

MASS READINGS**FIRST READING***Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-6**Responsorial Psalm**Response: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.***Psalm 71**

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| <p>1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.</p> <p>3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.</p> | <p>2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.</p> <p>4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.</p> |
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SECOND READING*It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.***Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just described it very shortly. This that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

GOSPEL*We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.***Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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Sunday, 7th January 2018 – Feast of the Epiphany**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 6 th January	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	
Sunday 7 th January Feast of the Epiphany	11:00am Mass: Bill & Neil Henderson	9:30am Mass: John Nichol
Monday 8 th January Baptism of the Lord	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 9 th January		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 10 th January	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Gus Shotton	
Thursday 11 th January		9:30am Mass: Thanksgiving for Pat & Harry Hall's Diamond Wedding
Friday 12 th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday 13 th January	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	
Sunday 14 th January Baptism of the Lord	11:00am Mass: Gus Shotton	9:30am Mass: More & Best Families

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, 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 Joseph Ackerley, Brian Gillespie, Theresa Johnson, Margaret Evans, Margaret Wood and Sarah Fairgrieve who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Offertory Collections
25.12.2017 - £2,157.80

Happy New Year.

On this first bulletin of 2018 Fr Chris would like to wish you and your family a blessed and joyful 2018. May you continue to know throughout the year the peace, joy and hope we have celebrated at Christmas.

Christmas Celebration

As we come to the end of the Advent and Christmas Celebrations, Fr Chris would like to thank all those who contributed in anyway in making the Advent and Christmas Liturgies so prayerful and inspiring. Fr Chris was particularly moved by the contributions by our schools, St. Cuthbert's, St Joseph's and St Thomas More's and the Advent Services lead by the Syra-Marabellian (Indian) and Filipino and by Parish Carol Service. People's commitment and dedication is much appreciated.

Feast of the Epiphany

This week-end we come to the end of the Christmas period with the story of the Magi coming to the Christ with their gifts and the feast of the Baptism of Christ on the Monday. These feasts tell us that Christ has come to reveal the truth of God or as the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey, said, God becoming human was to reveal that God is Christ like. May the compassion, mercy, tenderness and self-giving love of Christ be known by you at this time.

Meeting of First Holy Communion Catechists

There will be a meeting of First Holy Communion Catechists along with teachers from the school at St Joseph's Presbytery on Wednesday 10th January at 6.00pm to discuss the celebration of the First Reconciliation Service.

Change of Mass Times

As Fr Chris stated in the bulletin last month, Bishop Seamus, has informed the partnership that he wants there to be just one Mass celebrated in each Church at the weekend. This means that we will have to reduce our weekend Masses from three to two. Ian Pearson, as Chair of the Parish Council will address the parish and outline the options which you will have the opportunity to vote on during the weekends of January 20th-21st and January 27th-28th. Fr Chris will then inform the Bishop of the consultation process for him to make the final decision. Hopefully, Fr Chris, will be able to inform you of the new Mass times the weekend of February 3rd-4th. We hope to implement the new Mass times from the first week-end of Lent, February 17th-18th

Christmas Parcel Collection

"Thanks and once again congratulations for your usual great response. Over £400 was donated for some of our neighbours in need. Food and other assistance was delivered to homes around the Parish - singles, couples and families. As well as the adults a total of 11 children received "treats" they would not have without your charity." Peter Quinn

First Sunday Youth Group

The group will have their first meeting for 2018 this Sunday at St Cuthberts at 6 p.m. All young people are welcome.

Northern Catholic Calendar

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

Journey of Faith

This year the Journey of Faith Programme for those inquiring about becoming a Catholic has commenced 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.

St Joseph's Nursery

If you are getting rid of any toys St Joseph's Nursery would be grateful for any donations of: toy trains and cars, Small World Toys, e.g. Play People, animals and Dinosaurs, pre-school electronic toys, outdoor toys e.g. scooters, prams etc. construction toys (not Lego). Many thanks

Catholic Schools

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

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

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