

MASS READINGS
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – A
FIRST READING

In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light.

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor – these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

Psalm 26

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| <p>1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?</p> | <p>2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.</p> |
| <p>3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!</p> | |

SECOND READING

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves.

Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.' From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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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, 25th January 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

| Masses, Devotions and Services | | |
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| | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
| Saturday 25 th January | | 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Sunday 26 th January 3 rd Sunday of the Year - A | 11:00am: Mass: Elizabeth Callender | |
| Monday 27 th January | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion | |
| Tuesday 28 th January | | 9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: |
| Wednesday 29 th January | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Ernest & Grace Lumsden | |
| Thursday 30 th January | | 9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: |
| Friday 31 st January | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Prudencio P Lumbania & Soul of Anita Palapal | |
| Saturday 1 st February | 9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass: Peter Hughes | 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Ellen Tyrell |
| Sunday 2 nd February Presentation of the Lord | 11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish | |

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

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| 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 all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Word of God Sunday

Last year it was announced by Pope Francis that the 3rd Sunday of the Year would be Word of God Sunday. It is always on the Third Sunday having after reflected on Advent and Christmas with the first two Sundays of the Year reflecting on Christ revealed as the Messiah that we go through one of the Synoptic Gospels starting with Christ starting his ministry and calling the first disciples. In this Year of the Word- The God who speaks we are all being encouraged to ensure that Scripture is central to our following of Christ

Social Committee

At the meeting of the Social Committee, Nora Pearson announced that she would be standing down as Chair and from the Committee. Nora has served this group for many years. On behalf of the parish, Fr Chris would like to offer a big thank-you for all the work she has done for the parish in the Social Committee. Lee Treliving was elected as Chair of the Social Committee

Pancake Night

Shrove Tuesday this year is February 25th. There will be a pancake night at St Cuthbert's at 7.00pm. Tickets at £3 are available at the back of Church from members of the Social Committee.

Other Social Events For Your Diary

Soup Sunday 15th March after 11:00am Mass
 Friday 20th March 7.30pm Social evening to celebrate Patronal Feasts.

Vacancies at St Thomas More Academy

From the Chaplain Michael Thompson:

St Thomas More have recently advertised for the following positions in school. In case any of you had any parishioners who were currently teaching in non-Catholic schools who may want to teach in the Catholic setting, it may be helpful to draw them to the following job adverts:

- Teacher of RE
- Teacher of Maths
- Curriculum Leader of English
- Curriculum Leader of Health & Social Care

More info at: <https://stmacademy.org.uk/vacancies/>

Live Simply Tip

Buy 'Fair Traded' products. You may spend a bit more but you will know that you are helping some of the poorest communities in the world not simply through giving a handout but allowing people in the developing nations to run a profitable business and earn a decent wage.

A Call to All Knitters from Church Action on Poverty

Church Action on Poverty plans to send as many newly-elected or re-elected MPs as possible a piece of knitted food – to let them know that folk around the country want politicians to act now to end hunger in the UK. We will be asking them to show their support by tweeting a picture of themselves with the woolly foodstuff. At the last count we had an amazing 517 individual knitted or crocheted foodstuffs. Thank you so much to everyone who has sent something in, they are amazing! This is now the final push to meet the target of 650 and reach every MP. We have been blown away by all the items that we have received but we need you to keep going! We need the yarn-talented among you to make as many carrots, cakes and Cornish pasties and anything else you can think of as possible. The closing date is February 17th. If you give any items to Fr Chris by February 10th he will ensure that Church Action on Poverty have your knitted food items by February 17th.

Face to Face -

an invitation from The Association of Religious

At The Mercy Hub [entrance opposite the railway station] on Saturday February 1st 2pm to 4pm Come and share tea and a chat. Just drop in for as long or short a time as you would like. The Association of Religious are aware that there are many fewer opportunities for Young adults and Religious men and women to meet and get to know about each other. Among religious there can be a sense of 'invisibility.' This a chance to spend some time together. Welcome at 2pm Prayer to finish at 3.40pm.

White Flower Appeal

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Presentation, 'Candlemass'. On this Sunday we will have the annual White Flower Appeal which raises funds for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. Pope Francis has expressed his concern of our 'Disposable Culture' which affects the beauty of the earth and the sanctity of human life.

Reviving the Passion for Christ

You are invited to a day on Saturday, 8th February, 10am-4pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields (chapel) with Fr. Michael Hickey to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world.

Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Let us know if you would like to come, either through your own parish priest or Fr Michael on 07912 060 628.

Collections for 19th January 2020 - £723.02

Youth Ministry Team Mission

Between 30th January - 7th 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 30th: 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 6th 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 14th 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.

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.

Newman Society

Next meeting 29th 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 20th 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.

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

On Sunday 26th 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

On Tuesday 28th 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.

| What's On in our Parish | | | |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |