

MASS READINGS TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.'" So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50

Response: I will leave this place and go to my Father.

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| <p>1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.</p> | <p>2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.</p> |
| <p>3. Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart your will not spurn.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-32

There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

<p>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church <i>Albion Road West North Shields</i></p>	<p>Tynemouth Priory Partnership</p> 	<p>Saint Joseph Catholic Church <i>Wallsend Road North Shields</i></p>
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<p>Parish website information at: http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.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, 14th September 2019 – 24th Sunday of the Year - C

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	14 th September	9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Joseph Gascon
Sunday	15 th September 24 th Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday	16 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday	17 th September		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Terry Makumbe
Wednesday	18 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Ernest & Grace Lumsden	
Thursday	19 th September		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Cornelius Masiwa
Friday	20 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday	21 st September	9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday	22 nd September 25 th Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: Patsy O'Callaghan	

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

In this Ordinary Time of Autumn we are as a Church asked to pray for: all involved in the education and the development of children and young adults; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest Time; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Women and Men in Prison and their Families
Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, James Laing and George Miller, and for Margaret Robson and all who have died recently.

Baptism

This Sunday, 15th September at 1.00pm, at St. Cuthbert's, we have the baptism of Reuben Alcock. We pray for Reuben and his parents as he is united in Christ and welcomed into our Christian Community.

First Holy Communion Programme for 2020

The introductory session for the First Holy Communion programme is on October 17th at 6pm at St Cuthbert's. If there are any children in year 4 who are not at St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's Primary Schools but you would like your children to be involved in the parish programme for this year please contact Fr Chris.

Home Mission Sunday

This Sunday is Home Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Church is proclaiming the Gospel in our own country.

Formation for Ministry

There are copies at the back of Church of latest Diocesan Directory of courses for training and formation

Day of Recollection

You are invited to a day on Saturday, 21st September 10am-4pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields (chapel) with Fr. Michael Hickey to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world.

Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Please let us know if you would like to come, either through your own parish priest or Fr Michael on 07912 060 628.

Youth Ministry Module

All those who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the CCRS module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 12th October and 23rd November at the Emmaus Village. Further information or to book a place, email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Trip to Holy Island

The parish trip to Lindisfarne last weekend was a great success, thanks to all involved in organising this event.

The Season of Creation

The Church under the guidance of Pope Francis has designated the time from September 1st to the Feast of St Francis on October 4th as the 'The Season of Creation'. Pope Francis invites all to a conversion that enable to truly to hear the cries of the earth and the poor. The disturbing images of the fires devastating the Tropical Rain Forest in Brazil and Bolivia, what have been called 'The Lungs of the World' call us to reflect on what humanity is doing to the planet. We are called to look on how we impact is either creative or destructive on creation, which of course includes human beings as well.

Harvest Celebration

To mark the end of the Season of Creation, Sunday 6th of October will be 'Harvest Sunday'. On this Sunday we as a parish will give thanks for all that God has given us. We will also reflect on the gift of Creation and how we can protect and appreciate this precious gift.

There will be a meeting open to all to prepare for 'Harvest Sunday' on Tuesday 17th September at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. We are told that concern for the environment is of a particular concern for young people. It would be great if some of our young people were able to come to the meeting to express what they would like to see for 'Harvest Sunday'.

Newman Association Tyneside Circle

Our next talk will be by Michael Kerrigan: "Clericalism: A 'Cancer' in the Church?" on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Mary's Cullercoats. He will begin by asking what clericalism is, then why it is such a bad thing, and finally what we can do about it. All Welcome.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage

This Pro-Life Pilgrimage of Prayer and Reparation for the Sanctity of Life will be at Osmotherly 6th October 2019. Please see notice board.

Live Simply Tip

Use Fairtrade products, including cleaning products.

Parish Christmas Coffee Morning

This will take place at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 30th November from 11.00am.

Charity Concert

On Saturday 12th of October there will be a charity concert entitled "A Concert for Hope" at St Cuthbert's in aid of the charity PROPS NE which supports families, carers and children living with people suffering from problems of substance misuse. The concert is also in memory of Anne Greaves' daughter Helen. The concert starts at 7 pm and will feature a varied programme of light classics, folk and performance poetry, with members of the music group and the excellent Voices of Hope choir among the performers. Tickets are £5 and £3 for concessions (pensioners, students, benefit claimants) and will be available on the door from 6 pm. A donation will also be made to the charity Turning Point.

Partnership Community and Property Review

During the summer it was announced that after an initial pilot scheme involving three partnerships, the next seven partnerships in the Diocese to undergo a Partnership Community and Property Review (PCPR), would include the Tynemouth Priory Partnership. This PCPR will have a number of strands:

- Inviting each parish to explore the spiritual and social needs within their parish and wider community.
- To review the property assets in each parish.
- To explore how property within parishes and the parish could be used to meet identified needs.
- To decide on what is the most productive use of our properties for our mission.

The Partnership Development Group will be meeting the Diocesan Co-ordinator of the PCPR, Jeremy Brock, in September. At this meeting, Jeremy will explain the nature of the PCPR process.

In consultation with Jeremy Brock, Mgr Faley as Partnership Dean, and Ian Pearson as Chair of the PDG, it has been agreed that to help parishes to identify needs in their area training will be offered. This training will be provided members by Tyne and Wear Citizens, which will include parishioners in the partnership. It is hoped that this training will provide parishes with the tools to engage with people in the community to discover the concerns and needs within our communities. This training will take place at St Cuthbert's on Saturday October 12th from 10am-3pm. If you have any queries about any of the above please contact Fr Chris. Please keep the PCPR process in your prayers.

Celebration of the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

'There will be an afternoon to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman on Saturday 12th October at St. Mary's Cullercoats. It will begin at 2pm with a series of talks in the Hall and end with Mass at 5pm in the Church. The timetable will be:

- 2:00pm Fr. Andrew Downie, "Newman and the Development of Doctrine"
- 2:45pm Prof. Terry Wright, "Newman and the Bible"
- 3:30pm Refreshments
- 4:00pm Dr. Sheridan Gilley, "Newman and Holiness"
- 5:00pm Mass.

There will be no charge but you are asked to let me know by email at Terry.Wright@ncl.ac.uk or by phone at 0191-2748653 if you wish to attend.'

Inter-Faith Events

'Echoes of Contempt.' A history of Judeophia and the Christian Church

Tuesday 17th September. Revd. Bruce Thompson will give a talk at the United Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, in Graham Park Road, Gosforth.

Also on Tuesday 17th September The Third Order of St. Francis will celebrate 800 years since St. Francis met with the Sultan of Egypt. They will meet at the Mosque in Heaton Road, where members of this group will discuss their faith, belief and practice.

What's On in our Parish			
All are very welcome to participate in these activities			
Monday	Mercy Associates meet Monthly in the afternoon. More details to follow. Prayer and practical compassionate support for those in need. SVP meets fortnightly. More details to follow. Putting concern into action. Visiting the sick and housebound and providing practical support for those in need in our community.		
Tuesday	Mum's Space <i>Parents and Children Together</i>	1:30pm	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's
Wednesday	Coffee Morning	10:00am	Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
	Craft Class	1:30pm	Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
Thursday	Mum's Space <i>Parents and Children Together</i>	9:30am	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's
	Bible Study <i>A study and discussion on Scripture for Masses the following weekend.</i>	7:30pm	Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word This will resume in September	Mass	Children to meet in the chapel before Mass
	Coffee/Tea	After Mass	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's

RCIA – Journey in Faith

If anyone is interested in attending the 'RCIA i.e. Journey of Faith' course which will run from September 2019 to Easter 2020, please let Fr Chris know. Our Journey in Faith programme has been exceptionally successful this year 2018-2019 with four of our parishioners being received into the faith community over the Easter period, along with seven other members from our Parish Cluster. The course runs not only for people who want to join our Catholic Faith Community, but also for anyone who wants to know more about their faith, support or sponsor a friend, or simply attend the meetings to discuss, explore and share their own faith journey with others. We already have two members interested for next year and hope more people might reflect upon joining us.

This year's 'Journey of Faith' series begins on Thursday 26th September in the parish rooms at St Edward's and will run on alternate Thursdays, 7pm - 9pm, from then on until after Easter. The sessions are aimed at anyone considering becoming a Catholic, or anyone already a Catholic who wishes to refresh or update their understanding of their faith. Please contact Fr Chris if would like to take part.

Parish Jumble Sale – Saturday, 5th October commencing 11:00am

At St Cuthbert's - Goods needed, no electrics please. Thank you.