

MASS READINGS**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Year C)****FIRST READING***I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.***Jeremiah 33:14-16**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.****Psalm 24**

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour.</p> <p>3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is good and upright.
He show the path to those
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor.</p> |
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SECOND READING*May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes***Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Your liberation is near at hand.***Luke 21:25-28. 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples, “There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars: on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves: men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.” “Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.”

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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, 2nd December 2018 – 1st Sunday of Advent – Year C		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 1 st December		9:30am: Mass: 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Annie & Patrick Breen
Sunday 2 nd December 1 st Sunday of Advent – Year C	11:00am Mass: Frank Lewis	
Monday 3 rd December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 4 th December	10:30am: Funeral Service for Elizabeth Cushinan	9:30am: Mass: Sr Imelda Dent RIP
Wednesday 5 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 6 th December		9:30am: Mass: Raj Johnpulle
Friday 7 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 8 th December		9:30am: Mass: Erlinda Arcillias 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Haractas Kasparavicius
Sunday 9 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent – Year C	11:00am Mass:	

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, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Armbuster, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Katie McVay, Frank Whillis and Chiho Smith. Please pray for all those who has died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Advent

Happy New Year! We begin a new Liturgical year. Before we as a Church reflect on the first coming we as Church reflect not just on waiting for his second coming but on how he reveals himself each day. Advent is seen as a time of joyful expectation and hope. May you and your families received these graces during this time.

Christmas Parcels

"As usual our Parish will be delivering festive hampers to some of our needy residents. Collection plates will be available at the back of both churches, for donations, up to the w/e of 15th/16th December. Donations can also be made to both Fr. Chris and Fr .Michael to whom nominations for parcels can also be made." Thanks for your support, Peter Quinn

Bequest to the Parish

Earlier this year the parish received a generous legacy from the late Joseph Ackerly. The parish council would like to form a sub group to explore how this generous gift could be used for the parish especially as we prepare to celebrate the parish Bicentenary. Please contact Fr Chris or Ian Pearson, if you would like to be part of this group.

Parish Cheese and Wine

There will be a parish cheese and wine event on Saturday evening, 1st December, after the 5.30 Vigil Mass. All are welcome.

Mental Health Assembly

Fr Chris would like to acknowledge his respect and admiration to all those from St Thomas More Academy (STM) who took part in the Mental Health Assembly on November 22nd. Some of you may have seen the school chaplain, Michael Thompson, being interviewed on 'Look North'. In an assembly that had 5 'asks', for the school to be actively campaigning on two of those 'asks', shows what an invaluable contribution the school made to this assembly. Warm congratulations to pupils and staff of STM for being able to obtain a commitment from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to improve the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service clinic in Albion Road, North Shields and for obtaining a commitment from Catherine McKinnell MP, that she will ensure that the House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee will consider mandatory provision of a counsellor in every English school as is the case in Wales and Northern Ireland. Well done to all involved!

Folk & Words for Food

Borough of Tynemouth Unionist Club, Albion Road, North Shields Thursday, 6th December at 20:00. There is going to be a great night of singing, playing and poetry in a few weeks. Price of entry is a tin or two of food for the great BAY Foodbank. Come join us for a fab night for a great cause!

Car Parking

At the parish council meeting, it was asked that people take care when parking their car. I appreciate that space is at a premium at St Joseph's. The parish council is exploring how the situation can be improved.

Lent!

In the Shadow of the Cross: Death, Dying and Grief It may be very early to be thinking about Lent but Churches Together hope to run a course that will cover some of the issues Dr Kathryn Mannix challenged us to look at when she spoke about her book 'With the end in mind'. All the churches in North Shields are being asked as to what issues in terms of death, dying and grief, people would like to explore. It is appreciated that we will need sufficient people to support and listen to others due to the sensitive nature of the issues being covered. To help us with that, it would help us to know if you would be interested in taking part in this course that will start in early March and run one evening a week in Lent. Please contact Fr Chris if you are interested in this course or have any suggestions as to what you would like to be discussed

Advent Concert

With The Ravenswood Singers Saturday 15th December 7pm St Aidan's Church Wallsend NE28 0EP. Tickets: £6.00 Including a complimentary glass of wine. Please contact Andrea 07825511399 www.newpilgrimpath.ie The site is inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the Internet. He urges Christians to "walk the streets of the digital highways... Let us boldly become citizens of the digital world... in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ". New Pilgrim Path is aimed at helping fellow Christian travellers of all denominations to mine the rich resources of the Web in the search for meaning and belonging. Because the choice is so huge and, at times, bewildering, we provide a brief description of every site we have visited. This aims at helping visitors to New Pilgrim Path find the sites that are likely to be relevant and interesting to them at the particular stage of their journey. We have pages devoted to a range of resources, including daily prayer, Divine Office, online retreats, inspirational reflections, spiritual poetry, religious broadcasts, and many others.

Severe Weather Emergence Protocol (SWEP)

North Tyneside Council have a SWEP when the temperature reaches zero between November and March. Those that don't have shelter can sleep at Oxford Street Methodist Church hall, Whitley Bay. They arrive at around 9.30pm and leave at 8.00am after breakfast.. We are looking for volunteers to stay with our guests. This year the premises will be open from 7.00pm. Volunteers will be needed from 7.00pm till 9.30am. We also need donation of gloves, beanie hats and any unwanted adult sleeping bags. For more information contact Chris Lincoln 07549015896 or email whitleybay@streetpastors.org.uk. Donations can be left with Steve Shippen, Thank you

LGBT+

Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to join a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? They plan to meet one evening a month at St Dominic's Catholic Church for a varied programme, which would include Mass, prayer, Bible Study, discussion and Social time. If you are interested contact Isabel on: 07858 934457.

Christmas Coffee Morning

The Christmas Coffee Morning raised £1169. That is a great total. Well done to all involved. Your hard work and commitment is appreciated by all the parish. A big thank-you to you all- Fr Chris.

Diocesan Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Senior Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. The successful candidate will be experienced in office management and general administration and will manage the full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checking process. Closing date: 10 December. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Funeral Service

There will be the funeral of Elizabeth Cushinan on Tuesday, 4th December at 10:30am at St Cuthbert's.

Christmas Candles

If you would like Christmas Candles to be on display at St Joseph's for an intention or in memory of, slips at back of church. Please see Janet Martin.

CAFOD's Live Simply Award

This is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

Some Live Simply Award communities have encouraged people to walk or cycle to church or school, install solar panels, start recycling schemes, join a climate change campaign, support Fairtrade stalls or donate to a local food bank. The award celebrates what you have already done and inspires you to do more. It helps your community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully. This weekend Fr Chris will be saying more about this.

Residential Retreat for Youth

From 7th-9th December. For school years 7-13. Being held at: Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Nr Consett, County Durham DH8 9RT. Contact clare.neslon@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

Advent and Christmas in the Parish and Partnership

It has been decided in the Partnership Development Group that all the parishes will hold a service of hymns and reading during the Advent and Christmas Period. Below are the time and date of the services. There is also the times of Parish Carol Service and Mass for Christmas Day

2 nd December	4.00pm:	Immaculate Heart
9 th December	4.00pm:	St Aidan's
16 th December	4.00pm:	St Bernadette's
19 th December	7.00pm:	Penitential Service at St Mary's, Cullercoats
23 rd December	4.00pm:	St Columba's
	6.00pm:	Parish Christmas Carol Service at St Joseph's
24 th December	8.00pm:	The First Mass of Christmas at St Cuthbert's (Carols starting 7:30pm)
25 th December	9.30 am	Mass at St Joseph's
	11.00am	Mass at St Cuthbert's
30 th December:	4:00pm	St Cuthbert's (Celebration of the Family lead by the Syro-Malabar Community)

Update from Partnership Development Group

The group explored the idea of having a banner which could travel around the partnership and help to give us an identity as a partnership. This is going to be further explored working with St Thomas More Academy students to see what they could do to enable this to happen. Mgr Faley led the group through an exercise looking at what issues we need to deal with as a partnership. The partnership development group continues to look at what best we can do as a partnership and what is best done as individual parishes.

Use of Mobile Phones

It has been brought to the attention of Fr Chris that people are using their phones during Mass. Other people are finding this to be distracting. If there is something that urgently demands your attention please respond to this outside the Church. Please also ensure that your phone is switched off or on silent during Mass.

FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS – DIARY DATES

Pantomime: Aladdin
Saturday, 5th January 2019, 1:00pm, Tynemouth Priory Theatre

Christmas Gifts Scheme

If you are wondering what to get family and friends for Christmas and you do not want to buy presents that are not needed, CAFOD enables you to buy gifts that will help the poorest and most vulnerable in our world. Please see and take away catalogues provided by CAFOD.

Mercy Associates

Christmas Coffee Morning

The Mercy Associates Christmas Coffee Morning with mince pie will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday, December 4th at 10:15am. Prize bingo, lucky dip and raffle. Tickets £1.00.

Christmas Parcel Appeal

The Mercy Associates would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable goods. These can be left at the back of St Joseph's Church.