

MASS READINGS
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – A
FIRST READING

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

Response: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

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| 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. | 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. |
| 3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. | 4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him |

SECOND READING

Corinthians 3:16-23

All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men’s thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

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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, 23rd February 2020 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday	22 nd February	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday	23 rd February 7 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Alice Betham	
Monday	24 th February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday	25 th February Shrove Tuesday		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday	26 th February Ash Wednesday	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	7:00pm: Mass:
Thursday	27 th February		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Friday	28 th February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Deceased members of Mason & Marchetti Family	7:00pm: Mass:
Saturday	29 th February	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass:	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Annie Ryan
Sunday	1 st March 1 st Sunday in Lent - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 4:00pm: Stations of the Cross	

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

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.

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, Alf McManus, Barbara & Tony Hicks and 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment'. Please pray for William Cordes who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Journey of Faith Candidates- Sending Forth Liturgy

Today at the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's we will have the 'Sending Forth Liturgy' for our candidates to be received into the Church at Easter in preparation for their 'Rite of Election' Service at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday March 1st at 2.30pm. Our candidates this year are:

Stephen Atwell, Juliet Lockyer, Andy Nichols, Angela Nicholson and Kathryn Waterworth. Please pray for them as they continue with their preparation to be received into the Church and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Baptism

Last Sunday at St Cuthbert's we had the Baptism of Louis Jack Huskisson. We pray for Louis and his parents as he is welcomed into our Christian family and united in Christ.

Confirmations 2020

This will take place on May 20th. The programme starts on March 10th. If you or your child is in year 9 or above please contact Fr Chris for paperwork

Lent 2020

This Wednesday, 26th February, is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is an opportunity for us all to acknowledge where we are in our relationship with God and to deepen our relationship with God, walking with Christ in his journey to his death and resurrection. This 'space for grace' is a time of renewal and development as individual and as a community of faith. Please see below events taking place in the parish may help us in being open to this 'space for grace'

Ash Wednesday Masses – 26th February St Cuthbert's - 9.30am St Joseph's - 7.00pm

We will have the distribution of Ashes at both Masses. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence

Live Simply Tip

Giving to those in need is an important activity for Lent. As Lent approaches what charity could you help during Lent?

Parish Lenten Group

Since this year is the Year of the Word, Fr Chris thought it would be good to explore the scriptures we use for the Sundays in Lent. He is very grateful to the Scripture Study Group that meet regularly on a Thursday night to allow this meeting to be the platform for our Parish Lenten Group. It will meet from Thursday 27th March at 7.30 in the Chapel at St Cuthbert's.

Each meeting will have the following structure

- There will be a short reflection and introduction to the Gospel story
- The Gospel will be read with different readers as we do for Good Friday
- An opportunity to engage with scripture for an extended time of silence
- A time of sharing
- A time of shared prayer and intercession

The dates and themes of the evenings will be as follows:

- Thursday 27th February - 'Worship the Lord Your God and Serve Him Alone' - The Temptation in the Wilderness (*Matthew 4:1-11*)
- Thursday 5th March - 'This is My Son, the Beloved' - The Transfiguration (*Matthew 17:1-9*)
- Thursday 12th March - 'Christ: The Living Water of Life' - The Woman at the Well (*John 4: 5-42*)
- Thursday 19 March - 'Christ: The Light of the World' - The Man Born Blind (*John 9: 1-41*)
- Thursday 26th March - 'Christ: Our Resurrection and Our Life' - The Raising of Lazarus (*John 11:1-45*)
- Thursday April 2nd - 'My God, My God, why have you deserted me'. The Passion of Christ in Matthew's Gospel (*Matthew 26:14-27:66*)

Churches Together North Shields Lenten Study Group

This year the Churches Together North Shields Lenten Course is called 'Mine or Yours'. It is an exploration of a Christian attitude to money, wealth and possessions. There will be four sessions taking place in two Churches.

Evening course – starting Wednesday 11th March at 7.30pm, at St John's Percy Main (then 18th March, 25th March, 1st April) Afternoon course – starting Monday 16th March at 2pm, St Columba's URC (then 23rd March, 30th March, 6th April)

If you are thinking of taking part please contact Adam Gray at: a.gray@newcastle.anglican.org

Stations of the Cross

The first of these will be on **Sunday 1st March** at 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's. St Joseph's will be the alternate venue every other week.

On **Palm Sunday, April 5th**, at 3.00pm there will be a 'Moving Stations' starting at St Joseph's finishing at St Cuthbert's followed by light refreshments in the hall.

On **Thursday, 12th March** at 10.30am at St Joseph's - The Mercy Associates will lead a Stations of the Cross that will be open to all members of Churches Together North Shields. Light refreshments will follow.

Evening Mass on Friday Evenings in Lent

During Lent there will be an evening Mass at St Joseph's on Fridays at 7pm, starting on Friday 28th February.

Poverty Sunday 2020

Church Action on Sunday designates this Sunday as Poverty Action Sunday. This year the theme is speaking Truth to Power. The reality is that many in power are not aware of the experiences and struggles of those experiencing poverty. In conjunctions with Church Action on Poverty North East and St Peter's in Gateshead, St Peter's Church, Low Fell NE9 5HY, there will be an event at 3.00pm on 23rd February aiming to raise awareness of the impact of poverty in our own community and to reflect on how we can make a difference. There will be a range of speakers from Gateshead Council, Gateshead Poverty Truth Commission and witnesses from some of our local projects. Ian Mearns MP for Gateshead will attend the event and offer his thoughts in response to the speakers. All are welcome to come along and show support and concern. A closing prayer and refreshments will conclude the session.

Blackfriars Charity Ball

This will take place at St Vincent's Blackfriars on Saturday 28th March 2020 at 7pm.

Tickets cost £20 per person or a table of six at a discounted price of £100. Price includes a buffet and an evening of All Stars Tribute entertainment from the fantastic Envisage Events. All proceeds raised from the night will be helping to support our project while we provide much needed help and support to those who are homeless, isolated and finding themselves in a time of need.

We are also looking for Sponsors to support our evening and in return, we will advertise your business throughout the evening.

If you would like to come along or support our evening then please call us on 0191 2616027 (option1) or email emmab@svp.org.uk

Cake Sale this Sunday

My name is Angela Pascua and I'm a Year 12 Sixth Form student at St Thomas More RC Academy, who is part of this year's 714 pilgrimage group to Lourdes. I'm writing for the bulletin to thank the parish for their support in my November bake sale to raise funds for our Lourdes group as it was greatly appreciated. I am grateful to everyone who bought my brownies and crinkles and to the lovely ladies who helped me set up the table in the hall. Hopefully I'll receive the same reception this Sunday after the 11.00am Mass when I'll be having another cake stall. I really hope as well, that I can continue to bake and make food for our parish in the future (if my services are desired) as I'd love to give support to our community in this manner.

Funeral Service for William Cordes

The Funeral Service for William Cordes will take place at Preston Crematorium on Tuesday 25th February at 11.15am. May he rest in peace.

Charity Auction and Musical Evening for the Kabuyanda Health Project

There is a charity auction and musical evening in the parish centre at the Church of the Holy Name (North Jesmond Avenue, Jesmond NE2 3JX) on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm to help to raise funds to complete the Kabuyanda Health Project. Tickets cost £5 and include a glass of wine, great music from Gerry and the Pacemaker, good fund an amazing auction items, raising money for a fantastic project. Every penny raised funds the health centre.

Please support the project by buying a ticket and coming along to the auction and/or by donating, for example, an item, your time, skill or an experience that can be auctioned. For more information please go to:

<http://www.sacredheartng.org.uk/auction.htm>

World Day of Prayer 2020

This event is organised by Women for Everyone and will be held on Friday 6th March. There will be two services, 2.00pm in the Baptist Church, Howard Street and 7.30pm in Cullercoats Methodist Church on the Broadway. Refreshments will be available following each service. Everyone is very welcome.

The Re-Dedication of England as Our Lady's Dowry

In preparation for this special event taking place on March 29th 2020 booklets are available at the end of Masses this week to begin a personal consecration **beginning February 21st**. We have received 100 for our parish. For more details please check: behold2020.com

Confirmations

Confirmations this year will take place on Wednesday May 20th presided by Bishop Robert. If you or your child are in year 9 or above and would like to be confirmed please contact Fr Chris or if you are a pupil at St Thomas More Academy please contact the Chaplain, Michael Thompson.

Catholic Miracle Rally (North) 2020

Celebrate that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of his Spirit is moving in His Church today! With Michelle Moran, Fr Gabriel Joseph CFR, Damian Stayne - Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th March 2020 at All Hallows Catholic High School, Preston, PR1 0LN. For booking and more information:

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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.