

**THE EPIPHANY  
FIRST READING**

*Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Response: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

**Psalm 71**

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| <p>1. O God, give your judgement to the king,<br/>to a king's son your justice,<br/>that he may judge your people in justice<br/>and your poor in right judgement.</p>   | <p>2. In his days justice shall flourish<br/>and peace till the moon fails.<br/>He shall rule from sea to sea,<br/>from the Great River to earth's bounds.</p> |
| <p>3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts<br/>shall pay him tribute.<br/>The kings of Sheba and Seba<br/>shall bring him gifts.<br/>Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,<br/>all nations shall serve him.</p> | <p>4. For he shall save the poor when they cry<br/>and the needy who are helpless.<br/>He will have pity on the weak<br/>and save the lives of the poor.</p>   |

**SECOND READING**

*It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.*

**Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just described it very shortly. This that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel. The word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.*

**Matthew 2:1-12**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

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**Parish website information at: <http://www.northtynesidecatholic.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, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Goodwin Family
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January Epiphany of the Lord</b>	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Anne Thomas	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January The Baptism of the Lord - A	11:00am: Mass: Bill & Neil Henderson	

**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, Sheila Kirk, Veronica Owens, Sheelagh Goodwin and Alf McManus. Please pray for Doris Houghton, Muriel Fiddler, Doreen Lowery and Hilda Valentine who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Epiphany

This weekend we continue our Christmas celebrations celebrating the Feast of Epiphany. This day is not just about the wise men following the star to Bethlehem but is celebrating the fact that God can be revealed to us in sign, wonders and through all of creation. All these 'manifestations' are called to lead us to Christ. We are called to be open to the sign that lead us to God, a God that is not remote but through Christ is sharing in all the joys, hopes, sorrows and afflictions of being human

### Baptism

Last Sunday on the Feast of the Holy Family, we had the baptism of Matilda Mary Sonia Gillinder. Matilda was born in Australia but with her mother, Sian, coming from North Shields, the family wanted her baptised here. Matilda is the great granddaughter of Kath Quinn who died earlier this year. We pray for her and all the family and wish them safe travels as they head back to their home in Australia.

### A thank-you note from St Joseph's Primary School

"I just wanted to send a quick message to yourself and the Parish to say a huge thank you for the welcome that is always given to the children from St. Joseph's when they come to Church. It was lovely to see everyone at the Carol Service tonight but also at the Masses throughout the year. It is the welcome and encouragement that they receive from yourself and everyone that ensures they not only enjoy coming to church but also makes them willing to give their time to participate in services like today (The Carol Service). Wishing everyone a Peaceful Christmas and wonderful New Year!"  
 Claire Hedley, Head Teacher of St Joseph's Primary School

### 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

### An Appeal from parishioner Stuart Small

Emmaus North East is a registered charity providing accommodation and support for up to 15 homeless people. The former homeless people have accommodation for as long as they need it. Emmaus provides them a work within our social enterprises of charity shops in South Shields, Hebburn, Low Fell and in our Food Pantry. They can also gain access to training and they do solidarity for other people who are less fortunate than themselves. We are making this appeal at this time of year to help others in need. We would be grateful appreciate anything from clothes (all ages, size, male and female and clean), furniture and electricals' to sell in our shops or donate to those in need, food ( long life stuff tins pasta, rice etc,) hygiene products ( male and female including sanitary products) to go to our food pantry. Any help would be most appreciated.

To arrange collections or for further information please contact Stuart or a member of Emmaus 0191 4975302 (select option 2) or email-shop@emmaus-northeast.org.uk . All our shops are collection points and will accept any donations received.

### Thank-you

As we start a new year, I would like to offer big thanks to all who contribute to the parish with their time, commitment and resources. All your efforts are much appreciated. I am very grateful for people who have started to contribute to the parish in the last year. Having 'new blood' in the life of the parish is very much appreciated. Please be open to encouraging others to offer their time to parish activities, though I appreciate that for many people life is very busy and that the Kingdom of God can be built by activities beyond church walls!

### Nominations for the Parish Council

Nominations for the Parish Council close next weekend. There are 6 vacancies on the council.

### 2020 marks the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

On Sunday 26 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 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.

### 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](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

### Meeting of Catechists

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

### Funeral Service

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

What's On in our Parish			
All are very welcome to participate in these activities			
<b>Monday</b>	<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.		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mum's Space</b> <i>Parents and Children Together</i>	<b>1:30pm</b>	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
	<b>Craft Class</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>MumSpace</b> <i>Parents and Children Together</i>	<b>9:30am</b>	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's
	<b>Bible Study</b> <i>A study and discussion on Scripture for Masses the following weekend.</i>	<b>7:30pm</b>	Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	<b>Mass</b>	Children to meet in the chapel before Mass
	<b>Coffee/Tea</b>	<b>After Mass</b>	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's

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