

MASS READINGS FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. 'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. 'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 70

Response: My lips will tell of your help.

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| <p>1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.</p> | <p>2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked</p> |
| <p>3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my help. .</p> | <p>4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still.</p> |

SECOND READING

Corinthians 12:31-13:13

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever. Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:21-30

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.' "There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman." When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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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, 3rd February 2019 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

	Masses, Devotions and Services	
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 2 nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord		9:30am: Mass Peter Hughes 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Goodwin Family
Sunday 3 rd February 4 th Sunday of the Year – Year C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 4 th February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 5 th February		9:30am: Mass: Maurice Black
Wednesday 6 th February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Stephen & George Bunting	
Thursday 7 th February		9:30am: Mass: Vera & Olive Latimer
Friday 8 th February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Hugh Blair	
Saturday 9 th February		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th February 5 th Sunday of the Year – Year C	11:00am Mass: Anniversary of the death of Roger Fernandez	

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.

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This week-end we have our next Liturgy for our First Holy Communion children. This time we will be taking the theme of 'Listening to the Word'. Please continue to pray for our candidates

In Service Training for Sacristans and Liturgical Lay Leaders ("Marking the Books")

Thursday 21st March 10:30am-3.00pm. Cost £5.00 This will take place at St. Hilda's Resource Centre St. Cuthbert House, 391 West Road Newcastle, NE15 7PY Participants will need to bring a packed lunch. Please contact Fr Chris if you are interested in this course

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

You are warmly invited to the celebration of Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is 'World Day of the Sick'. Mass will be celebrated on Monday 11th February at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Penshaw at 7pm. Refreshments are available after Mass. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to gather as a diocese to celebrate this feast.

Make Dance Happen

Are you passionate about dance? Do you believe that getting older means getting better? Are you ready for a new challenge, and to take leading role? Make Dance Happen is a programme for older participants, artists, and community volunteers of all abilities and experience to learn to run a dance ensemble within their own community. Make Dance Happen is a 'learning by doing' programme with community volunteers and artists. It provides participants with the skills and knowledge to co-produce neighbourhood arts events on their doorstep. Led by our experienced team - who have lived and breathed creative production over many years - Make Dance Happen covers: Project design and development Securing investment Artist recruitment, Budgeting and financial control, Event planning/management, Monitoring and evaluation, Legacy planning Make Dance Happen also includes a budget for participants to lead their very first dance event with their group. Helix Arts will offer support and encouragement to get it off the ground. Our North Tyneside programme will begin on Thursday 7th February (1-4pm), and run for 8 weeks, at Meadow Well Connected. For more information, or to register interest, please contact Susie Batey (Creative Producer), on 0191 241 4931, or susannah.batey@helixarts.com

Parish Nursing

This is a form of ministry by registered Nurses. If you would like more information please go to: www.parishnursing.org.uk

Pilgrimage to Rome 20th – 24th May 2019

The Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea (Whitley Bay) is having a Pilgrimage to Rome led by Mgr Andrew Faley 20th – 24th May 2019. Flights are direct from Newcastle to Rome. For Further information please contact Deirdre James 251 3740 or Anne Wilson 252 5850

Words of Encouragement

From Penny Howes who with her husband come from Manchester. They visited the parish last week-end while seeing family. She has kindly given permission to share her note on the newsletter. I thought the parish would appreciate this note of encouragement and affirmation "I am just emailing to thank you for the wonderful Mass my husband and I attended in your church on Saturday evening (26th). I don't normally do this, but it was such a grace-filled experience I feel you should be told! We were up in the north-east for the day... What an amazing find your parish was - we were enthusiastically welcomed when we ran in out of the rain; the music was excellent and clearly well chosen for the scriptures; the sense of family and community was palpable and we felt incredibly nourished by the whole experience! The Holy Spirit is clearly very much at work among you."

Diocesan Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Administrator, St Paul's, Alnwick – 9 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 11 February. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

CAFOD- Prayer for Yemen

A prayer for Yemen
Giver of Life,
Who hears the cries from Yemen;
of mothers choosing between medicine or food,
of parents grieving children lost to starvation,
of those who have given up everything in hunger.
Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace

In your mercy,
Break political deadlocks,
Soften hardened hearts,
Change closed minds,
Open unhearing ears.
Let people come before power
Let life be holy again
Let your justice and peace
Shape the nation of Yemen
And the lives of all people Amen

Any contributions to CAFOD for their work in Yemen would be accepted and appreciated

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 5th.

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.

Appeal for Nurses for Lourdes

There has been an appeal for the Diocese for nurses to take part in the pilgrimage. If interested contact Fr Peter Stott on 01670 513410

The Source

The next event for young people at the Cathedral is on February 6th 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.

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.

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.

Readers Training

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

Monday 11th March 2019 7.00pm-9.00pm, and
Saturday 16th 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,

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 by Friday 15th February or telephone the Emmaus Youth Village on 01207 592244 and they will send you a ticket."

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.

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 – 27th January 2019
£826.86