

## MASS READINGS

### FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR C)

#### FIRST READING

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it.*

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. The word of the Lord.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

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| 1. Lord God, how great you are,<br>clothed in majesty and glory,<br>wrapped in light as in a robe!<br>You stretch out the heavens like a tent.   | 2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.<br>You make the clouds you chariot,<br>you walk on the wings of the wind,<br>you make the winds your messengers<br>and flashing fire your servants. |
| 3. How many are your works, O Lord!<br>In wisdom you have made them all.<br>The earth is full of your riches.<br>There is the sea, vast and wide,<br>with its moving swarms past counting,<br>living things great and small. | 4. All of these look to you<br>to give them their food in due season.<br>You give it, they gather it up:<br>you open your hand, they have their fill.   |
| 5. You take back your spirit, they die,<br>returning to the dust from which they came.<br>You sent forth your spirit, they are created;<br>and you renew the face of the earth.  |   |

#### SECOND READING

*He saved us by the cleansing water of re-birth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.*

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life. The word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*While Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

**Psalm 103**

**Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

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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, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord (C)

<b>Masses, Devotions and Services</b>		
	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> January		4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of Parish
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of the Lord – Year C	11:00am Mass: Frank Turnbull	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Margaret & John Keenaghan	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January		9:30am: Mass: Jonas Mikolas
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> January		9:30am: Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Costello Family
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year – Year C	11:00am Mass: Betty Calender	

#### 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.

### The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Baptism of the Lord. The feast is part of the Christmas season, a continuation of the theme of Epiphany. We celebrate as God reveals himself to us. As schools return and we embrace our daily routines after the Christmas celebrations, we are called to be open to God revealing himself to us in varied and many ways.

### First Holy Communion Liturgies

This Sunday we have the next of our First Holy Communion Liturgies. We reflect on God's forgiveness for us at the Penitential rite. The children are preparing to make their First Confession on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at St Cuthbert's at 7.00pm. We continue to pray for our children as they prepare for this next step in their journey of faith. The next sessions are for children and parents on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm at St Cuthbert's and on 20<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am at St Joseph's.

### Parish Proclaimers

The next meeting of Parish Proclaimers, which explore how can we as a parish can witness and evangelise will be this Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's. All our welcome.

### 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.

### Trinity Shop

Fr Chris has recently received the cheque from the Trinity Shop Committee for the latest quarter. The cheque was for £1,800. This is another great total. Thanks to all who contribute to the shop especially those who volunteer in the shop on behalf of the parish on a Thursday.

### 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.

### Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

**Finance Assistant**, Dept. for Finance, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date: 21<sup>st</sup> January.

**Administrator**, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley - 16 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Administrator**, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> January.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us Tel. 0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

### The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From 17<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> January is the Octave (week and day) of Prayer for the Unity of Christians throughout the world. There will be a service for North Shields Churches Together at the Hawkeye's Lane Methodist Church at 6.00pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January. I hope as many of you can attend. We are called to pray that we are 'All are one'. In the west tend to reflect on the divisions of the Reformation between the Catholic and Protestant tradition, but we should also remember the division between the Wester traditions and the Eastern Orthodox which was an earlier but greater division in the family of the Church. We pray for an increased understanding among the Christian denominations and to renew our call to deepen our relationship with Christ.

### Annual Blessing of Animals

The feast of St Anthony of Egypt is on January 17<sup>th</sup>. St Anthony is the Patron Saint of Animals. So if you would like your pet blessed you will have an opportunity to do so on 20<sup>th</sup> January at St Cuthbert's at 4.00pm.

### 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.

### White Flower Appeal

This weekend we will have the annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC). The main focus of their work will be to prevent further attempts in the House of Commons to decriminalise abortions.

### Peace Sunday

On January 1<sup>st</sup> Pope Francis issued his annual world message for Peace. In it he said 'Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those men and women who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history. The "house" of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country and continent, in all their diversity and history. It is first and foremost each individual person, without distinction or discrimination. But it is also our "common home": the world in which God has placed us and which we are called to care for and cultivate.'

Peace Sunday will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019, where the theme will be 'Good politics serves peace'. We are reminded that being peacemakers and praying for peace is central to our call as missionary disciples

### Parish Council

There are five vacancies on the parish council. Nominations are to be given either to Fr Chris, Ian Pearson or Clare Marie Harvey by 6pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January. The Chair of the Parish Council, Ian Pearson has indicated that he wishes to step down from this role so a new chair will be elected at the next meeting, which is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm.

### Partnership Development Group Service for the Feast of the Holy Family

I would like to thank all those from our Syro-Marabellian Community who were involved with this service, especially to Olivia, Mishma and Shantel who prepared the dances and to Sunil Thomas who co-ordinated the whole service. It was prayerful, enchanting, moving and inspiring. Clearly a lot of hard work had gone into preparing the service, not just the dancing and choreography but in preparing the costumes. All those who were there were touched by it. Many thanks.

### Car Parking

It has been brought to Fr Chris' attention that the disabled bays are being used by cars that do not have the blue badge. The use of the disabled bays are for cars that have the blue badge.

### 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 mean 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 for the people of the parish. If you 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.

### Northern Catholic Calendar

The new edition for 2019 is now on sale. 'Ringbound' copies are £3.50 and 'Flat' copies £3.00

### APF Red Box Holders

APF Red Box calendars available for your collection at the back of church.

### Volunteers needed for Trinity Charity Shop

Volunteers urgently needed to work in the Trinity Charity Shop on a Thursday, hours to suit. Please contact Michael Hanlon or Bill Skelly.

### Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Maureen & Stan Storer would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone for their cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers on their celebration of 60 years of marriage.

### Pantomime

Once again thank you to Nora Pearson for all the hard work involved in organising the parish annual visit to the Pantomime at Tynemouth Priory. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done Nora!

### Collections – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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