

MASS READINGS
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

FIRST READING

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Psalm 95

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| <p>1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.</p> |
| <p>3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.</p> | <p>4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.</p> |

SECOND READING

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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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 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

Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021
 Father Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770
 St Cuthbert's Church ☎ 0191 257 3408

Partnership Telephone Numbers

Father John McElhone ☎ 0191 262 3820
 Hospital Chaplaincy: Rev Stephe Boulter ☎ 07815 702089
 Father David Smith: ☎ 0191 262 3882

17 th /18 th October 2020 – 29 th Sunday of the Year - A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 17th October	Attendance by prior booking		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 18th October 29th Sunday of the Year - A		11:00am: Mass: Irene Wallis Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming	
Monday 19 th October		No Mass	
Tuesday 20 th October			9:30am: Mass: Mary Hughes
Wednesday 21 st October			9:30am: Mass: Murray & Temperly Family
Thursday 22 nd October			9:30am: Mass No Congregation
Friday 23 rd October			7:00pm: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey
Saturday 24th October			
Sunday 25th October 30th 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 Leslie Buttler and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

Mission Sunday This Week

World Mission Sunday falls this Sunday, 18th October. On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world living in situations of poverty and privation. The need is even greater this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, especially in countries with inadequate financial and medical resources. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is 'Here I am, send me!' All donations go to the Universal Solidarity Fund in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk. There will be a Retiring Collection

Listening Skills Training

A course for those who would like to support members of our parishes/partnerships who may be experiencing mental health issues. A six week course beginning on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 6.30 pm on zoom (2 x 45 minute sessions with 15 minute break). Trainers: Kevin Daly, Oonagh Atkinson from The Road Centre and Chris Smith from the Diocesan Listening Service.

Participants will be trained using basic skills from counselling theory and practice. Good listening practice involves the following:

- Paying attention
- Withholding judgement
- Reflecting
- Clarifying
- Summarising and
- Sharing

Using skilled, focused listening you will be able to hear what is, and is not being said. You will be able to pick up on subtleties that are often missed with more superficial, hurried listening. By taking the time to truly listen to what the speaker has to say, the other person is likely to feel respected and heard. Real and focused listening leads to greater trust between both parties and creates the potential for a stronger overall relationship.

The course will include brief training on the following issues: bereavement/loss, managing uncertainty, anxiety, low mood, people experiencing relationship difficulties and knowing where and when to signpost to more experienced/qualified practitioners or GP. An important element of the course is to discuss common mental health issues and difficulties which people may experience, therefore equipping the attendees to know their limitations. This course does not train you to be a counsellor but to be a skilled, effective listener.

Many people are aware of the great stress which people have been and continue to live under during the Coronavirus Pandemic. As we move towards the winter months, many members of our communities may continue to suffer and be in distress as further lockdown measures/changes to our way of life continue. Giving someone our time to truly listen and seek to understand rather than to respond with answers is a skill.

Participants will need to maintain good, clear lines of communication with their parish priest/deacon so recommendations for contact can be

made e.g. following bereavement or periods of ill health, someone living on their own with loved ones at a distance, a single mother/father struggling with everyday commitments of school run/shopping, noticing someone has begun to withdraw etc.

Supervision support will be provided for those who undertake this work on a six weekly basis and a day's training will be provided each year for ongoing development.

'Some days you will be the light for others, and some days you will need some light from them. As long as there is light, there is hope and there is a way' Jennifer Gayle. Effective listening can be that light.

If you are interested please speak to your parish priest/deacon. There will be a cost of £120.00 per person. We encourage parishes that could afford this to pay for their parishioner, however costs may also be covered on application to the Lay Training Fund. Priests/Deacons must refer the volunteers and applications for the subsidy must be made by the individual with consent from their priest/deacon.

The more trained, effective listeners we have, the more support we can offer to our communities.

For further information on the course contact Oonagh Atkinson on 0191 3891188. Application forms can be obtained from The Vicariate for Faith & Mission adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433316

Consultation on Catholic Schools becoming Academies

I have been asked by the Head Teachers of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's schools to inform the parish that a consultation process is taking place about both schools becoming part of the Bishop Bewick Trust, which will be a Multi-Academy Trust that has all the Catholic schools in Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland in it. If you have any queries or comments please contact Miss Claire Hedley at St Joseph's at: info@stjosephsrc-primary.co.uk or by phone on 2573097 or Mr Shaun Dillon at: office@stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk The closing date of the consultation is Thursday 22nd October 2020.

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 was on October 9th, our parish marked CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. You can still make a donation to CAFOD's work

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 are available.

October the Month of the Rosary

On the 31st October 2020, the diocese will be taking part in a Rosary Rally, with different dioceses from across the country having a designated time slot to ensure the rosary is prayed continuously throughout the day from 9 am to 9 pm. For more information register at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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.

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

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.

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 & 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

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.

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

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

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.

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

In order to ensure St Cuthbert's & St Joseph's churches are Covid Secure in line with Diocesan Policy and Protocol. It is vital that we all comply with the policy. This means that nobody should enter the Church Buildings unless authorised to do so by Fr Chris.

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

Thank you for your patience, understanding and help to maintain the ability to have our churches accessible to as many people as possible.