

MASS READINGS
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Year C)

FIRST READING

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

MICAH 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 79

Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

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| <p>1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
 shine forth from your cherubim throne.
 O Lord, rouse up your might,
 O Lord, come to our help.</p> | <p>2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
 look down from heaven and see.
 Visit this vine and protect it,
 the vine your right hand has planted.</p> |
| <p>3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
 the man you have given your strength.
 And we shall never forsake you again:
 give us life that we may call upon your name.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin: then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, "God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will." Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

What must we do?

Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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Sunday, 22nd December 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent & Sunday, 30th December 2018 – The Holy Family – Year C

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 22 nd December		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Fatkin Family
Sunday 23 rd December 4 th Sunday of Advent – Year C	11:00am Mass: Kath & Brian Finlay Golden Wedding	6:00pm: Parish Carol Service
Monday 24 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion 8:00pm: First Mass of Christmas	
Tuesday 25 th December Christmas Day	11:00am: Mass:	9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 26 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 27 th December		9:30am: Mass: Mary Groake
Friday 28 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 29 th December		9:30am: Mass: Teresa Hobson 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Mursas Jonavicius
Sunday 30 th December The Holy Family – Year C	11:00am Mass:	6:00pm: Parish Carol Service
Monday 31 st December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 1 st January	11:00am: Mass:	9:30am: Mass: Jonas Mikolas
Wednesday 2 nd January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 3 rd January		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 4 th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 5 th January		9:30am: Mass: 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of Parish
Sunday 6 th January The Epiphany – Year C	11:00am Mass:	6:00pm: Parish Carol Service

MASS READINGS

THE HOLY FAMILY (Year C)

FIRST READING

Samuel is made over to the Lord for the whole of his life.

Samuel 1:20-22. 2-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel "since" she said "I asked the Lord for him.

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, "not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever."

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three- year old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, "If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord." There she left him for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Psalm 83

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God.
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you,
They walk with every growing strength.
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
give ear, O God of Jacob
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed.

SECOND READING

We are called God's children: and that is what we are.

John 3:1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, and therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall all be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these; that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We now that he lives in use by the Spirit that he has given us.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors.

Luke 2:41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions and all those who heard him were astounded at this intelligence and his replied. They were overcome when they saw him and his mother said to him. "My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you." "Why were you looking for me?" he replied, "Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority, His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Christmas 2018

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, not been easy, Jesus Christ, Fr Chris would like to take the opportunity to wish all the parish and your family the joy, peace, hope and love of this time. At a time of national uncertainty and changes in the parish that have not been easy, I hope we can all take a step back and reflect on what really matter and what is central to our faith. Christmas proclaims a belief in God who comes into the mess, violence and uncertainty of our world offering divine life here and now. That does not mean we can have a life of a 'bed of roses' but the in the struggles and challenges of life, the tenderness, compassing, love, hope and peace of God can break through. Fr Chris sincerely hope and pray that you are able to know that love and peace at this time.

Thank-you

Since this will be the last newsletter of the year, Fr Chris would like to take this opportunity to thank-you for all you do within the life of the parish. A great deal of work goes on not just at Christmas but throughout the year to ensure that the life of the parish continues. A lot of this is done quietly 'behind the scenes', but people's work and dedication is very much appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge people's generosity. This is not just indicated in the generous gifts and cards that I have received but I am also very conscious that I am housed and fed only through what people give on a regular basis throughout the year when for many incomes are not rising in accordance of inflation. Your generosity is much appreciated and I hope it is not taken for granted. I also think it is only appropriate to acknowledge my own shortcomings and if I have offended anyone by act or omission, I do apologise.

Finally I would also want to express my sincere thanks to the parish for the support and prayers I was given during the time of my Uncle's illness, his death, and then soon after, the tragic death of my sister's brother in law, David Scott. It was a challenging time, but people's love, prayers and encouragement was a vital factor in ensuring I was able to keep going. My prayers and thanks to you all.

Sunday Mass Intentions in 2019

In looking at other parish bulletins, I am reminded that it is a Canon Law requirement that one of the Sunday Mass be offered for the People of the Parish. I will alternate from St Cuthbert's to St Joseph's and vice-versa each week which will me that only one Mass each weekend can be offered. I will honour requests already made for January but from then, one of the Masses will be of the people of the parish. If want a Mass said at a weekend, it may be a two-three months waiting time. Having a Mass offered during a weekday should be more straight forward.

Baptism

On the Feast of the Holy Family at the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's, on December 30th, we will have the baptism of Gabriel Remington Carter. Last year we had the Baptism and Funeral of his elder sister Eliana at Cuthbert's. Having supported their parents, Chris and Joey, at a sad time, we can now share in their joy at the birth of Gabriel. Please keep, Joey, Chris, Gabriel and their 'Angel Baby' Eliana in your prayers

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

The last of the Advent Services is on 23rd December at 4:00pm at St Columba's.

Christmas Services in the Parish		
23 rd December	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
29 th December	5.30 pm	St Joseph's Vigil Mass
30 th December	11.00am	St Cuthbert's Sunday Morning Mass
30 th December:	4:00pm	St Cuthbert's (Celebration of the Family lead by the Syro-Malabar Community)

Parish Christmas cards designed by the children

These are available at the back of church this weekend. The idea is that they are distributed to as many people as possible. Please could you collect some if you take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound? If you visit someone on your own or as a member of the SVP could you collect some to be given out? If you could deliver to neighbours or know anyone at all who would appreciate a card then please pick one up and deliver them. The cards just need to be signed by you on behalf of the Parish of St. Cuthbert and St. Joseph. Many thanks, the Parish Proclaimers.

FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS – DIARY DATES	
Pantomime: Aladdin	
Saturday, 5 th January 2019, 1:00pm, Tynemouth Priory Theatre	
Tickets: Adult £8.00, Children £6.00	
Lists are up in the back of church, please put names and numbers required.	

Medical Aid Sacred Heart (MASH)

Have a Christmas appeal to help someone with MS who needs our help. If you'd like more details please contact Gerry O'Hanlon gerryohanlon@gmail.com or see the Sacred Heart Church website: <http://www.sacredheartng.org.uk/>