

**MASS READINGS**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
**FIRST READING**

*Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

Psalm 71

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| <p>1. God, give your judgement to the king,<br/>to a king's son your justice,<br/>that he may judge your people in justice<br/>and your poor in right judgement.</p>                                                     | <p>2. In his days justice shall flourish<br/>and peace till the moon fails.<br/>He shall rule from sea to sea,<br/>from the Great River to earth's bounds.</p> |
| <p>3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts<br/>shall pay him tribute.<br/>The kings of Sheba and Seba<br/>shall bring him gifts.<br/>Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,<br/>all nations shall serve him.</p> | <p>4. For he shall save the poor when they cry<br/>and the needy who are helpless.<br/>He will have pity on the weak<br/>and save the lives of the poor.</p>   |

**SECOND READING**

*It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.*

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just described it very shortly. This that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

**Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.*

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk">http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.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>		
<p><b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b>          Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021          Father Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770          St Cuthbert's Church ☎ 0191 257 3408</p>	<p><b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b>          Father John McElhone ☎ 0191 262 3820          Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Stephen Watson ☎ 07768 3873931          Father David Smith: ☎ 0191 262 3882</p>	

**Sunday, 6th January 2019 – The Epiphany**

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 5th January		4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of Parish
Sunday 6th January The Epiphany	11:00am Mass: Bill & Neil Henderson	
Monday 7th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 8th January		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 9th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Mohammed	
Thursday 10th January		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 11th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 12th January		4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of Parish
Sunday 13th January Baptism of the Lord – Year C	11:00am Mass: Frank Turnbull	

**Bidding Prayers and our Partnership**

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

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| 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 Epiphany**

This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Epiphany. We celebrate God who reveals himself in our world, outward sign, like the star over Bethlehem that lead to God's self-giving. Wishing you all glimpses of grace and gazes of glory.

### **Our Parish Christmas Celebrations**

Fr Chris would like to express his thanks to all who in anyway contributed to ensure our celebrations of Christmas were uplifting and prayerful occasions. The presence and contribution of the pupils and staff of St Joseph's and St Thomas More's at the Parish Carol Service was especially appreciated.

### **Happy 2019**

On this first weekend of 2019, Fr Chris would like to wish you and all your loved ones a blessed and joyful 2019. With the uncertainty of Brexit, Fr Chris can understand how some may feel apprehensive regarding the months ahead. I pray that you may know the peace, strength and courage of God so that we know the depth and fullness of God's love as celebrated in the Christmas period to face the opportunities and challenges of this new year. May we as a nation act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

### **Liturgy and Formation Group**

There will be a meeting of this group on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at St Cuthbert's at 7:30pm. Anyone who would like to contribute to this group would be very welcome.

### **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**

Next 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

### **Sir Alan Campbell MP**

I have written on behalf of the parish to congratulate our MP, Alan Campbell, who has been granted a Knighthood in the New Year's Honours List. As I said in my e-mail, it is good that his service to the constituents of Tynemouth Constituency for nearly 22 year has been given national recognition.

### **The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle vacancies**

As follows:

**Health and Safety Officer** - required to co-ordinate all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese, ensuring that all Diocesan properties and activities conducted in and around them are safe and without risk as far as reasonably practicable. Based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Closing date: 11<sup>th</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)

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 of 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.