

**MASS READINGS TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – C
FIRST READING**

Against those who 'buy up the poor for money'.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Psalm 112

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| <p>1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!</p> | <p>2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?</p> |
| <p>3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.</p> | |

SECOND READING

There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

1 Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL

You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples,
'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity.'

The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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, 22nd September 2019 – 25th Sunday of the Year - C

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
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	
Monday	23 rd September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday	24 th September		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday	25 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday	26 th September		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Pascal Bootle
Friday	27 th September	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Lil Fitzgerald	
Saturday	28 th September	9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Elsie Lumbania
Sunday	29 th September 26 th Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish	

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 all who have died recently.

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.

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. The second part of this course will be held on Saturday 23rd November at the Emmaus Village. Further information or to book a place, email education@diocesehn.org.uk

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 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.

Parish Christmas Coffee Morning

This will take place at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 30th November from 10.00am (NB: Time amended)

Live Simply Tip

Use Fairtrade products, including cleaning products.

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.

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 by members of the 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.

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

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

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 <i>This will resume in September</i>	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.

Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Cleaner, St Joseph's, Stanley – 12 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 29 September. 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

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.

Mercy Associates "a way of living out your baptismal call"

Mercy Associates were born out of the vision of Venerable Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Her aim was to gather together a group of lay women who would support her in her ministry to alleviate the suffering of the poor, sick and uneducated but who would be able to return to their worldly life. These she liked to call her "associates". It was only later that the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy was founded.

Mercy Associates as we know them today are a result of Vatican II. The Council called for all Religious to stay faithful to the spirit of their founder, to rediscover their charism and share it with the laity. To lay people it emphasised that their Baptismal Vocation was first and foremost "a call to personal holiness".

With this in mind the General Chapter of the Sisters of Mercy in 1980 allowed interested sisters throughout the UK to set about inviting lay people to form associate groups. The main purpose of the groups being to deepen our Christian call, be merciful wherever we are and to help others in practical ways.

They are encouraged to meet regularly, to join together in prayer and to share the Mercy Vocation with each other.

The first recorded groups were formed in Oldham and Colwyn Bay in 1982. The North Shields group was formed in 1994. There are local groups in Heaton and Alnwick, more throughout the UK as well as in Kenya, the Philippines and Romania.

There are 14 Associates in the North Shields group. 11 of us meet once month in the afternoon in the Convent, 3 unable to attend support us in prayer. There we share the monthly prayer, listen to a mercy related talk, catch up on news of Mercy projects throughout the world and plan our own projects. We join with our neighbouring groups for an annual retreat day, hold at least 2 coffee mornings a year to help fund the appeals we have received, we collect food for Christmas parcels and have been active in raising funds to support those affected by human trafficking.

We have strong links to St Joseph's School. The Youth Mercy Association was founded here at St Joseph's in 2000. It now meets fortnightly during the lunch hour, taking part in prayer, discussion and activities to deepen their awareness of the Works of Mercy. They have been active in raising funds for the Mercy Missions and Mary's Meals and have visited the Little Sisters of the Poor Care Home. Working towards a "care of the environment" badge using the Mercy International Season of Creation calendar they are trying to increase their understanding of the 8th Work of Mercy given to us by Pope Francis – "caring for our common world".

We would like to express our grateful appreciation to everyone who has supported us in any way and hope you will continue to do so in the future and, if you would like to join us you would be made very welcome.

If you would like more information, please telephone Catherine Kelly on 07759101970 or email raygk@hotmail.co.uk