

MASS READINGS SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

The Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand.

Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13.22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

Response: The Lord is compassion and love

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| <p>1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.</p> | <p>2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.</p> | <p>4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.</p> |

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:45-49

We who have been modelled on the earthly man will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Alleluia

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

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'But I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

<p>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church Albion Road West North Shields</p>	<p>Tynemouth Priory Partnership</p> 	<p>Saint Joseph Catholic Church Wallsend Road North Shields</p>
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<p>Parish website information at: http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk 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, 24th February 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 23 rd February		9:30am: Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 24 th February 7 th Sunday of the Year – Year C	11:00am Mass: Lena Armbruster	
Monday 25 th February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 26 th February		9:30am: Mass: Mary Kelly
Wednesday 27 th February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: 80 th Anniversary of Team of our Lady	
Thursday 28 th February		9:30am: Mass: Lyndsey Darabi RIP
Friday 1 st March St David	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Ellen Tyrell	
Saturday 2 nd March		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Kathleen Bagnall
Sunday 3 rd March 8 th 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:

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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 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 for all those who has recently died and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Collections for Sunday 17th February £754.73

Baptisms

After Mass this Sunday, we will have the baptism of Poppy, Robert and Charlotte Potts. We pray for them and their families as they are welcomed into our Christian Community and united in Christ.

Music and Worship with Matt Maher

On Wednesday 29th May from 7.00pm - 9.00pm, we are hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration led by eight time Grammy nominee, Matt Maher. Matt is an International Christian music artist who has had success writing and recording songs like 'Lord I need You', 'Hold Us Together' and 'Because he Lives' One of the highlights of his ministry was leading three million young people in adoration as he knelt on stage with Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Rio in 2013
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICL5du0GAsU>
This will be a powerful and moving evening and entry is by ticket only. Places are limited so book early, we are charging £10 a ticket to cover event costs. <http://buytickets.at/cathedraltour>

Britain to Get First Saint of Modern Times

On Tuesday 12th February 2019 the Vatican has announced that John Henry Newman will be declared a saint after Pope Francis approved a second miracle attributed to the English Cardinal's intercession. Cardinal Vincent Nicols warmly welcomed the news and said he "hopes every Catholic priest in England "will hold his head high today knowing Cardinal Newman is declared a saint".

Farewell Collection for Bishop Seamus

There are envelopes as you leave Church for any contribution you may wish to make for the Diocesan Farewell gift to Bishop Seamus.

Poverty Sunday

Next Sunday, 3rd March has been designated by Church Action on Sunday as 'Poverty Sunday'. To mark this event, Church Action on Poverty North East are holding a debate with some of the candidates for the Mayoral Election for the new North of Tyne Authority and Sara Bryson from Tyne and Wear Citizens, Margaret Reynolds, a local councillor in North Shields and Deidre Bower Latz, a theologian, working with poor communities in Manchester. This will take place at St Thomas's in the Haymarket in Newcastle. Refreshments start at 4:00pm with the debate starting at 4:40pm. All are welcome

World Day of Prayer

Worldwide church services are being held on Friday 1st March. This year we are praying for the people of Slovenia and learning about their challenges. There are two services in North Shields, 2:00pm St. Hilda's, Marden and 7:30pm Cullercoats Methodist, Broadway. Parking at St. Hilda's is much improved with access to the left of the fire station on Preston Road North. All welcome.

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding – full time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 28th February.

Cleaner, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – 20 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 4th March.

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@diocesehm.org.uk

Safeguarding

Thank you so much to everyone for their patience during the update process. I have sent off the Self Declaration forms this week. In return you will receive a DBS form to complete. This needs to be shown to me so that the Verification of Identity can be completed as the DBS form number needs to be added. Three forms of ID are needed. A passport, a driving licence, or a birth certificate and either a utility bill or bank statement with your address on. If you have ever had a name change then a marriage certificate is also needed. I will be at St Joseph's before Mass on Saturday and at St. Cuthbert's on Sunday. Regards Clare Harvey.

St. Columbas Pilgrimage to Lisieux and Lourdes in July, 2019 from St Columbas

Here are some details we will be leaving St. Columbas on the morning of Wednesday 24th of July and arriving in Lisieux early evening in time for dinner. Travelling by luxury coach and ferry. We will spend two nights in Lisieux and on Thursday 25th will take in all of the places associated with the life of St. Therese of Lisieux. On Friday morning 26th of July we will leave Lisieux at approximately 8.30 am and arrive in Lourdes at approximately 6.00 pm with plenty of comfort stops enroute. We will then be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage in Lourdes led this year by our new Bishop - Bishop Robert Byrne. On Thursday 1st August we will leave Lourdes after breakfast and travel to a hotel in Le Mams arriving in time for dinner, bed and breakfast before setting off on Friday 2nd of August for Calais and our ferry back to Dover and final leg of our trip home to Wallsend arriving in the evening.

The price of approximately £700 is based on full board, sharing as we currently have no single rooms available. For more details or to request a booking form to book one of the eight places left on our coach contact Father David Smith at Our Lady & St. Columbas. Father David Smith

Installation of Bishop Robert as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

The Installation Mass for Bishop Robert will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday 25th March 2019, Feast of the Annunciation. Entry to the Cathedral for this Mass will be by invitation and ticket only.

Ministry of Consolation Day

On Saturday 23rd March, the diocese will welcome Bishop John Wilson from Westminster who will be our key speaker at our second Ministry of Consolation Day. The theme is 'Spirituality in Times of Trauma' and the day will be held at Ushaw College and will run from 10.00am - 3.30pm. Bishop John Wilson who will be sharing insights from his time of supporting people in the aftermaths of the murder of Ann Maguire at Corpus Christi School, Leeds and the Grenfell Tower. There will be workshops and spaces for reflection as well as a market place offering useful resources. The diocese anticipates a high demand for the day so please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. The day, including refreshments and lunch is free, though donations to cover the Diocese's costs would be most welcome! For more information and to book, please contact the Spirituality Department by email or Tel: 0191 2433302.

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

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

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.

Dinner Dance

Tynemouth Catenians invite everyone to a Dinner Dance to be held at the Grand Hotel, Tynemouth, on Saturday March 2nd, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Dress is formal or suit and tie for those without. Gentle music by Neon Lights. Grand Raffle. Cost £30.00 per head. All are most welcome. Contact Bob Kerr 257 3859-0191 or Gerry Rafferty 0191- 2528769.

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.

Parish Social Group

Over many years the parish social group has done great work in organising a wide range of social activities. More members representing the cross diversity of the parish would be much appreciated. Please contact Nora Pearson or Fr Chris if interested.

Mercy Associates

Coffee Morning. The Mercy Associates will hold a Coffee Morning with Hot Cross Bun in aid of Sr Dooley's Mercy mission work with the street children of Nairobi on Tuesday March 12th at 10.15am in St Joseph's Church. Prize bingo and raffle. Tickets £1.00. Everyone welcome.