

MASS READINGS
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
FIRST READING

If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Psalm 17

- I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
- Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praise be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

SECOND READING

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021
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Partnership Telephone Numbers

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 Deacon Rev Stephen Boulter ☎ 07712466738
 Father David Smith: ☎ 0191 262 3882

24 th /25 th October 2020 – 30 th Sunday of the Year - A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 24th October	Attendance by prior booking		5:30pm: Mass: Bill Skelly Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 25th October 30th Sunday of the Year - A		11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming	
Monday 26th October		No Mass	
Tuesday 27th October			9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 28th October			9:30am: Mass: Denis Hills
Thursday 29th October			9:30am: Mass No Congregation
Friday 30th October			7:00pm: Mass: Luciana Sutacio
Saturday 31st October			5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 1st November Feast of All Saints		11:00am: Mass: Alan Curran 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
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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'.

Confirmations

The Bishop has given priests in the diocese permission to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation I have decided that Confirmations that would have taken place this year in May will now take place on Friday November 20th, the Friday before the Feast of Christ the King and Youth Sunday. We will also have the Reception into the Church of the one remaining candidate from this year's RCIA programme, Juliet Lockey

Baptisms

This weekend we have our first Baptism since lockdown. Ellie and Huxley Deacon will be baptized at St Joseph's this Sunday at 1pm. Please pray for Ellie, Huxley and their family. Only 6 people are allowed to be present due to restrictions though this baptism will be live streamed to their family

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 (2x45 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

Please note that the course is over subscribed but will be running again in the new year

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.

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

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.

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