#### MASS READINGS TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) FIRST READING

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise.

your right hand holds me fast.

4. For you have been my help;

My soul clings to you:

to see your strength and your glory.

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

#### Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

- 1. God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
- 3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet. my mouth shall praise you with joy.

#### SECOND READING

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

#### ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

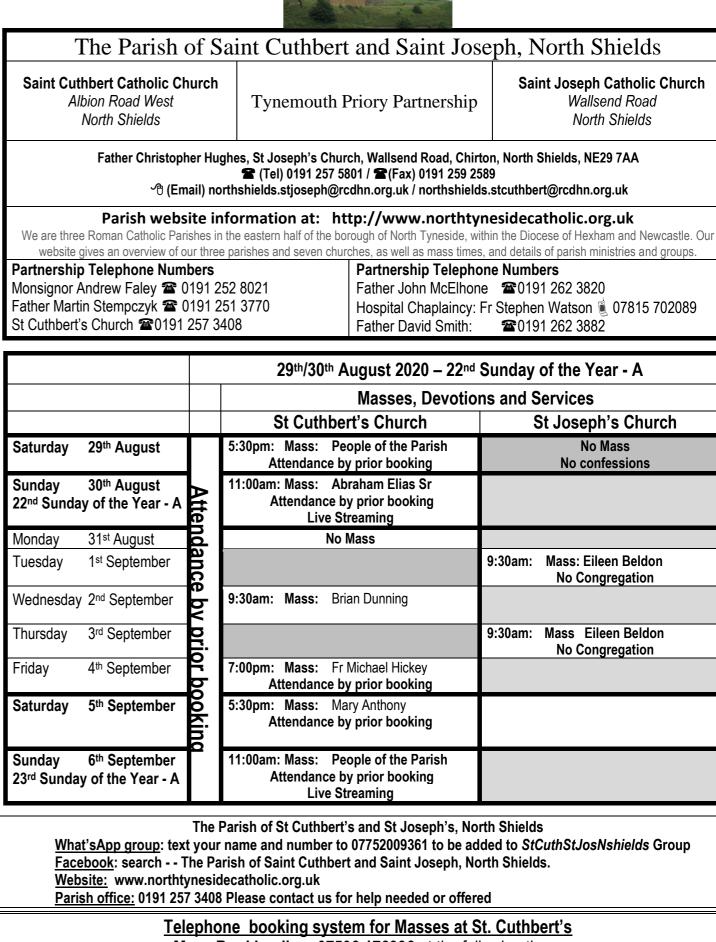
If anyone wants to be a follower of mine. let him renounce himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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#### Jeremiah 20:7-9



Mass Booking line: 07506 176

- Thursday 10am-12noc
- Fridav - 10am-12noc

#### Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

Psalm 62



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### 29th/30th August 2020 – 22nd Sunday of the Year - A

# Masses, Devotions and Services St Joseph's Church No Mass No confessions 9:30am: Mass: Eileen Beldon No Congregation 9:30am: Mass Eileen Beldon No Congregation

Masses at St. Cuthbert's
996 at the following times
on - 2pm-4pm - 6-8pm
on - 2pm-4pm.

We pray for all victims of the pandemic; students and teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest;; The reverent use of Creation; Justice and Peace; Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Familes. We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Alf McManus, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell and Anne Davis.

Please pray for Pauline Webb, Denis Shiels and all those who have died recently and for all those whose annivesaries are at this time.

#### **Re-Opening of St Joseph's**

St Joseph's will be reopened from Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> with the Vigil Mass being at St Joseph's from Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>

Please see below the new weekly timetable for Masses that starts from next weekend. This will start on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>, with the first Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The first Saturday Vigil Mass will at St Joseph's will be on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>. The Mass next Saturday evening, September 5<sup>th</sup> will be at St Cuthbert's at 5.30pm.

From September 6<sup>th</sup> the format is as follows:

<ul> <li>Sunday 11.00 am St Cuthbert's (Live Stream)</li> </ul>	
Monday: No Mass	
Tuesday: 9.30am St Joseph's	
Wednesday: 9.30am St Cuthbert's	
Thursday: No Mass	
Friday 7.00pm St Joseph's	
<ul> <li>Saturday 5.30pm Vigil St Joseph's</li> </ul>	

This new timetable from September 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be five Masses a week giving the parish a weekly capacity of 268

#### Preparation for the Reopening of St Joseph's

In order that St Joseph's is able to reopen and be Covid secure, there will be a deep clean of St Joseph's next **Saturday**, **5**<sup>th</sup> **September starting at 10.00a**m. The church has not been cleaned since March, so there will be a lot of work but more hands will make light work. The diocese has provided us with the resources to ensure that the Church is compliant with the Diocesan guidance. Please help if you can.

#### **Appeal for Stewards**

As mentioned at the end of Mass last week, if we are to be able to provide Mass from both Churches, it is important that that we have enough stewards to enable that people are kept safe while at Mass. I am grateful for those who have responded to my appeal. Please get in touch if you would like to be a steward.

#### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings in places of worship are now a legal requirement. The stewards and I are aware that there are exemptions, including if you have breathing problems. Face masks will be available if you come to church without a face covering

#### Booking for Mass

The times for booking for Mass have changed from this week. If you wish to attend the Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning please call 07506 176996 at the following times.

If you come to the Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, you will be asked to leave your name and a contact detail:

By using this telephone booking system we will ask for your name and contact number/email. In this way we are able to operate a track and trace system. Following GDPR and safeguarding guidelines only your name will be provided to the door stewards and the list kept for 21 days before being destroyed.

Should you call and there are no available spaces then you will be offered a place the following week.

Sunday Mass will continue to be Live Streamed on the parish Facebook page.

#### Live Streaming in the Parish

The parish is very grateful for the efforts of Gerry Beldon in ensuring that Sunday Mass and some funeral liturgies can be live streamed. If anyone would like to help Gerry in this important role, any offers of help would be most appreciated. Please let Fr Chris or Gerry know if you would like to help with this important aspect of parish communications

#### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a charity that we as a parish have actively supported. Most recently was our planned Lenten Lunch which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the lockdown. Even so, because of your generosity in refusing refunds for tickets, we were able to donate £158. Mary's Meals have sent their grateful thanks and invite everyone to view how they are still working to provide meals even though schools are closed due to the virus. Why not take a look at their website and videos at:

https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/lovereacheseverywhere

#### Reception into the Catholic Community and Adult Confirmation

I am delighted to inform the parish that the reception into full communion with the Church and confirmation of our candidates, Stephen Atwell, Andy Nichols, Angela Nicholson and Kathryn Waterworth will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's. Due to restriction of numbers, this celebration will be by invitation only but representatives of the parish will be present. Please pray for our candidates as eventually they become fully part of our community

## To Our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times Readers in the Parish:

at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange this for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£18.00 or 12 Months:- £72.00

#### **RCIA** Programme

We are hoping to begin a new Journey in Faith (RCIA) course in September. The course has been running in our partnership for some years now and we had 11 candidates received into the church at Easter 2019 and we have had 7 candidates on the course this year. The course is designed for anyone wishing to join the Catholic faith, anyone wanting to explore or know more about their faith or anyone interested in coming along to share their own faith experiences with others. The sessions usually run fortnightly from September to around Pentecost and this year's course involved the final sessions taking place successfully through zoom. Our new course will be a bit different come September, as we are hoping to be able to hold some of our sessions in person (keeping to social distancing regulations) but we will also be holding some through zoom. If you are interested or you know of anyone who may be interested, or if you would like to know more about the course itself, please contact either Fr Chris or Teresa Hills on 07855 649735.

#### Trinity Charity Shop

I am very grateful to those who have volunteered to work in the Charity Shop. There are six people who are willing to help. To be able sustain working on a Thursday on a weekly basis we need about eight volunteers in total so if you can help please contact Myra Edwards at: <u>2myraedwards@gmail.com</u> or on 07791976278: or Pat Campbell on 07812816432

I appreciate that those who have been volunteers may now not be in position to continue that role due to restrictions to ensure people's safety. On any Tuesday from 9am-3pm, anyone can drop off donations at the Charity Shop. They will be kept in storage for 72 hours in line with Covid Safety measures.

At the moment there is a not a definite date for opening. Once all the health and safety procedures have been carried out I will inform the parish of the date of re-opening.

#### New Academic Year

Next week the schools in the parish gradually re-open. Schools are going to feel very different than when they all closed in March. There is clearly concern but also anticipation as pupils and staff return to school. Please pray for all pupils and staff going back to work next week. I would like to offer my prayers and best wishes to all the staff and pupils of St Tomas More Academy, St Cuthbert's Primary and St Joseph's Primary. Despite all the concerns and restrictions I hope you have a very blessed and successful year.

Since for the time being, I will not be saying Mass at St Joseph's on a Thursday or St Cuthbert's on a Friday, I will be going into their respective schools on those morning

#### Exam Congratulations

Prayers and best wishes to our young people who have received exam results in recent days. We wish you every joy and blessing as you begin a new part of your life. Prayers and best wishes, Fr Chris

#### COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic – Church Response: Do you need to speak to someone for support?:

For those who are seeking a Priest with whom they can speak at this time, could you please contact the Parish Priest at your local Church. For this parish it is 0191 2575801.

Dedicated counsellors and listeners are also available at the Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and on the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

#### **Communications in the Parish**

If you know of parishioners who are not online please print out the newsletter and put through their letter box. If people would like the newsletter e-mailed, please e-mail:

northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk and I will make sure it is e-mailed to you.

#### **Diocesan Refugee Project**

Financial contributions are also very welcome too: Cheques to DH&N DESTITUTE ASYLUM FUND. Address: Refugee Project, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle NE4 6EE. Bank transfers – HSBC Sort code: 40-34-18 Account number: 52854058. We will also be communicating this urgent request via the Diocesan Website and other means. Thank you so much for your ongoing support – it is vital at this time. God bless you.

#### **Financial Offerings**

I am very grateful to parishioners who have either posted envelopes or offerings through the door. I am also aware that many of you are now making your contributions through standing orders and/or bacs transfer. Your continued support is much appreciated at a time when many are facing financial difficulties. A big thank-you. If you would like to set up a standing order or make a transfer please see the details below.

Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph Bank: HSBC Sort code 40-34-45, account number 91146513

#### **COVID Secure**

Firstly, thanks to all who have contributed to making St Cuthbert's Covid Secure in line with Diocesan Policy and Protocol. In order to maintain this status it is vital that we all comply with the policy. This means that from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 nobody should enter the Church Building unless authorised to do so by Fr Chris.

This is vital so that we will be able to open for Public Worship. To that end, should any key holder need to go into church they should contact Clare Harvey, who will facilitate Covid Secure Access. Contact: 07958701235.

Thank you all, for your patience and understanding, our main goal is to maintain the ability to have church accessible to as many people as possible.