks for all of our tutors. They have many programmes running from Monday to Friday. They would love to get members of local faith communities involved with their volunteering. They have programmes running in Newcastle. Would you be able to share this opportunity with them? You can also find more information on our website: [www.actiontutoring.org.uk/](http://www.actiontutoring.org.uk/)

#### **Parish Proclaimers**

The inaugural meeting of the parish group to explore how we evangelise and proclaim our faith to the wider community.

It was a fruitful meeting with some good energy and lots of creative ideas

There were 6 of us present. We agreed to do the following:

- Explore if the Crucifix on the grounds of St Joseph's could have some form of lighting in the evening.
- The group to make some banners for the outside of both churches for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
- Cards to be made up informing people of the Lenten Course and times of Holy Week Liturgies and to be given to children and parents at St Joseph's and St Cuthbert's Primary School.

The next meeting will be 5.45, 28<sup>th</sup> February at St Cuthberts (This will be taking place before the Lenten Course session at 7pm)

#### **Mercy Associates**

The next meeting of the Mercy Associates is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February in the convent, 17 Cartington Road, at 1pm.

#### **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.

#### **Events St Antony's Priory Durham**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> same format). Suggested donation £12 with lunch, £6 without.

#### **CCRS Specialist Parish Catechesis module**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Sunday Youth Group**

The First Sunday Youth Group meet this Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. All young people are welcome.

**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**

18 - 20 April 2018: Centre for Catholic Studies 10<sup>th</sup> 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 this and how to reserve your place is 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 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6.45. Check [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) for more details

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Tickets available after Mass.

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 today, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 4 weeks please.