

**MASS READINGS**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**  
**FIRST READING**

*Ezra read from the law of God and the people understood what was read.*

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

**Psalm 18**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.	2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.	4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

**SECOND READING**

*You together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

**Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.' What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

**ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*The text is being fulfilled today.*

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

<p><b>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church</b>          Albion Road West          North Shields</p>	<p>Tynemouth Priory Partnership</p> 	<p><b>Saint Joseph Catholic Church</b>          Wallsend Road          North Shields</p>
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<p><b>Parish website information at: <a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b>          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.</p>		
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**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January		9:30am: Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – Year C	11:00am Mass:	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Elizabeth Jones	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January St John Bosco		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February St Bridget	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord		9:30am: Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Goodwin Family
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – Year C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	

**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, Frank Whillis and Chiho Smith.

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

### The Gospel of Luke in Year 'C'

Now that the last three Sundays have explored themes of Epiphany, we now start going through Luke's Gospel for most Sundays till December. Here are just a few distinctive points for you to keep in mind as you hear this gospel in the coming year:

- St Luke is the only evangelist who was born a gentile. He is also the only evangelist who has also given an account of the early Church in his Acts of the Apostles. So his accounts starts with The angel appearing to Zechariah in the temple, the heart of the Jewish tradition but for the Romans a remote backwater of the Roman Empire and ends with Paul in Rome, proclaiming the Good News in Rome, the most powerful city in the world at that time
- St Luke places emphasis on the compassion and mercy of God revealed through Christ. Famous stories that come to represent the Christian faith such as the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal son and the conversion of Zacchaeus only appear in this Gospel. It is only in Luke's gospel that we have Jesus forgiving his killers while on the Cross and his announcement to the thief 'I tell you truly, today you will be with me in paradise
- Along with these stories of compassion we have a number of references of Jesus on his own praying, we have teaching on prayer and famously we have Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, with Martha being told Mary has chosen the better part. So an integration of contemplation and compassion is central to Luke's understanding of Jesus
- Most of the famous stories associated with the birth of Jesus are found in this Gospel. The annunciation, the visitation, the appearance to the shepherds, the stories of the Presentation and the finding of Jesus in the temple are only found in this Gospel.
- It is this Gospel that a great deal of emphasis is given to the Mother of Jesus. The Angel appearing to Mary, the visit to Elizabeth, her telling of the Magnificat, Mary giving birth in a stable and Mary at Pentecost are all stories only found this gospel
- Finally we have a number of references to the Holy Spirit. It only Luke who gives is the story of Pentecost, with the Holy Spirit coming on the apostles, and the movement of the Spirit is found in the Gospel and in Acts

I hope from the above and from your own prayer you will see the significance of Luke gospel throughout this year, especially in his call for a deep integration of our contemplation and action

### Parish Council

Four members of the parish council have to come to the end of their term. They are Sharon McCoy, Sarah McLaughlin, Nora Pearson, Ian Pearson. Catherine Kelly has also offered her resignation. On behalf of the parish Fr Chris would like to pass on his sincere thanks for their contribution to the council over the last three years.

Nominations have been received Ann Cudworth, Lee Treliving, Charlotte Law, Myra Edwards and Ian Pearson. Since there were 6 vacancies, all 5 have been duly elected onto the council. Mishama Sony has been co-opted on to the council as part of his preference for at least two people of secondary school age to be on the council. Since it was felt that the election of officers should take place with the new members of the council taking part, this will take place till at the next meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Renewing our relationship with Christ

Sat 9th Feb Another chance to experience a day led by Fr Michael Hickey, renewing our relationship with Christ. Its a great opportunity to explore who God is, who we are, what the church is all about and our relationship to the environment. It's at St Cuthbert's and runs from 10am - 4pm. Please bring your own lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided. Please let Fr Michael know if you would like to attend on 07912 060628.

### The Source

The next event for young people at the Cathedral is on February 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The theme is Significance. With FLAME just around the corner we have invited one of FLAME's MC's, Mary Palmer, to join us at the next Source to share with us why her faith is significant and how God moved in interesting and unexpected ways. Whether you're going to Flame or not, this is not to be missed. Maria Martindale will also be there to lead us in reflective music, offering us a chance to stop and take breath in this busy term. We can't wait to see you all there. Arrivals from 6.45. All young people from year 9 are welcome.

### Car Parking at the Vigil Mass

Fr Chris is aware that some concern has been expressed about parking at the Vigil Mass. One possible solution is to ask St Joseph's Primary school to use the car park. However, it was decided that before we continue on this, it would be helpful to know if there were people willing to take responsibility for opening and closing the school car park and that people would be willing to use the car park, which is a short walk from the school to the church. If you could indicate your views to Fr Chris, that would be very helpful.

### Ordinary Time

We are now in 'Ordinary Time' till Ash Wednesday on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Having said that, the readings for this Sunday are still a continuation of Epiphany. This Sunday we have the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana, which along with the Story of the Magi and the Baptism of the Lord were the three events that were originally celebrated on the Feast of Epiphany. We are still focusing on God revealing himself to us in Christ. In the Miracle of Cana we have a strong sense of God seeking to transform the realities around us to enable us to meet his presence. Let's be open to transformations in ourselves and our world that, indications of God revealing himself to us in our ordinary day to day lives.

### Readers Training

St. Mary Parish Hall, Cullercoats, Farringdon Road, North Shields, NE30 3EY

Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	7.00pm-9.00pm, and
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	10.30am – 4.00pm

(Includes Commissioning service) please book early as places are limit. Please contact Fr Chris if you would like to take part,

### Safeguarding

The diocesan safeguarding department are now in a position to proceed with the updating of DBS certificates. If your DBS is more than 3 years old then you need to apply for an update. If the date on your DBS is prior to January 2016 then you need to apply for an update. You no longer require a DBS if you are a welcomer. Eucharistic Ministers only need to update their DBS if they take Holy Communion out to someone in the community. If you just assist during Mass or Services of Word and Communion, but do not take Holy Communion out then you no longer need a DBS. Clare Harvey the Parish Safeguarding Representative for both churches will be available after Masses this weekend to assist. Please let her know if you know that your DBS needs updating, if you no longer require one or if you intend to update online. Thanks.

### World Youth Day

The World Youth Day in Panama is taking place with over 150,000 young people taking part. Please keep our young people in our prayers, that they will be open to the good news as proclaimed by Pope Francis.

### Feedback from Parish Groups

#### Parish Proclaimers

1. Welcome and thank you to Lee Treliving who has joined us to take forward our "Live Simply" campaign. Lee will be applying to CAFOD on our behalf and will assist in completing our parish audit and action plan. We hope to cement our commitment to living simply, in solidarity with the poor, and sustainably with creation by undertaking a variety of activities that enhance and promote our response to Pope Francis' Laudato Si document.
2. Tyne and Wear Citizens - we remain committed to furthering work in this area and hope to work with the partnership and all those involved in supporting this initiative. It is hoped that the young people from St. Thomas More and Michael Thompson, their chaplain will come and speak to the parish about their work soon. Fr Chris and Michael Thompson have been invited to speak to the diocesan secondary head teachers about their work with the Tyne and Wear Citizens and the success of the mental health campaign in particular.
3. On Ash Wednesday we are looking to distribute ashes outside of North Shields Metro Station as a sign of witness.
4. During Lent we are looking to create displays using some of the trees outside of both churches to spread the joy of the Gospel to others.
5. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in our work, even if you can only contribute in a small way. All welcome to come along to our next meeting on 6th February at 7.15pm at St. Cuthbert's parish centre.

#### Parking in general

Could we remind all users of our car parks that at no time should parking restrict access to emergency vehicles. This includes parking in front of church doors and in block marked areas. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

#### Emergency Wardens

Volunteers are needed for wardens at the weekend Masses to escort people out of the building if there was a fire or another emergency in the building. This is particularly the case at St Cuthbert's. Please see Fr Chris if you are willing to take up this role.

#### Pope John Paul II Award

*From Bishop Seamus*

"I am writing to invite you to the annual Award Ceremony for the Pope John Paul II Award which takes place on Thursday 14th March 2019 in the Tyne Theatre and Opera House, 117 Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE1 4AG at 7.00pm.

We have more than 100 young people receiving awards and hope the number will grow in future years. I know that many of you have been involved with the young people participating in the award, providing vital encouragement. Next year's participants are already registered and working so your continued support for the new group is also much appreciated.

Entrance to the event will be by ticket only so if you would like to attend please

e-mail [jp2award@ymt.org](mailto:jp2award@ymt.org) by Friday 15th February or telephone the Emmaus Youth Village on 01207 592244 and they will send you a ticket."

#### Newman Association

Kathryn Mannix, "Bringing Death Back to Life", Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup> 7.30 in the Church Hall at St. Mary's, Cullercoats. Kathryn Mannix is a consultant in palliative care who took early retirement in order to help public understanding of death. Her book, With the End in Mind, published last year to critical acclaim, became a Sunday Times bestseller.

### CAFOD

Lent 2019 will soon be upon us. CAFOD's Lent Fast Day preparations will be getting into swing in the New Year. Clare Dixon, CAFOD's Head of Latin America, Caribbean and Mozambique programme will be visiting us on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January to speak about CAFOD's work in El Salvador. Clare has vast experience of our work in these countries. Our evening with Clare will begin with a shared meal from 6.30pm. The meeting will begin proper at 7.00pm. The venue is St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle NE15 7PY. Please do come along and join us. If you can, please bring a little something for our shared table.

### Holocaust Memorial

This year the Holocaust Memorial Evening will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.00pm at St. Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7PE. The guest speaker will be Mrs Gay Keenaghan. The title of her lecture will be 'Torn from Home'.

Booking essential. This can be done by going to: [www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.interreligioushn.eventbrite.co.uk) or calling 0191 2655290. See poster at the back of the church for full details.

### Requiem Masses

The Requiem Mass for Matty Baker will take place at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 1.00pm.

### Wool

The Cedarwood Trust have an abundance of wool. If you would like some or know of a group who would appreciate some please contact Claire Wilkinson, the Office Manager, Cedarwood Trust on: 0191 2590245.

### Urgent Appeal for Volunteers for Trinity Charity Shop

The Trinity Charity Shop on Wallsend Road, opposite St Joseph's Primary School, is an ecumenical venture that provides much needed financial help for local churches, Anglican and Catholic. On Thursdays, parishioners from this parish take responsibility for running the shop. This participation entitles the parish to 20% of the profits. Over the past 12 months this has brought c £7,000 to the parish. (£1,800 was received for the last quarter.)

Due to health and some of our volunteers having to cease helping due to family commitments, we are short of volunteers. If we are unable to find new volunteers then we will have to give up running the shop on a Thursday with a loss of this income. So any offers of help, be it just a couple of hours would be much appreciated.

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This is a shared day between the volunteers, at present 2 or 3 volunteers work for 2 hours.

The work entails taking in and sorting goods, keeping the premises clean and tidy, pricing and selling goods.

This is a very rewarding job in a friendly location which benefits the church by their share of the takings. While regular commitment is needed, every effort is made to cover time off required by volunteers.

Please contact Michael Hanlon or Bill Skelly or call into the shop any Thursday and have a chat to our current volunteers who will be happy to show you what's involved.

**Collections – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**£657.40**