

MASS READINGS - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

FIRST READING

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm

Response: O that today you would listen to him voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

Psalm 94

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| 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 bow and bend low; let us kneel before that 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.' |
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SECOND READING

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Gospel Acclamation


Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world;
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL

A spring welling up to eternal life.

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it, and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

| The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields | | |
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| Sunday, 4 th March 2018 – 3 rd Sunday of Lent (A) | | | |
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| Masses, Devotions and Services | | | |
| | | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
| Saturday | 3 rd March | 4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: | |
| Sunday | 4 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent | 11:00am Mass: Frankie Turnbull | 9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell 4:00pm Stations of the Cross |
| Monday | 5 th March | 9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion | |
| Tuesday | 6 th March | | 9:30am Mass: In thanksgiving for Marriage of Ralph & Amy Java |
| Wednesday | 7 th March | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Special Intention | |
| Thursday | 8 th March St John of God | | 9:30am Mass: |
| Friday | 9 th March St Frances of Rome | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: | 7:00pm Mass: |
| Saturday | 10 th March | 4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Irene Fatkin | No Mass |
| Sunday | 11 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent | 11:00am Mass: Monica Boyd 4:00pm Stations of the Cross | 9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell |

| Bidding Prayers and our Partnership | |
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| 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 Arbuster, 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.

The Season of Lent.

This special time of grace starts on Wednesday 14th February. The following will take place

- **Stations of the Cross, Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm, this week at St Joseph's**
- **Friday evening Mass at St Joseph's at 7.00pm**

Lenten Talks based on the Seven sayings of Christ on the Cross

These will take place at St Cuthbert's starting at 7.00pm

- March 7th 'I thirst' 'Water, Development and our Common Home' by Rev David Cross, Regional Officer for CAFOD
- March 14th 'Today, you will be with me in paradise' God's offer of salvation to the criminal with Alan Hasting and members of South Tyneside Prison Matters
- March 21st 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me' Hearing the voices of victims of torture', Tony Wright
- March 28th 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do'. Though not in person we shall show video clips of Richard Moore, blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British officer with his powerful story of forgiveness

General Meeting of the Parish

I have been asked to hold a General Meeting of the parish to discuss Mass times in the parish in the light of the Bishop's wish that there should be more than one Vigil Mass in the partnership area. The meeting will be chaired by the partnership dean, Mgr Andrew Faley. This meeting will take place this Thursday March 8th at 7.00pm. The proposal for the parish to discuss is that the Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's and the morning Mass will be at St Cuthbert's. Times to be decided

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This week we will have the Rite of Election for our First Holy Communion Candidates. Please keep them in your prayers.

Mercy Associates

The Mercy Associate's Coffee Morning with Hot Cross Bun, in aid of the Mercy Mission in Muhoroni, will be held on March 20th at 10.15am in St Joseph's Church. All are welcome.

The next meeting of the Mercy Associates will be held on Monday March 19th at 1.30pm in the Convent, 17 Cartington Road.

Lent Pro-Life Way of the Cross

This celebration of the Stations of the Cross will be at St Andrews, Worswick St, Newcastle on Saturday 10th March 10.30am - 11.30 am

Gift Aid Donations and Offertory Envelopes

Next weekend at all the Masses the parish organiser for the Gift Aid, Bill Skelly, will be handing out Gift Aid Envelopes. If anyone who has recently started worshipping in the parish would like to give regularly or have their donations gift aided please speak to Bill after Mass.

Key Holders

A discussion took place at the recent parish council regarding who are the current 'key holders' for our parish properties. It was decided to ensure this information is up to date. Therefore if you currently have keys for any of our parish properties could you inform Ian Pearson either by phone call 07534992873 or email ian@ymcanorthtyneside.org this will also ensure we are meeting the requirements of our insurers and the current DBS guidance. Once we have a list complete we will discuss the roles and responsibilities for key holders. If you currently have a set of keys and no longer feel it is necessary to do so please could they be returned to Ian Pearson or Fr Chris.

IT infrastructure

Ian Pearson would be interested in having a conversation with any fellow parishioners who have knowledge of IT. If you're that person please contact him on 07534992873 or email ian@ymcanorthtyneside.org

YMCA North Tyneside

"Sleep Easy is our annual sponsored sleep out; a great chance to raise awareness of youth homelessness whilst raising funds to support the work we do at YMCA North Tyneside". Sleep Easy 2018 is taken place in the grounds of St Cuthbert's Primary School on the 16th March. 7.00pm-7.00am. Sign up online: www.ymcanorthtyneside.org/sleep-easy or speak to Ian Pearson for information.

WALKING WITH in North Tyneside PROJECT MANAGER Permanent Contract

(subject to availability of funding; funds are in place for initial 12 months) £23,360. Walking With in North Tyneside is a registered charity based in Wallsend; we welcome, befriend and support refugees, asylum seekers and other local people in need. This full-time appointment will be the sole paid member of staff, working with an established team of experienced volunteers. The appointee will be both the professional and managerial lead. Candidates must have experience of working frontline or in a supporting role with vulnerable and/or disadvantaged groups. Essential requirements include strong interpersonal skills, the ability to listen to and work effectively with clients, volunteers, donors and partner organisations and experience of dealing with complex and difficult situations. Some managerial experience is essential, preferably including fundraising. This role is subject to an Enhanced DBS check. Closing date for applications: 15 March 2018.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 28 March Hours: 37 hours, Monday - Friday, with some evening and weekend work Application pack from Carole Parkins, the present Project Manager, (0744 9015 227 (Mondays to Wednesdays) or at walkingwithcwt@msn.com; or contact Maggie on (0191 243 3301 or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk See also our website, www.walkingwith-nt.btck.co.uk Registered Charity No 1166123

The Summit – A lively evening of praise, worship, teaching and testimony.

You are warmly invited to the next 'Summit' gathering, 'Behold the Lamb!' which this time is taking place in St. Joseph's Sunderland SR4 6HP 7-9 pm. The evening will feature the worship group Expedition, teaching from Andrew Brookes OP and powerful personal witness to faith. Come along this Lent and spend time beholding the Lamb of God.

Day of Recollection

The Lenten Day of recollection at the Franciscan Friary will be Saturday March 17th. Fr Chris will lead a reflection on John's Passion Narrative. Please sign the lists in the back of church. Including Fr Chris there are only 15 places available.

Parish Council Elections

It was agreed that Parish Council Elections will take place in April 14th/15th. There are 6 vacancies on the council. Fr Chris would like all parishioners to consider if they or someone else in the parish would be suitable to be in the parish. The council would like its membership to represent the broad diversity that exists within the parish.

Communications in the Parish

At the last parish council meeting it was discussed how the work of the various groups and committees is feedback at the parish council. It was agreed that the best forum for feedback of all the excellent work being done in the parish is not the parish council but through the parish newsletter. Therefore, it was agreed that the Parish Council asks all groups to agree at the end of a meeting which basic points or actions plans are to be forwarded to the newsletter team

Northern Men's Pilgrimage

The above annual pilgrimage to our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham will this year take place on Friday and Saturday the 29th & 30th of June and Sunday the 1st of July. The cost which includes coach travel, bed breakfast and evening meals plus a traditional Sunday lunch before our return home is £150. A deposit of £50 to secure a place. For details contact John Ross Tel 0191 4404391 or John Robertson Tel 0191 4877790.

North Tyneside General Hospital (Rake Lane)

Saturday Mass in the hospital Chaplaincy (10.30 am) will resume as from 17th March. New Chaplaincy volunteers are welcome; please contact Fr Stephen Watson or Fr Lee Barrett on 0191 2934268 (Chaplaincy office). Patients requiring a chaplaincy visit should ask the ward staff to contact the RC Chaplain, or relatives can ring the Chaplaincy office. FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY a priest is on call 24/7.

Coming up at Minsteracres:

Quiet days of reflection during Lent, all from 10.00am – 4.00pm, with lunch provided:

- Wednesday 7 March – Kathryn Turner
- Wednesday 14 March – Sr. Anne McCarthy RSCJ
- Wednesday 21 March – Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ

For our full 2018 programme visit our website: <http://www.minsteracres.org/> or call us on 01434 673248.

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.

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 or telephone 0191 243 3313 to book or for more information.

Novena to St Joseph for Mill Hill Missionaries

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10-18 March 2018 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing for their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer.

Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email: novenahm@gmail.com

Social Events

Saturday 24th March – Jumble Sale at St Cuthberts. **ALL DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED. NO ELECTRICALS.**

St Joseph's R.C. Nursery

Children are eligible to attend nursery after their 3rd birthday. If you have children under 4 years old don't forget to apply for a place in our nursery – it's never too early to put their name on the list.

Trinity Charity Shop

St Joseph's are looking for volunteers to work on Thursday's between 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Please contact Michael Hanlon or Pat Campbell.

Soup Sunday

Thank you to all those who contributed and supported our Soup Sunday in aid of Marys Meals, a total of £350 was raised. Great time was had by all.

Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball money due today, Sunday 4th March, 5 weeks.