

MASS READINGS
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – YEAR A

FIRST READING

He judges the wretched with integrity.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

Psalm 71

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| <p>1. O God, give you judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.</p> | <p>2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.</p> |
| <p>3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.</p> | <p>4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.</p> |

SECOND READING

Christ is the saviour of all men.

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all men shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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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, 8th December 2019 – 2nd Sunday in Advent - A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
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	
Monday 9 th December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 10 th December		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Stephen Laidler
Wednesday 11 th December	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 12 th December Our Lady of Guadalupe		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Friday 13 th December St Lucy, Virgin. Martyr	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 14 th December St John of the Cross	9:00-9:30am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass: James Hughes RIP	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 15 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent - A	11:00am: Mass:	

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 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.

Advent in Parish, Partnership and Diocese

The following is the programme to mark the start of the Year of the Word:

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

Christmas Masses for our Schools

The Christmas Mass for St Joseph's Primary School will be on Thursday 19th December at St Joseph's Church at 9.30am
 The Christmas Mass for St Cuthbert's Primary School will be on Friday 20th December at St Cuthbert's Church at 9.30am.
 All are welcome to either Mass. I am sure they will be joyful and inspiring celebrations of the Christmas story

Diocesan Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Since Mary Immaculate is one of the co-patrons of the Diocese, Bishop Robert will be celebrating Mass on Monday 9th December at 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome.

Candles for Loved Ones

Candles are available to put around the Church for Advent and Christmas. Candles are £5 each.

Trinity Charity Shop

Fr Chris has recently the quarterly cheque from the Trinity Charity share with the parish share of the receipts. It was for over £2,770, which is a great total. Sincere thanks to all parishioners who work on the shop on a Thursday. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Thanks to all who contributed to the Parish Christmas Coffee Morning. There was a great atmosphere and spirit. As I type £1,584 was raised. A great total. A big thank-you to all took part.

Mercy Associates

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Christmas Coffee Morning. It was a wonderful turnout with a great atmosphere and a visit from our Youth Mercy Associates launching their Backpack Project (more details later). We raised an amazing £440 for St Oswald's Hospice.
 Thank you also to everyone who donated items for our Christmas Parcel appeal. The parcels will be made up and taken into St Joseph's School for distribution on Tuesday December 10th.
 We greatly appreciate your support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Live Simply Tip:

Save energy and money by switching appliances off at the plug when not in use, and not leaving your phone on charge after it's fully charged.

YMCA Christmas Carol Service

There is an invitation from the YMCA to their Community Carol Service at Christ Church, North Shields on 19th December at 6:30pm. Followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.
 The service has been put together by residents and young people to help bring together the community this Christmas. All are welcome. Please see poster at back for more details

General Election

The Bishop's Conference have issued a statement regarding the General Election. A copy is on the notice board and some copies are available to take with you. We pray for our nation at this important time.

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.

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.

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.

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).

Advent Pro-Life Holy Hour

This is taking place at St Andrews Worswick St Newcastle on Saturday 14 Dec 2019 11 am - 12Noon Mass 12.15pm .All are welcome

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

Collections for 1st December 2019 - £687.66