

MASS READINGS
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A
FIRST READING

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's Kingdom

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem." He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

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| <p>1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
 'Let us go to God's house.'
 And now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.</p> | <p>2. It is there that the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the Lord.
 For Israel's law it is,
 there to praise the Lord's name.
 There were set the thrones of judgement
 of the house of David.</p> |
| <p>3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray
 "Peace be to your homes!"
 May peace reign in your walls,
 in your palaces, peace!"</p> | <p>4. For love of my brethren and friends
 I say: "Peace upon you!"
 For love the of the house of the Lord
 I will ask for your good.</p> |

SECOND READING

Our salvation is near.

Romans 13:11-14

You know "the time" has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
 and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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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, 1st December 2019 – 1st Sunday in Advent - A

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 30 th November St Andrew Patron of Scotland	9:30am: Mass: 10:00am: Confessions	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st December 1 st Sunday of Advent - A	11:00am: Mass: Patricia Jacques	
Monday 2 nd December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 3 rd December		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 4 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 5 th December		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Maurice Black
Friday 6 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Raj Johnpulle	
Saturday 7 th December	9:30am: Mass: 10:00am: Confessions	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Erlinda Achilles
Sunday 8 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent - A	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

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions: Openness to God's Word; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers
 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, Walter O'Flanagan, Sheila Kirk, Veronica Owens and Sheelagh Goodwin. Please pray for Amos Hedley and Alan Clark and all those who have died recently.

Advent

A very happy new (liturgical) year to you all! On this First Sunday of Advent we engage with the drama of our Salvation revealed in Christ. Till December 16th, the reading and prayers of the Eucharist see the Church as joyfully expecting Christ for the second time. Advent is a time of hope where we acknowledge present realities but in the knowledge that all imperfections are called to be transformed by the God who is constantly approaching us.
 In days of literally increasing darkness may the Light of Christ shine in our hearts.

Trip to York

Our Lady & St Oswin have arranged a trip to York Christmas Market/Festival on Saturday 7th December leaving St Mary's Church car park at 9am, and leaving York at 5pm. They are also having a Mass said in Margaret Clitheroe House in the Shambles for those who would like to attend. We have a few seats available on the coach. The cost for the coach is £12 per person. If anyone is interested, would they please contact Kath Kelly via the parish email: (cullercoats.stmary@rcdhn.org.uk) as soon as possible.

Advent Mass for St Joseph's School

St Joseph's Primary School will be celebrating the start of Advent on Thursday 5th December at 9.30am in St Joseph's Church

Advent in Parish, Partnership and Diocese

To mark the start of the Year of the Word on the First Sunday of Advent, there will be Solemn Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral at 4.30pm this **Sunday December 1st**. All are welcome.

On the **2nd Sunday of Advent, Sunday 8th December** at St Cuthbert's at 4pm, there will be a service marking the parish's Celebration of the Year of the Word. We will be reflecting on the Prologue of John's Gospel and the story of the Annunciation.

The **Partnership Penitential Service** is on Election Day! **December 12th**, at St Thomas More's Academy, starting at 7.00pm.

On the **3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15th** there will be a Service a St Bernadette's in Wallsend at 4pm to celebrate the Year of the Word. All are welcome.

On the **4th Sunday of Advent, December 22nd**, we have the Parish Carol Service at St Joseph's at 6.00pm

Baptism

At the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's this Sunday we will have the baptism of Nico David Mather. We pray for Nico and his family as he is united with Christ and joins our Christian family

Celebrations for Christmas:	
Tuesday	24th December – 8.00pm at St Cuthbert's - First Mass of Christmas with Carols and a reflection lead by the young member of the Syro-Malabar Community at 7.30pm
Wednesday	25th December – 9.30 am Mass at St Joseph's 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's

Parish Concert

On Saturday 14th December at 7-00pm the Ravenswood Singers will be performing at St Cuthbert's. Tickets from members of the Social Committee. Cost is £4.00
 At the interval there will be refreshments and a raffle.

Tyne Wear Citizens AGM

On Thursday 5th December at 7.00pm to 8.30am at the Courtyard Café at the Old Library at Newcastle University there is the AGM for Tyne and Wear Citizens. During the AGM institutions such as St Thomas More's Academy and the MumSpace project based here at St Cuthbert's will be acknowledged for having made significant contributions to the Common Good in the region. I am delighted to say that at the AGM, the Diocese will be represented by Bishop Robert, Fiona Standfield,- the Diocesan Chief Operation Officer- and Andrew Barron, representing the Diocesan Education Department. If you do attend you may also recognise the one that Chairs for the meeting. If you interested in Community Organising or would like to learn more about it, this AGM, will give you a good indication as to what it seeks to do.

Party and Mass for Sick and Housebound

There will be a Mass for Healing at St Cuthbert's on Sat 21st December at 2pm followed by a Christmas Tea in the hall, to which all are invited. If you visit or know of anyone who is sick, housebound or lonely and think would appreciate an invitation then please collect one from the sacristy. Transport can be provided and contact details are on the invitation, or details can be given to Fr Chris. Our young people who are working towards the John Paul II award will be serving the refreshments after Mass, but if you are able to help in any other way then please let Fr Chris know.

Live Simply Tip

This Christmas seek out plastic free Christmas crackers or consider making your own. See: <https://thoroughlymoderngrandma.com/how-to-make-plastic-free-christmas-crackers/> for some ideas.

Use of Social Media

I am aware that parishioners would like to explore how Social Media could be used more effectively to communicate what is going on in the parish. There will be a meeting of anyone interested after Mass on Sunday December 1st at 12 noon.

Parish Council

At the meeting of the parish council, it was acknowledged that 4 of the council members had served 6 years on the council and so under the constitution were having to stand down for good. They are: Ian Pearson, Linda Shotton, Doreen Hull and Bernard Carley. Jill Taylor and Clare Harvey who have been on the Council for three years are also standing down though they can be nominated for a further three years. Fr Chris would like to thank them for all the service and contribution to the parish. Their dedication and commitment is much appreciated. Therefore there are now 6 vacancies for the Parish Council. Nominations will be open until 12th January.

MumSpace

MumSpace is continuing to grow and become more successful. We now have 110 mums that have attended the groups since it started. Mums hear about the group from local GP surgeries, Health visitors, Facebook and word of mouth. We continue to have support and build relationships with the local health authorities. We have started to run a DadSpace once a month which has reached 6 dads so far but I am sure with time it will continue to grow. We are still waiting to hear from Comic Relief for funding but have been informed we will hear by December if we have been successful. The groups are getting more popular, on average 25 mums attend each session with around 30 children so we need more volunteers as the groups grow. At the moment we have 6. Wendy O'Connell 079504267786

Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound

We had a meeting of many of our Special Ministers of the Eucharist who take Holy Communion to our Sick and Housebound. It became clear that assistance in this important parish ministry would be much appreciated. If you are Special Minister but are not taking Holy Communion to our Sick and Housebound but you would like to do so, please contact Fr Chris or Pauline Rogers.

Mercy Hub Training in Mental Health Issues

The Mercy Hub at the Cathedral is running some mental health awareness training, at the Mercy Hub on Thursday 5th December from 9.30am to 3.30pm. It's being led by Oonagh Atkinson and Kevin Daly from the Road Centre on Chester-le-Street and will cover the following:

- Introduction to a general awareness of Mental Health issues
- Looking after our own Mental Health
- Listening to others and practicing those skills
- How to respond to others
- What someone may need
- How this fits with your role as a volunteer

Obviously, it's ideal for volunteers who have contact with people struggling with mental health issues. There is no charge and anyone is welcome to attend so please feel free to spread the word. Those interested should contact Jeremy Cain at: jeremy.cain@themercuryproject.org.uk to let him know you wish to attend coming.

Filipino Mass – 1st December 2019

There will be a Filipino Mass on Sunday 1st December 2019 at 5:00pm at St Cuthbert's Church. The Celebrant will be Fr Joel Liwanag, SJ. Followed by Christmas Refreshments in the hall.

Vinnies Memory Tree (SVP)

Giving to the Vinnies Memory Tree at Christmas is a wonderful way of remembering a loved one's life. Please see poster on display on the notice board for details. Giving in memory of a loved one at Christmas is a wonderful way of remembering their life. Every donation made allows the SVP to be able to provide much needed help and support to those who are homeless, vulnerable, isolated or finding themselves in a time of need. If you would like to make a donation and add a memory heart to the SVP Christmas tree. Please contact emmab@svp.org.uk or call the reception team on 0191 2616027 (option 1).

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.

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	MumSpace <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	Mass	Children to meet in the chapel before Mass
	Coffee/Tea	After Mass	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's