

MASS READINGS
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
FIRST READING

You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (to be read by the whole congregation together)

R/ I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Psalm 144

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1. I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.</p> |
| <p>3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.</p> | <p>4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.</p> |

SECOND READING

The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today." And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. "He has gone to stay at a sinner's house" they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, "Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost."

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church
 Albion Road West
 North Shields

Tynemouth Priory Partnership



Saint Joseph Catholic Church
 Wallsend Road
 North Shields

Father Christopher Hughes, St Joseph's Church, Wallsend Road, Chirton, North Shields, NE29 7AA

(Tel) 0191 257 5801 / (Fax) 0191 259 2589

(Email) northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk / northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk

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.

Partnership Telephone Numbers

Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021
 Father Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770
 St Cuthbert's Church ☎ 0191 257 3408

Partnership Telephone Numbers

Father John McElhone ☎ 0191 262 3820
 Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Stephen Watson ☎ 07768 3873931
 Father David Smith: ☎ 0191 262 3882

Sunday, 3rd November 2019 – 31st Sunday of the Year - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	2 nd November	9:30am: Mass: 10:00am: Confessions	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday	3 rd November	11:00am: Mass: In thanksgiving (AD)	
31 st Sunday of the Year - C			
Monday	4 th November	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday	5 th November		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday	6 th November	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday	7 th November		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Friday	8 th November	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	7:00pm: Mass:
Saturday	9 th November	9:30am: No Mass	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday	10 th November	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish	
32 nd Sunday of the Year - C			

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, George Miller and Walter O'Flanagan. Please pray for all those who have died recently.

November and Remembrance Sunday

In November we remember those who died in our families and communities. Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. There will be two minutes silence at both Masses with a service of remembrance at the War Memorial at St Cuthbert's at 11.00am

Finance Committee

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee on Thursday 7th November at St Joseph's at 7pm.

Meeting of Special Ministers and Pastoral Care of the Sick

I would like to call a meeting of Special Minister who take Holy Communion to Sick and Housebound (or who would like to) and those interested in Pastoral Care on Wednesday 6th November at St Cuthbert's at 7.00pm,

Clergy Training Fund

This was opened last week and will stay open for the next three weeks. Please give what you can to the formation of deacons and priests.

Church Action on Poverty

Church Action on Poverty are holding a host of Roadshows around the country to highlight poverty in our communities especially in the area of food poverty. The roadshow for the North East will be taking place at St Nicholas's Anglican Cathedral on Saturday 9th November from 10am-3pm. One of the speakers will be Debbie Honeywood, who is one of the main actors in the new film 'Sorry we Missed You', which highlights the pressure on families caused by the 'gig' economy and low wages.

Baptism

At the 11.00am Mass we will have the baptism of Amelia Mary Kierpacz. We pray for Amelia and her family.

Live Simply Tip

Indulge in some old-fashioned recycling by using charity shops.

Whitley Bay Street Pastors- Sever Weather Emergence Protocol

SWEP (Serve Weather Emergence Protocol) is due to start on 1st November for this winter and Whitley Bay Street Pastors need more volunteers to help at their Oxford street base in Whitley Bay between 7.00pm and 10.30pm when the homeless are served an evening meal between 10.00pm and 8.00am to sleep over with them and prepare breakfast. Sleeping bags are also needed, so if you have any you don't need, they would be very welcome, nothing else is needed at the moment. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Chris Lincoln, Whitley Street Pastor Coordinator, Mobile 07549015896 or email whitleybay@steetpastors.org.uk Many thanks.

Mercy Associates

Christmas Coffee Morning. The Mercy Associates Christmas Coffee Morning with mince pie will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday December 3rd at 10.15am. Prize bingo, lucky dip and raffle. Tickets £1.00. Proceeds for St Oswald's Hospice.

Christmas Parcel Appeal. The Mercy Associates would be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable goods for their Christmas parcels to be put together on December 10th. Any donations can be left at the back of St Joseph's Church.

Review of 'Sorry We Missed You'.

This film is a companion piece to the last Ken Loach film 'I, Daniel Blake'. Like that film, 'Sorry We Missed You' is also set in the north-east. At the public premiere of the film at the Tyneside Cinema of October 23rd, at the question and answer session, the director Ken Loach and screenplay writer Paul Laverty, stated that the idea of the film came from their research from 'I, Daniel Blake'. For that film they visited many food banks up and down the country and were struck as to how so many of those queuing for food were in full-time jobs. This resulted in their research into those working in the 'gig economy' or those such as care workers working for in effect less than the minimum wage since time travelling to jobs is not included as work.

The film focuses on husband Ricky Turner, played by Kris Hitchen, who takes a job as a van delivery driver. The job is deemed to be self-employed but with little freedom and harsh penalties for taking time off, even to respond to family emergencies. We see the pressure of meeting delivery targets where basic human needs such as even going to the toilet are ignored. We also see the mum, Abbie Turner, played by Debbie Honeywood, who cares for a number of isolated vulnerable people with a variety of needs. The gentleness and sensitive attentiveness shown to people who are fragile and

vulnerable provides some of the most tender and humane scenes I have seen in cinema.

The film does not want to simply highlight the extreme and demanding realities of Ricky's and Abbie's jobs but also the corrosive affect it has on family life. Seb, played by Rhys Jones and Lisa Jane played by Katie Proctor, are seen to be having to cope and adapt to the damaging impact it has on their parents and their relationships with each other. The strains, tensions and violence expressed within the family highlight the damaging implications of extreme and heartless working conditions.

The film is relentless in its attempt to reveal the inhumanness of a system many people are trapped within but corny and definite endings are avoided.

Ken Loach and Paul Laverty are to be congratulated for highlighting issues pertinent to the north-east but also throughout the world, where the gig economy and low wages erode the sense of dignity and humanity and security people long for.

The Catholic Christian tradition places great emphasis on the important of family life as the basic cell of the Church and society. When there are trends in social and economic life as highlighted by this film that are so damaging of families and the dignity of the human beings, then the Church cannot be bystanders.

In the question and answer session Ken Loach made the point that the system that is so detrimental to human dignity and the unity of families is the same system that is affecting our environment and is the concern of Extinction Rebellion. In this point Loach is on similar ground to Pope Francis who is critical in Laudato Si of what he calls a 'technocratic paradigm', which reduces people and the planet to an object, like a piece of technology which can be disposed of when no longer needed. This cannot happen to people or the planet. In his call for an 'integral ecology' Pope Francis is calling us to be in a mutual relationship with each other, the planet and God. 'Sorry We Missed You' powerfully demonstrates the impact of when mutual respect of the inherent dignity of the human person breaks down and people are reduced to mere objects, cogs in an utterly dehumanising system. It is not an easy watch but worth seeing.

Sorry We Missed You directed by Ken Loach. On general release from November 1st. Certificate 15. Film does contain very strong language and some violence

APF Boxes

Would all box holders please bring their boxes for emptying by Janet Martin, Pauline Rogers or Kath Kenny or if preferred ring Pauline or Kath 2581456 to be emptied at home.

Offertory Collection for 27th October 2019 - £639.40

Safeguarding and DBS checks

A member of the Diocesan Safeguarding department will be at the weekend Masses of 23rd & 24th November before and after Mass to help anyone who is having to process their DBS application or renewal. If you are renewing your DBS or have any queries please take this opportunity from the diocese to offer their assistance. On behalf of the parish I would like to thank our Safeguarding Officer, Clare-Marie Harvey, for her work in this important area of parish life.

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

Christmas Coffee Morning

This will take place at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 30th November from 10.00am. Donations for stalls or raffle would be greatly appreciated, and can be left at either St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's church.