

MASS READINGS
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Psalm 145

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| <p>1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free.</p> | <p>2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord who loves the just,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age.</p> | |

SECOND READING

God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
 you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Parish website information at: http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk/ 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, 9th September 2018 – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - B

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 8 th September		4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Thanksgiving Mass (BPM)
Sunday 9 th September 23 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Mary Antony	
Monday 10 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 11 th September		9:30am Mass:
Wednesday 12 th September Most Holy Name of Mary	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: No intention	
Thursday 13 th September		9:30am Mass:
Friday 14 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Abraham Elias Sir Linares	
Saturday 15 th September Our Lady of Sorrows		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 16 th September 24 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	11:00am Mass: Neil & Bill Henderson	

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, 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, Katie McVay, Elizabeth and Frank Whillis. Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Baptism

This Sunday at St Joseph's at 1.00pm, we celebrate the baptism of Ida Grace McLauchlin. We pray for Ida and for her family as she is united with Christ and becomes a member of the Christian family.

Parish Proclaimers

We are a group of parishioners who responded to a call made by Fr Chris to form an evangelisation group. This group is open to anyone interested in joining us. We usually meet once every three months to consider and act upon the ways in which we can spread to Good News of Jesus, here in our parish and in the wider community. We aim to support the promotion of parish activities and to spotlight our parish community's Christian living so that the call of the Gospel is made known.

We are at an early stage of our journey and our role and our focus is evolving. We began by looking at our churches environment and asked the questions, "How do people know that we are a Catholic Christian Community?" and "What are the signs that we give?"

We now wish to consider the ways in which spreading the Good News involves actions along with words, showing Jesus and telling of Jesus. We have tasked ourselves with focussing on supporting two aspects of parish life this coming year. The ministry of welcome and how we can be an even more inclusive community with a specific focus on baptism preparation, and renewing our covenant with the poor and how we can better serve those most in need in our community and the wider world. Our next meeting will be advertised as soon as it is known and we ask that anyone who would like to get involved in any way come and join us. If you have any thoughts, comments or ideas in the meantime then please feel free to let Fr Chris know.

Parents and Communities Together

This mother and toddler group that also offers support to mothers in the area has re-started meeting on a Thursday morning from 9.15am at St Cuthbert's. All mums with young children are welcome.

Eucharistic Congress

This weekend there is the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool. There is a delegation from the partnership with our parish being represented by Sean and Millie Crews

Meeting of the Finance Committee

This meeting is now rearranged for Thursday 13th of September at St Joseph's at 7.00pm.

Day of Recollection

At Saint Mary's Parish Centre, Hexham. The day will be led by Rev. Deacon Martin Bell. The event is open to all Extraordinary Ministers within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. The day will start with Mass at 10:00am, followed by tea & coffee. The Day of Recollection itself will start at 11:00am, and will end with 30 minutes of Benediction from 3:00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. If you are interested in attending, please forward your name and contact details to the Parish Secretary at Saint Mary's, Hexham (01434 603119 or email@stmaryshexham.plus.com) before Wednesday 3rd October

Young People's Discipleship Training - IN PURSUIT

Following a period of research and exploration YMT are launching a Discipleship Program beginning with a Residential weekend at the Youth Village on 29th and 30th September. Applications are invited from young people 16 years – 21 years who wish to deepen, grow in faith and learn to lead. This will be an interactive, relevant programme for young people in our diocese. Supported by the Partnerships, young people will have the opportunity to share with others, listen to informed speakers and apply a real sense of discipleship in practical ways. Contact details: Youth Ministry Trust - Phillip Salkeld - inpursuit@ymt.org - 01207 592244 - Facebook page: IN Pursuit - www.hnyouthtoolkit.org.uk/inpursuit

S.V.P.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."

September is SVP Awareness Month - a chance to highlight the work of the Society both in our local community and beyond. This year's theme is "Beyond Boundaries" and aims to illustrate where help is given to the many types of poverty still present amongst us - not merely financial poverty but poverty of spirit - the lonely, the sick, the homeless, the hungry, the displaced and prisoners. Last year nationally 88,000 people were helped, almost half of them were elderly. A visit in their own home or to their care home can be a major tonic. Most visits cost nothing but the Society also helps with food, clothing and utility payments from your vital contributions. Perhaps you could consider becoming a member - more volunteers can mean more visits. If you can't be a member, at present, donations are always welcome - boxes are often available at services or you can give to Fr Chris. Your prayers are, of course, most important. Both our churches have designated SVP notice boards where information is available. Best wishes, Peter Quinn

Pastoral Letter

This weekend, there is a pastoral letter from Bishop Seamus that makes reference to a recent letter from Pope Francis regarding the various scandals regarding the harm caused to children by clergy. Bishop Seamus has asked for copies of Pope Francis' letter to be available. There are copies at the back of Church. As requested in the Letter, there will be a Holy Hour in our parish which will take place from 4.15-5.15 on Saturday 6th October in St Joseph's. Please reflect on Pope Francis letter and pray for those harmed by the actions of the Church and for the hierarchy of the Church to have the wisdom to discern what is needed to prevent further harm to our young people.

Youth Co-Workers

Representatives from all parishes in the partnership meet once a term to be informed and develop work with young people in our partnership, this includes supporting diocesan initiatives, working towards National Youth Sunday, preparing Confirmation candidates, linking with schools and more. New members to the group are always welcome and our next meeting will be towards the end of September. We would be pleased to have you come along and find out more! Our skills are wide ranging; in common we have our enthusiasm to help young people grow in their faith. More volunteers are welcome and needed. Please do think about joining us.

For more information contact Michael Thompson, School Chaplain on: 0191 258 8340 and my email is: mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk

Kerala floods: an SVP appeal

As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

NE First Credit Union

I have been approached by Fr Bill Rooke, who is the Chair of NE First Credit Union, as to whether one of our churches could be a 'pay station' for this Credit Union. It will involve one of the rooms in our churches being open for a couple of hours a week, with at least two people being present in that time to accept payments. Training would be given and Fr Bill Rooke is happy to give more information. If you are interested in supporting our parish involvement with this credit union, please contact Fr Chris

A Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Saint Mary's, Hexham, have organised a 5-day pilgrimage to Walsingham, from 13th to 17th May 2019. Price will depend upon number of people travelling, but will be in the region of £340 per person (includes return coach travel, half board accommodation in en-suite twin bedded rooms at Elmham House, visits to the National Catholic Shrine, the Anglican shrine and either Sandringham or Cromer). There are only 18 places left, so if you are interested, please forward your name and contact details to Saint Mary's Parish Office before 10th September (email@stmaryshexham.plus.com or 01434 603119). Places will be allocated strictly on a first-come first-served basis.

Trip to Holy Island

Everyone enjoyed the trip to Holy Island last Saturday and a fantastic sum of £226.10 was raised for Cafod. Thanks to Nora Pearson for organising the trip and to all of those whose attended. Well done to the Pilgrims that did the walk!

Sick and Housebound in the Parish

If you or you are aware of any parishioner who is not able to attend Mass at the weekend due to sickness or has been unable to find suitable transport with the changing of Mass times, please contact Fr Chris or Pauline Rogers (07443 653380), as soon as you can.

The Catholic Certificate in Religious

Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2018-2019 and can be accessed on the Diocesan website at www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php A free CCRS information evening will be held at St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY on Monday 10 September 2018 from 5.00pm-6.30pm. If you would like to attend this or would like further information, please contact the Diocesan Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk.

Journey of Faith

Fr Chris has already had interest in the Journey of Faith Programme for the autumn. If you or you know of someone who may be interested please contact Fr Chris

Mass Intentions

Fr Chris would like to apologise for some confusion regarding Mass offerings. Your Mass offering will be said at the Church you had put the offering in and not the Mass time. Sorry for any inconvenience. Mass Intentions for the following weekend are always mentioned in the newsletter. If the Mass you had asked for is not stated, please contact Fr Chris.

Partnership Conference on Discipleship

Partnership Conference on 15th 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'. Book Online: www.partnershipconference2018.eventbrite.co.uk Email: 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. I hope to see you at the conference.