

MASS READINGS
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - A
FIRST READING

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights

Isaiah 42:1-4, 607

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right, I have taken you by the hand and formed you: I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 28

Response: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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| <p>1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
 give the Lord glory and power;
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Adore the Lord in his holy court.</p> | <p>2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
 the Lord on the immensity of waters;
 the voice of the Lord, full of power,
 the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.</p> |
| <p>3. The God of glory thunders.
 In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
 The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord sits as king for ever.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Acts 10:23-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "The truth I have now come to realise," he said "is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him."

"It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil."

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
 This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John, John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way do all that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven. "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

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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, 12th January 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord - A

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	11 th January	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday	12 th January The Baptism of the Lord - A	11:00am: Mass: Bill & Neil Henderson	
Monday	13 th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday	14 th January		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday	15 th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: John & Kathleen Whitley	
Thursday	16 th January		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Friday	17 th January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday	18 th January	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Costello Family
Sunday	19 th January 2 nd Sunday of the Year - 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, , Sheila Kirk, Veronica Owens, Sheelagh Goodwin and Alf McManus. Please pray for Muriel Fiddler, Doreen Lowery and George Miller who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This Sunday we will have the next of our First Holy Communion Liturgies. The theme will be Reconciliation, which will take place as part of the Penitential Rite. The children will be making their First Confession on 21st January at 7pm at St Joseph's. Please continue to pray for our candidates and their families. The sessions for the children on Wednesday 15th January at 6pm at St Cuthbert's and Sunday 19th at 9.30am at St Joseph's are also for the parents.

Sporting Memories Cafe

Wednesday 15th January - 10:00am – 12:00am

With Newcastle United Legend Bob Moncur

Are you or do you know anyone who lives with dementia, depression, memory problems or loneliness and loves talking about football? If so our first Sporting Memories event is an ideal event to bring people together through the power of sports reminiscence. This will be an excellent opportunity to chat, share memories and meet other older sports fans with a special VIP visit from one of Newcastle's finest ever captains, Bob 'Bobby' Moncur who has achieved what dozens of skippers have since failed to do – lift a major piece of silverware for Newcastle United! Reminiscence can support well-being and tackle social isolation. Many people living with dementia may have short term memory problems, but often long term memory is preserved. Football reminiscence sessions provide opportunities for participants to share memories, connect with those around them and maintain social connections.

Our free Sporting Memories group meets monthly and this is the first of many events the Northumberland Club plans to host in support of the Jesmond Dementia Alliance. Diarise this FREE event and let us know if you or someone you know plan to attend on info@northumberlandclub.org.

Social Committee Meeting

There will be a Social meeting at St Cuthberts on Thursday, 16th January at 7:00pm . New members are very welcome.

Parish Council

Nominations for the Parish Council close this weekend. If there are more than six nominations there will be elections the following weekend. The date of the next meeting of the parish council is Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm.

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.

Live Simply Tip

Save water, for instance by turning off the tap when brushing your teeth, installing a low flush toilet, and only boiling what you need.

Parish Proclaimers

This group seeks to look at creative ways for the parish to engage with the wider community. Its next meeting is on Wednesday 15th January at 7.15pm. This is not a closed group, newcomers are always welcome.

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 an impromptu 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.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2020:

7 Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for €266 per person sharing. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Meeting of Catechists

Please note that there will be a meeting for all catechists in the parish on January 14th 7pm at St Cuthbert's. This will be an opportunity to share ideas, good practice and any queries.

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.

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 19th 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.

Property and Community Review

Just before Christmas, the Diocese announced that it was pausing the Diocesan Community and Property Review. At a recent Council of Priests a number of Clergy had expressed their reservations about the process. It should be stressed that at least for the time being it is not a complete halt to the process but a pause. I have also decided that in the work of the parish group, there was clearly a great deal of commitment, energy and ideas; with some possibilities emerging that although embryonic have potential for further exploration. Therefore at a parish level I have asked the group if they are still willing to meet and will report to the parish council regarding any proposals. I am grateful to Allan Badenhope, Gerry Beldon, Bob and Ann Carpenter, Myra Edwards, Clare Harvey, Kuba and Kath Jakos and Tim O'Grady for the work they have already done and their willingness to still explore possibilities as to how our resources can be used to serve the wider community.

New Diocesan Policy on Academies

As you will have seen from the newsletter before Christmas, all Catholic schools in the Diocese are going to become academies. There will be four Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) to cover the whole diocese. The schools in this parish will be part of a MAT that will include all Catholic schools in North Tyneside, Newcastle and Northumberland

Funeral Service

The Funeral Service of Doreen Lowery will be at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 14th January at 10.30am
 The Funeral Service of Muriel Fidler will be at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 21st January at 1.15pm May they rest in peace,

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.

Vacancies in the Diocese

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

Cleaner – St Hilda, Sunderland 6 hours per week.

Closing date: 17th January 2020.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website 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	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