

**MASS READINGS**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**  
**FIRST READING**

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.**

**Psalm 144**

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| <p>1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.</p>        |   |

**SECOND READING**

*Life to me is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

**ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Why be envious because I am generous?*

**Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
 Albion Road West  
 North Shields

Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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 Wallsend Road  
 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.

**Partnership Telephone Numbers**

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**Partnership Telephone Numbers**

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<b>19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>			
<b>Masses, Devotions and Services</b>			
		<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Attendance by prior booking</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>Attendance by prior booking</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: Colin Dalley</b> <b>Attendance by prior booking</b> <b>Live Streaming</b>	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September		<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September			<b>9:30am: Mass: Colin Dalley</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September			<b>9:30am: Mass: Patsy O'Callaghan</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September			<b>9:30am: Mass</b> <b>No Congregation</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September			<b>7:00pm: Mass: Tony Tynan</b>
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>			
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>Attendance by prior booking</b> <b>Live Streaming</b>	

**The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields**

**WhatsApp group: text your name and number to 07752009361 to be added to StCuthStJosNshields Group**

**Facebook: search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.**

**Website: [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)**

**Parish office: 0191 257 3408**

**Please contact us for help needed or offered**

**Telephone booking system for Masses at St. Cuthbert's**  
**Mass Booking line: 07506 176996 at the following times**

Tuesday	11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm
Wednesday	11am-1pm
Thursday	11am-1pm
Friday	11am-1pm

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 Families. 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 Bill Skelly, David Stopher and all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

### Reopening of St Joseph's

It was wonderful to be able to preside at both Masses last week-end with churches to almost their full capacity with the present guidelines. The Covid crisis is far from over but it is heartening to see the parish able to operate as best as it can. A big thank-you to all who have made it possible to ensure our churches are safe and welcoming places for prayer and worship

### Initiation into the Catholic Church

I would like to pass on behalf of the parish our warm congratulations and welcome to Andy Nichol, Angela Nicholson, Katie Waterworth and Stephen Atwell who were fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church by the act of Reception and receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a lovely celebration with about fifty-five of us who gathered. Thank-you to all who contributed. Your prayers please for Andy, Angela, Katie and Stephen. May the grace of Christ continue to work in their lives and that feel they are full members of our parish

### The PeerTalk North Tyneside

This group is for those living with depression, anxiety and related conditions. Find out more at: Find out more at: enquiries@peertalk.org.uk or www.peertalk.org.uk or 07719 562 617 Started again on: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September Just turn up ... no need to book and it's free Every Wednesday 7.00pm – 8.30pm Whitley Bay Big Local, 158, Whitley Road, Whitley Bay NE26 2LY.

### Church Action on Poverty AGM

The Church Action on Poverty North East group are holding their Annual General Meeting via Zoom on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. This will be by zoom. If you would like to take part please e-mail: [capnortheast@gmail.com](mailto:capnortheast@gmail.com) Diedre Brower Latz, a theologian with a particular interest in social issues and justice, will be taking part.

**Second Collection** The Bishop has asked that there will be a retiring collection this weekend for the 'Holy Places in Palestine'.

### Parish Council

There will be a socially distanced meeting of the parish council on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10-00am till 11.00am at St Cuthbert's hall. There are at least three vacancies on the parish council. New members are welcome at this important time in the life of the parish

### RCIA:

The new RCIA programme will commence on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. If anyone

would like to attend, please contact Teresa Hills on 07855649735 for further details. We will need to know numbers due to current social distancing restrictions.

### Re-Opening of St Joseph's

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

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

- Sunday 11.00 am St Cuthbert's (*Live Streamed*)
- Monday: No Mass
- Tuesday: 9.30am St Joseph's
- Wednesday: 9.30am St Cuthbert's
- Thursday: No Mass
- Friday 7.00pm St Joseph's
- Saturday 5.30pm Vigil St Joseph's

This new timetable is five Masses a week giving the parish a weekly capacity of 268

### 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. It is stewards for the Masses at St Joseph that are particularly needed

### 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.

- Tuesday 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm
- Wednesday 11am-1pm
- Thursday 11am-1pm
- Friday 11am-1pm

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>

### 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.

The Diocese will also be running a weekly Diocesan online RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme, beginning on Tuesday 29 September at 6:30pm. The hour long online meetings will allow you to meet with others who are beginning the RCIA programme. To register for this online programme, please contact: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Trinity Charity Shop

The Trinity Charity shop on Wallsend Road re-opened on September 8<sup>th</sup>. My thanks to the seven parishioners who have agreed volunteer in the shop on a Thursday. If you would like to help on a Thursday please contact either Myra Edwards at: [2myraedwards@gmail.com](mailto:2myraedwards@gmail.com) or on 07791976278: or Pat Campbell on 07812816432

### 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](mailto:northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk) and I will make sure it is e-mailed to you.

### 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](http://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

### 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 or other means. Thank you so much for your ongoing support – it is vital at this time. God bless 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

### 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.

### Funeral for Bill Skelly

Bill Skelly's Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm. There will be about 12 places available to the parish. If you would like to attend please call the Mass Booking line on 07506 176996 at the following times

Tuesday 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm

Wednesday 11am-1pm.

His committal will be at Preston Crematorium at 1.30. Members of the parish are welcome to be outside the Crematorium