

**MASS READINGS**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A**  
**FIRST READING**

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 39

**Response:** *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

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| <p>1. I waited, I waited for the Lord<br/>and he stooped down to me;<br/>he heard my cry.<br/>He put a new song into my mouth,<br/>praise of our God.</p> | <p>2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,<br/>but an open ear.<br/>You do not ask for holocaust and victim.<br/>Instead, here am I.</p> |
| <p>3. In the scroll of the book it stands written<br/>that I should do your will.<br/>My God, I delight in your law<br/>in the depth of my heart.</p>     | <p>4. Your justice I have proclaimed<br/>in the great assembly.<br/>My lips I have not sealed;<br/>you know it, O Lord.</p>                     |

**SECOND READING**

Corinthians 1:1-3

*May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**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**

John 1:29-34

*Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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**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.

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**Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A**

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Costello Family
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	10:00am: Requiem Mass for Sheelagh Kirk	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January		4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - 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, Veronica Owens, Sheelagh Goodwin and Alf McManus. Please pray for Muriel Fiddler and Sheelagh Kirk who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

**Peace Sunday**

This Sunday is Peace Sunday. The theme Pope Francis has given the Church is:

**Peace as a journey of hope: dialogue, reconciliation and ecological conversion**

Below are some quotes from his letter Peace Sunday. Please read and reflect as to how they are relevant for your life and our world today. The full text of the letter can be found at:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco\\_20191208\\_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20191208_messaggio-53giornatamondiale-pace2020.html)

"Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family. As a human attitude, our hope for peace is marked by an existential tension that makes it possible for the present, with all its difficulties, to be "lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey".[1] Hope is thus the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable.

The journey of reconciliation calls for patience and trust. Peace will not be obtained unless it is hoped for.

In the first place, this means believing in the possibility of peace, believing that others need peace just as much as we do. Here we can find inspiration in the love that God has for each of us: a love that is liberating, limitless, gratuitous and tireless.

Fear is frequently a source of conflict. So it is important to overcome our human fears and acknowledge that we are needy children in the eyes of the One who loves us and awaits us, like the father of the prodigal son (cf. Lk 15:11-24). The culture of fraternal encounter shatters the culture of conflict. It makes of every encounter a possibility and a gift of God's generous love. It leads us beyond the limits of our narrow horizons and constantly encourages us to a live in a spirit of universal fraternity, as children of the one heavenly Father."

**Parish Council**

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at St Cuthbert's at 7.30. Four nominations have been received. They are for Juliet Lockey, Julie Newton, Clare-Marie Harvey and Jill Taylor. Since there were six vacancies, they people will automatically have a place on the parish council. This means there are still two vacancies. Fr Chris is happy to accept further nominations for these vacancies. For Juliet and Julia, this is their first time on the parish council. For Clare and Jill this will be their second term on the council. A big thank-you to them all for their willingness to serve the parish in this way.

**Baptism**

This Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at St Joseph's at 1.00pm we have the baptism of Elliot John Ross. We pray for Elliot as he is united with Christ and becomes a member of our community of faith.

**Youth Ministry Team Mission**

Between 30<sup>th</sup> January - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020, there will be a School Mission taking place at St. Thomas More RC Academy. As part of the events, we would like to invite the parishes of Tynemouth Priory Partnership to be involved. Please keep us, and all of the young people, in your prayers.

You are welcome to the following events:

'Encounter' evening – Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm-7:30pm. This evening will be an opportunity for parishioners to attend and share faith with young people. Our young people would love to hear from parishioners from all walks of life and with all sorts of different faith backgrounds. All are welcome!

Fundraising & Family Night - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February: 6:30pm-8:30pm which will include some time led by our young people and the Youth Ministry Team. Then we will continue with a BINGO night in aid of Fr David Smith's Kenya project. All parishioners are warmly invited and welcome. Bring your dabbers!

**Come to a Race Night.**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. 7-30 till 11-00 at Tyneside Irish Centre, Gallowgate, Newcastle. To raise money for Kabuyanda Health, a charity established to build and provide ongoing support to a Health Centre in rural Uganda. Own a horse and compete in one of the races for a prize or come along for a flutter.

**Filipino Mass**

There will be a Filipino Mass held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at St Cuthbert's Church at 5pm. To be celebrated by Fr Joel Liwanag, SJ.

**Live Simply Tip**

Switch to renewable energy, for example through Ecotricity.

**Youth Mercy and Mercy Associates Backpack Project**

The YMA and Mercy Associates are working together to support the Mary's Meals Backpack Project. Mary's Meals enables children to attend school by providing them with a free meal. The Backpack Project aims to help these children make the most out of their education by supplying them with the items essential for their school day e.g. pens, pencils, rulers, notebooks, crayons etc., as well as some toiletries and small items of clothing. We are asking for your help. Any items would be gratefully accepted. Apart from the toiletries they don't need to be new as long as they are in good condition. There are leaflets at the back of Church and you can leave donations in the box provided or at St Joseph's School office. We will be collecting until the end of January. Thank you very much for your help. If you need more information please call Catherine Kelly 07759101970.

**Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's**

When people were asked to express suggestions for the parish, one was to have a children's liturgy at St Joseph's. There was one held last weekend which went well and one is planned for this weekend. If there are people who would like to support children's liturgy at St Joseph's, please contact Fr Chris.

**Newman Society**

Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January at St Mary's, Cullercoats, 7.30pm. The speaker will be Gary Leece on "Good without God? Iris Murdoch in the Philosopher's Pupil". Iris Murdoch was one of the most important literary and philosophical figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This talk will consider her career, focussing on the fresh start she made in the 1980s with a series of long novels beginning with The Philosopher's Pupil, which marked her return to a Platonist view of the world. Her atheism is tempered by her fascination with religion and awareness of the God-shaped gap in the modern world.

**Service for Christian Unity**

There will be a joint service to mark The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Holy Saviour's Church, Tynemouth at 6pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. This year the service has been devised by the Church in Malta and focuses on the adventures St Paul encountered there.

**Funeral Services**

The Funeral Service of Muriel Fidler will be at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 1.15pm  
 The Funeral Service of Sheelagh Kirk will be at St Cuthbert's on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 10:00am.  
 May they rest in peace,

**2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz–Birkenau.**

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm The Central Library in Newcastle (NE1 8AX) are holding the Opening Ceremony for Holocaust Memorial Day. For more information please contact Marta Josephs by email at [martajosephs@googlemail.com](mailto:martajosephs@googlemail.com).

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January the first of our Diocesan commemorations takes place at St. Mary's School, Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne at 7.00pm. There are two guest speakers; Smajo Beso who will tell of his parents' experiences during the Bosnian Genocide in 1995. Gerald Stern will recall his father's experiences during the Holocaust. Visit the Diocesan website at <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/interfaith/interfaithconf.php> for more information on all these events and the latest news from the Department for Interreligious Relations.

**Vacancies in the Diocese**

**Cleaner** – St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle 10 hours per week. Closing date for applications 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Cleaner** – St Hilda, Sunderland 6 hours per week.

Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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