

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

The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Lords.

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: ***The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.***

Psalm 79

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| <p>1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.</p> | <p>2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the fields.</p> |
| <p>3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
they vine your right hand has planted.</p> | <p>4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back:
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</p> |

SECOND READING

The God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from the Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

He will ease the vineyard to other tenants.

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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 North Shields

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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.

Partnership Telephone Numbers

Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021
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 Father David Smith: ☎ 0191 262 3882

3rd/4th October 2020 – 27th Sunday of the Year - A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 3rd October	Attendance by prior booking		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 4th October 27th Sunday of the Year - A		11:00am: Mass: No Intention Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming	
Monday 5th October		No Service	
Tuesday 6th October			No Service
Wednesday 7th October		No Service	
Thursday 8th October			No Service
Friday 9th October			No Service
Saturday 10th October			5:30pm: Mass: Tatyana Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 11th October 28th Sunday of the Year - A		11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming	

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

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 all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

First Holy Communion Programme for 2021.

In consultation with the First Holy Communion Catechist team and the Head Teachers it has been decided that we will go ahead with the First Holy Communion programme though it will be very different to previous years with most of the work being done in school. If your child is at either St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's primary school then the school will be in contact with you. If your child is neither at these schools please contact me as soon as possible

Parish Celebrations of First Holy Communion

To ensure that the delayed celebrations of First Holy Communion are in line with Covid Safety guidance, there will be four First Holy Communion Masses with about 6 candidates at each Mass. They will be on the 7th, 14th and 21st of November at St Cuthbert's and 28th November at St Joseph's. I am very grateful to the staff from both schools for their help with this and the First Holy Communion Catechists, Linda Shotton and Nesta Masiwah who have volunteered to act as stewards at all these Masses. Sadly these Masses will be by invitation only.

CAFOD Family Fast Day CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Friday, October 9th, our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

CAFOD envelopes will also be available. You can also donate on the CAFOD website. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about their work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice.

Stella Maris (Formerly Apostleship of the Sea) Centenary Mass - Sunday, 4th October – 3pm

This year Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is celebrating 100 years of its support to seafarers, fishers, and their families.

To mark the beginning of their centenary year they will be holding a live-streamed Mass celebrated by Archbishop Philip Tartaglia of Glasgow. Parishioners are invited to join them online at www.stellamaris.org.uk/centenarymass on Sunday, 4th October at 3pm to share in this very special historic celebration.

Enhanced Listening Skills

Many are aware of the great stress under which people have been living, and continue to live, during the Coronavirus Pandemic. A good way forward would be for our parishes to train people in Enhanced Listening Skills, which will enable them to be more effective listeners. The training will also give guidance on sign-posting people who may, if necessary, need more specific support. The Road Centre and our Vicariate for Caritas have arranged a six week training course (via Zoom) to start in the week beginning 9 November 2020. There will be a cost of £120.00 per person. Costs may also be covered on application to the Lay Training Fund. If need. The parish is also willing to cover costs. Volunteers must be referred by their parish priest. Applications for the subsidy should be made by the individual, with the agreement of his or her parish priest. Further details with a poster and application form will follow soon.

The Celebration of the Mass in accordance with Covid Guidelines.

In the light of communications with the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer and a meeting of the Parish Covid Team of Myra Edwards Clare Harvey, Ian Pearson, Felicity Penny and myself the following points need to be made:

- Attendance at Mass does not in itself constitute close contact. So, if anyone has contacted the virus who has been at mass recently, this does not mean all at the Mass have to isolate. It only applies if you were in close contact, that is 15 minutes or more with that person less than two meters
- In the light of restrictions in the North East, the diocese has stated that those who are deemed to be 'Clinically Extremely Vulnerable' MUST NOT attend Mass
- Separate Households should not mix together in Church
- People have to call to book each week for Mass. We appreciate this is time consuming, but it is fair and ensures our records are accurate.
- While I am away, there will be Masses only at weekends. The Churches will be closed during the week.
- While I am also away, please book by Friday 1pm. There is no guarantee that a place will be available. Apologies to those who discover their work shifts on a Friday afternoon.
- The hard work and commitment of the Stewards is much appreciated. Mass could not take place without your commitment. If you have any queries or concerns please contact a member of the Parish Covid Team

PeerTalk North Tyneside

This group is for those living with depression, anxiety and related conditions. Find out more at: enquiries@peertalk.org.uk or www.peertalk.org.uk or 07719 562 617. 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.

PeerTalk North Tyneside – Volunteer Facilitators

PeerTalk, a registered charity, is looking for volunteer facilitators to help run their peer support group in Whitley Bay, for people who live with depression, anxiety. Full training is offered and ongoing support. Training day on 24th October. Closing date for applications is 15th October. For more details see www.peertalk.org.uk/volunteer-with-us or email enquiries@peertalk.org.uk

RCIA:

The new RCIA programme commenced on Tuesday 29th 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.

Walking With Refugee Project

Plastic water bottles needed! These will be used to provide cooking oil to their clients. (They purchase a large drum and share the oil!) If anyone has any can you please drop them off at our Walking With Centre, Hugh street. Wallsend, NE28 6RL Or if it is local we can collect. Please pass on! Much appreciated. *Joan Hoult Chief executive Office* joan@walkingwith.co.uk, 0191 6498974 or 07497221716

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

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.

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.

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 8205722 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 15th 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.

Bill Skelly

On behalf of the Skelly family I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those within the parish for their love and support towards us since my dad's passing early last week. Unfortunately, we couldn't give him the send off that we would have liked, however we all felt that the service and the heartfelt words spoken by Fr Chris summed my dad up perfectly. RIP Dad