

**MASS READINGS**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**FIRST READING**

*The sons are defiant and obstinate and they shall know that there is a prophet among them.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy.
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain.

**SECOND READING**

**Corinthians 12:7-10**  
*I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*A prophet is only despised in his own country.*

**Ezekiel 2:2-5**

**Psalm 122**

**Corinthians 12:7-10**

**Mark 6:1-6**

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We are three Roman Catholic Parishes in the eastern half of the borough of North Tyneside, within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Our website gives an overview of our three parishes and seven churches, as well as mass times, and details of parish ministries and groups.

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**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time- B**

	<b>Masses, Devotions and Services</b>	
	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July		4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Sarah Nicholson
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass:	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July		9:30am Mass:
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Fr Chris' Intentions	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am: Mass: Joint School Mass in St Cuthberts School grounds.	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Mel Mitchell	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> July		4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Vincent Donohoe
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 15 <sup>th</sup> 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:

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

### Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate online please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

### Baptism

Today at St Cuthberts at 1.00pm we will have the baptism of Roman Burton. We pray for him and his parents as he is united in Christ a becomes a member of our Community of Disciples

### End of the Academic Year

As our schools approach the end of successful and hard working year, there will be a number of Masses with our primary schools to which all the parish is invited.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 in the grounds of St Cuthbert's, we will have the joint Mass between the two schools. Pray for good weather!

On July 19<sup>th</sup> both schools with have their end of year Mass. St Joseph's will be in the church at 9.30. St Cuthbert's will be on their grounds, weather permitting at 1.30. Please pray for our schools giving thanks for the great work they do and being so dedicated and committed to the development of children in our communities.

### Partnership Conference on Discipleship

Partnership Conference on 15 September 2018. This final version takes account of feedback at the recent meeting of Partnership Deans and Partnership Chairs and has been endorsed by the Diocesan Implementation Group. I hope you will share this information with your Partnership Development Group and encourage participation.

The conference aims to network people who are taking a lead in certain ministry areas, for example 'young people' or 'spirituality'.

To book Online: [www.partnershipconference2018.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.partnershipconference2018.eventbrite.co.uk)  
Email: [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) Phone: 0191 2433316 The booking deadline is the 5th September 2018. The deadline for bookings is the 5th September 2018 to ensure all are catered for. If you would like paper copies of the leaflet posted out to you please get in touch with Amy McDonagh on [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk). I hope to see you at the conference.

### NEPACS Open Day

Nepacs is a North East charity supporting families and children affected by the imprisonment of a relative. They would like to recruit people to support those in need. They support families through the court case, on the day of sentencing, during the time their relative is in prison and for a short time when their relative is released from prison. The projects aim to relieve the hardship that the families and children face during this difficult time. They are holding an open day in Newcastle on Wednesday 18th July at the Pitcher and Piano on the Quayside in Newcastle (1pm - 2.30pm) for anyone interested in finding out more about the charity and how they can become involved.

### Notes regarding Sermon at Vigil Mass

As promised here are a few notes on my sermon last week, which did seek to cover a lot of ground.  
In referring to the healing stories in the Gospel last week, I have gave a brief summary in chapter called 'Faith and human Flourishing' by a Rowan Williams in his recently published 'Being Human: Bodies, Minds, Person' (SPCK, 2018). Williams explores four areas we need to be aware of if we are to have a mature Christian Faith

#### • Dependence and Autonomy

Dependency and autonomy may seem to be a contradiction in terms. In our society human freedom is an important goal and aspiration. Dependency would appear to be a limitation on our personal freedom. Williams makes the point that if we do not have healthy sense of dependency then we cannot be truly human. Again this would appear to be counter-cultural, for our modern world would appear to encourage a strong degree of independence. A loss of independence would for some appear to be decreasing what it means to be fully human. The reality is from our first to our last moments we are dependent on others. A proper use of our freedom is to realise that we must be dependent on others and ultimately on God. This comes out of the fact that however we perceive ourselves. We are not free floating atoms in society but a part of a complex set of relationships that constitute who we are. Of course some dependencies are destructive. I gave the example of meeting people from AA during the week. Their dependency on alcohol very destructive, but there trust on a 'supreme being' to enable them to liberated from their addiction was essential to their new found freedom from addiction

#### • Educating Our Passions

We are all stimulated by external factors that can arouse a number of basic instincts. There can be two basic responses neither of which are helpful. One is to give those passion free rein in our lives. It is how I feel; I have the right as a free human being to express my feeling so these feelings have the right to be fulfilled. If want a biblical example of this then the younger son in the Story of the Prodigal son would be one. You see where it gets him. However there is a response that is often perceived to be part of the Christian tradition though as Williams points out is not part of classic Christian Spirituality. This is to deny the reality of such feeling and to keep them as supposed and downtrodden as possible. Sadly this denial of our humanity will often result in such feeling being expressed in an explosive way, like a volcano that erupts causing all sorts of destructions. The classic Christian response is to be aware of such feeling so that we can guide them and be informed by them, so that they can be integrated into the fullness of our humanity without them completely us taking over or being totally suppressed. This sense of aware and self-control guided by the Spirit is the way for a healthy humanity

#### • Taking our time

This may be hard to accept but modern society has a perception of time that is counter to a traditional understanding of time. Modern sense of time sees it as a continuous line, that must be filled with as much activity as possible be that work or consuming or being stimulated. Williams points out that a Christian understanding of time is neither linear or circular but is a complex rhythm with our the Christian Liturgical seasons changing with times for fasting and feasting, sorrow and joy, contemplation and action, waiting and celebrating joyful events, with the Church looking back, living in the present moment and looking to the future in joyful expectation As I have said in quoting John Swinton's work- 'Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness and Gentle Discipleship' ( SCM, 2017) the rhythm of time for those with disability or dementia, is very different of a world of thos who think that time is scarce. . A different sense of time can help the way we can be present to

others who are different to us especially with those who suffering or have a disability. To grasp that we can have a different understanding of time to the one given to us by modern society has helped me in the way I relate with family members and parishioners who are ill or disabled

#### • Accepting our Mortality

This is an area that we have as a parish have been exploring recently. In April we had Dr Kath Mannix reflect on her inspiring book 'With the End in Mind: Dying Death & Wisdom in Age of Denial' (William Collins, 2017). Mannix is concerned that we are not able to accept death in modern society and how that can cause so much damage to ourselves and our loved ones. But when we are able to accept our own dying and death, this process become life enhancing and a source of peace and love. Williams reflects Mannix's concerns, that modern society is in denial of the reality of death, so when we are confronted it we are not able to accept it. Williams is concerned that in not being able to acknowledge the reality of death we will not able to accept limitations, which is a major factor in limiting our human maturity. In the Catholic Tradition praying for a good death is central to our faith and in remembering the reality of the Cross when we celebrate the Mass, is to acknowledge our human frailty but this is not a source of despair but it made us realise that we are dependent on God's grace who did become human so that we may have life and have it to the full

In reflecting on these four areas is an invitation to respond to Christ's call to have life and have it to the full, to celebrate that the Christian tradition is to enable this human flourishing according to God's plan.

### Dementia Event for Carers

Tuesday 17th July 2018, Wallsend Memorial Hall, 10 Frank Street,Wallsend. NE28 6RN. 10am – 3pm  
(9:30am Coffee & Registration)Free Event Lunch and refreshments are provided

This event is aimed at unpaid carers who look after someone with dementia. Please see poster at back of church for more details

### 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](mailto:sunderlandpriest@outlook.com)

### Youth Ministry Invitation

All those concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' meeting at the Emmaus Village on Sunday 8th July at 3.00pm (Tea, coffee and cake from 2.15pm). YMT will present a number of opportunities including the national Flame event which happens in March 2019 and this will also be a time to share good practice with people from other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

### Youth Ministry Toolkit

A new online resource is now available on [www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk](http://www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk)

### Faith in Action Award

This national Catholic award scheme for school years 6-11, encouraging young people to reflect on their faith and put into action, can be carried out in both school and parish groups. Two training sessions will take place for those who would like to run the Award: Thurs 5th July 7pm – 8.30pm St Aloysius Parish Hall, Hebburn and Friday 6th July 1.30pm – 3pm at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. To book a place, please contact [admin@ynt.org](mailto:admin@ynt.org)

### 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 [wccm.org](http://wccm.org) The World Community of Christian Meditation.

### 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 is 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 provided by post or email, please contact: [pat.conway1@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.conway1@btinternet.com) or phone 01913868216 or 07943 016225 or write to her at 116 Moor Crescent, Durham DH1 1DL.

### Talk to Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association

There will be a talk on, 'Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Very Catholic Protestant Martyr' 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall at St.Mary, Cullercoats on Wednesday 25th July.

### 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.

### 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.