

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

I make low trees grow.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Responsorial Psalm

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Psalm 91

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| <p>1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.</p> | <p>2. The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.</p> |
| <p>3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have make known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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Sunday, 17th June 2018 – 11th Sunday of the Year (B)

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	16 th June	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Vincent Donohoe	
Sunday	17 th June 11 th Sunday of Ordinary Time		11:00am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday	18 th June	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday	19 th June		9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	20 th June	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday	21 st June		9:30am Mass:
Friday	22 nd June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am: Mass: Vincent Donohoe	
Saturday	23 rd June	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Repose of the soul of Frank O'Looney	9:30am Mass:
Sunday	24 th June 12 th Sunday of Ordinary Time		11:00am Mass: Kerry O'Neill

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

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| 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 |

New Partnership Prayer

Risen Christ, from your abundant grace, pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese. As we build on the deep foundations of faith laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands, by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede, may our Partnerships continue the mission of building your Kingdom on the earth: to give living witness to your love, and to your compassion and hope for our world. We pray in trustful confidence that your power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

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, 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.

Baptism

This week-end at St Joseph's at 1.00pm we have the baptism of Oscar McBride. We pray for Oscar and his parents as he is united into Christ and becomes a member of his Body.

Feedback from Parish Groups

Mercy Associates

Saturday June 9th saw St Joseph's hosting the Regional Day of Recollection for Mercy Associates. Led by Sr Mary Horan, 24 of the Mercy family from Alnwick, High Heaton and North Shields gathered together to reflect on Pope Francis' call for an 8th work of mercy, "Show mercy to our common home". We were tasked to consider questions and to meet again to come up with suggestions on how we can individually and as a group live out this call. It was a thought provoking and spirit filled day. As ever, in the tradition of our foundress, Catherine McAuley, we ended with "a comfortable cup of tea". There will be a Mercy Associates Coffee Morning with Strawberries and Cream on Tuesday July 3rd from 10.15am. Tickets £1. The next meeting of The Mercy Associates will now take place on Monday June 18th at 2.00pm at the Convent, 17, Cartington Road.

Canon Alec Barrass Diamond Jubilee

The Mass will be at 7pm on Friday 13th July at St Mary's, Sunderland followed by a reception. If you wish to concelebrate could you please inform Fr Marc Lyden-Smith: sunderlandpriest@outlook.com

A Christian Meditation group

is held every Monday at 6pm in The parish centre of Church of The Holy Saviour, Tynemouth. The meditation sessions follow the teachings of John Maine OSB and Laurence Freeman OSB. A warm welcome is extended to anyone who wishes to join us in Christian meditation. Information can be found on wcm.org The World Community of Christian Meditation.

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Over the last two Saturdays we have had two memorable First Holy Communion Celebration. The first on June 2 with the Syro-Malabarian Community was a colourful and wonderfully elaborate celebration that showed our one Faith, Church and Lord, can have many cultural expressions. And on June 9th we had a wonderful example of schools and parish communities working together to ensure that we had a joyful and prayerful celebration. Fr Chris is aware in school, parish and families a huge amount of work takes place, often unnoticed, but to our schools, catechists, parish and families a big thank-you for all you have done in preparing our children for their special day. To our children who have made their Holy Communion, I hope this important day in your journey of faith will allow you to deepen your love, service and understanding of Jesus.

Day for Life: Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Jesus tells us, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10 NJB).

But many people do not have life to the full. They have fallen victim to the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery which are an assault on a person's innate human dignity. People are not commodities to be traded ruthlessly for criminal profit. Indeed, this is something that is happening in communities across our country, not just in our big cities. It's not only happening in brothels and nail bars, but on farms, building sites and factories as well. Nor is this a problem confined to immigrant communities, it is affecting our own citizens too. Trafficking is a growing problem and the UN estimates that over 40 million people worldwide are in slavery. In the UK alone, it is estimated that every year there are over 13,000 victims of trafficking from all countries.

Criminals exploit some of the most vulnerable and desperate people. We can act together to stop this. It is a crime hidden in plain sight, it's difficult to investigate, and the police need our help to identify and stop the traffickers and rescue and support the victims.

How Can We Help? The Catholic community can make a real difference to help solve this problem – to help them find freedom and live life to the full. There are many organisations working to put a stop to human trafficking and modern slavery. One of these, the Santa Marta Group, works internationally to bring the Catholic Church and law enforcement agencies together to eradicate slavery. To read more visit www.santamartagroup.com Locally, dioceses, Caritas and other church communities can effect real change for trafficked people living in these areas.

There will be a retiring collection at the end of Masses this week-end for this important work.

Diocesan Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Refugee Project

Although refugees fleeing war and violence is less in the headlines, there still many refugees needing help. The Government's dispersal policy means that an increasing number of refugees are coming to the north east. The Diocesan refugee project in Newcastle increases it numbers every month placing strain on the resources they can share with refugees. A Head of the Justice and Peace department, I have seen the great work that is being done. If you would like to support the diocesan project you could volunteer on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. You could also make a regular donation by making a standing order to the project. Please contact me if you are interested in helping in either way.

Those making standing orders may wish to increase their donation at no cost if they are tax payers. We have a specific gift aid form available and this can be provided by post or email, please contact: pat.conway1@btinternet.com or phone 01913868216 or 07943 016225 or write to her at 116 Moor Crescent, Durham DH1 1DL.

Lecture on Priesthood, gender and sexuality

You are invited to hear Terry Wright, Emeritus Professor of English Literature at Newcastle University and author of twelve books on various aspects of Religion and Literature, speak on "Why the Church Should Change Her Mind on Priesthood, Sex and Gender" in the Church Hall at The Holy Name Parish Church, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle NE2 3JX, on Wednesday July 4th at 7pm

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.

Giving the Best of Yourself – Vatican Document on Sport

This the Vatican's first document on sport, recently released by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life and addressed "to all people of goodwill".

This new Vatican document has advised families that playing sport together on Sundays is a good way of coming together in joy and celebration, but only when these pursuits aren't used to excuse them from attending Mass. Pope Francis gave the document his seal of approval in a letter to Cardinal Kevin Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery. He said he read it "with joy". Sport is, he continued "a meeting place where people of all levels and social conditions come together to reach a common aim... a privileged area around which people meet without any distinction of race, sex, or ideology and where we can experience the joy of competing to reach a goal together." The document states: "The bond between the Church and the world of sports is a beautiful reality that has strengthened over time, for the Ecclesial Community sees in sports a powerful instrument for the integral growth of the human person. Engaging in sports, in fact, rouses us to go beyond ourselves and our own self interests in a healthy way; it trains the spirit in sacrifice and, if it is organised well, it fosters loyalty in interpersonal relations, friendship, and respect for rules." This is a slightly amended version of a piece from the Tablet found at: <http://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/9198/playing-sport-not-an-excuse-to-skip-mass-first-vatican-document-on-sport-states-> It goes on to talk about honouring fair play, stating that sport "must be an unavoidable occasion to practice human and Christian virtues of solidarity, loyalty, good behaviour and respect for others, who must be seen as competitors and not as mere opponents or rivals."

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Songs of Praise from Newcastle

We would like to extend to you a warm invitation to join us for a recording of modern worship songs at The Church of St Thomas The Martyr, Newcastle, led by acclaimed singer songwriter and worship leader Philippa Hanna. The music will be filmed for BBC One's Songs of Praise and will be broadcast in future editions of the programme. We are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us, to lead the viewers at home in the singing.

When: Thursday 5th July, 6.30pm – 9.30pm

Where: St Thomas The Martyr, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 7PF

To apply, please send your name and postcode, and the number of people taking part to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv

Please include 'Newcastle Recording' in your subject header.

We ask that you apply for this free event as soon as possible, to enable us to cater for the correct number of people. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the team at SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv or call us on 0161 873 7073. If you would like to opt-out of future invitations, please let us know. Songs of Praise has been championing Christian music for over 55 years and continues to be enormously popular. For this to continue we need the participation of people like yourself and we'd be grateful if you could encourage others to take part too. Songs of Praise Team

St Aidan's Wallsend

are hosting a Midsummer Concert with the Ravenswood Singers on Saturday 30th June at 7pm.

The concert will include songs from the shows, Sacred Music and Viennese Songs. Tickets costing £6 include a complimentary glass of wine. Tickets available by ringing St Aidan's office: 2623820 or emailing staidans.parish@btconnect.com. We are keeping the price down at £6 to make the event accessible to as many people as possible.

Churches Together North Shields

Sunday 1st July at 6pm North Shields Baptist Church: Service for Christian Unity – a collection will be taken up for Nite Bite.

Reviving the Passion for Christ, 30th June 2018

You are invited to a day on Saturday, 30th June 10am-4pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields with Fr. Michael Hickey and Michael & Hilda Hedley to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world.

Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Let us know if you would like to come, either through your own parish priest or Fr Michael on 07912 060 628.

Parents and Communities Acting Together

This group meets at St Cuthbert's from 9.15am on a Thursday morning. The group will be now meeting every Thursday till the end of term in July. All parents of your people are invited to take part. It is an opportunity to meet other parents of young children and share concerns or issues you have encountered. Please contact Wendy O'Connell on 07950426780 for more information.

St Cuthbert's Church Grounds.

With the upcoming bi-centenary in 2021 of St. Cuthbert's, along with other tasks, Fr. Michael has himself set about tidying/improving the church grounds. Unfortunately it is not a small job but fortunately we are not a small congregation.

When the floodlights failed at St. James' Park a Chinese member of the crowd asked everyone to raise their arms and wave them. The floodlights came back on and the game resumed. When asked how he did it he simply replied "Many hands make light work."

We have many hands so can You help Your Church?

For some jobs great gardening knowledge is not necessary. There are a lot of small jobs - taking tree & shrub cuttings/waste to the tip, watering new planting, removing moss/litter. Of course if you are a Monty Don..... If you can give a little time please leave name and contact detail and how you can help at the Church.

Parish Council

There will be a meeting of the parish council at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 20 June at 7.30

Diocesan Festival

This year the diocesan festival at the Emmaus Youth Village will be the week-end of 24rd and 24th of June. The theme is: Encounter: Coming Face to Face with Christ. Speakers include Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE, Sr Judith Russi and Sara Bryson from Tyne and Wear Citizens. Please see booking forms at the back of church

Parish Rotas

Fr Chris would like to thank all those who have offered to help on the various rotas. Sadly some rotas are not viable at the moment. I would ask people to seriously consider how they could help the parish in its various roles

Summer Fair – 23rd June

The Annual Summer Fair at St Cuthberts will be held on 23rd June. Donations for goods for all the stalls will be gratefully appreciated.

Raffle Tickets

Please return all Raffle Ticket stubs by 12 o'clock on Saturday, 23rd June.