

**MASS READINGS**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)**

**FIRST READING**

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.*

**Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8**

You, the Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 79**

**Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

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| <p>1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,<br/>shine forth from your cherubim throne.<br/>O Lord, rouse up your might,<br/>O Lord, come to our help.</p>   | <p>2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,<br/>look down from heaven and see.<br/>Visit this vine and protect it,<br/>the vine your right hand has planted.</p> |
| <p>3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,<br/>the man you have given your strength.<br/>And we shall never forsake you again:<br/>give us life that we may call upon your name.</p> |  |

**SECOND READING**

*We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.*

**Corinthians 1:3-9**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

**Alleluia**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:33-37**

*Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: stay awake!'

**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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**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.

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28 <sup>th</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Attendance by prior booking</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish No Congregation - Live Streaming</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - B</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: No Congregation - Live Streaming</b>	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December			<b>9:30am: Mass: Live Streaming</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December		<b>9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey</b>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December			<b>9:30am: Mass Fr Michael Hickey No Congregation - Live Streaming</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December			<b>7:00pm: Mass: Martin Asprey</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>			<b>5:30pm: Mass: Vera Franco Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - B</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming</b>	

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

**What'sApp 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, Anne Davis and Marilyn Redpath. Please pray for Frs Derek Peel and Stephen Johnston and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

### Happy New Year

This is the First Sunday of Advent, where we begin the whole cycle of the great drama of Salvation. We acknowledge the God who comes to us. These days in the northern hemisphere are literally the darkest of the whole year, quite symbolic during lockdown at the end of a very challenging year for us all. But in these days of darkness Advent is a time of hope. The darkness will not last and as we come to the end of the Christmas, days are becoming lighter, looking ahead to spring which is a long time away but it is on its way. That is our sense of Christ at this time, he is on his way!

### Government's Winter Covid Plan

Under the new restrictions Public Worship can resume irrespective of the tier we will be placed in. This means that the public celebration of Mass will resume on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 9.30 at St Cuthbert's.

As a parish we will resume to the weekly pattern we had before the second lockdown started on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The booking line for Mass at the weekend will reopen next Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.00am.

### Masses for Christmas Day

Since we will be limited in terms of Mass places on what is the busiest day of the year, I have decided to put on an extra Mass for Christmas:

#### Christmas Eve

5.00pm Mass - St Joseph's  
8.00pm Mass - St Cuthbert's

#### Christmas Day

9.30am Mass - St Joseph's  
11.00am Mass - St Cuthbert's

#### Boxing Day, 26<sup>th</sup> December

5:30am Vigil Mass - St Joseph's

#### Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December

11.00am Mass - St Cuthbert's

#### Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> January

11.00am Mass - St Joseph's

**You can book for Christmas Masses from this Tuesday.**

### Advent Reflections

During Advent there will be reflections online at 4pm on a Sunday. This week Fr Chris will lead a reflection with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and readings.

The Diocese has prepared a number of high quality resources. There will be daily video and written reflections and for each day of Advent. These can be found at: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/prayeradventresources.php>

Fr Chris will endeavour to put these daily resources on the parish facebook page.

I hope that you will find time and space for prayer and quiet and be able to use the resources provided by the diocese

### Parish Council

It has been decided that we will not have elections this year and that those who are supposed to be standing down will stay on for another year. However, we do have three vacancies so please let me know if you would like to be on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will be meeting this Saturday via zoom

### 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.

### 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.

### Young People and Advent

This week's QR Code is an Advent Calendar for young people from a Youth Ministry Group called 'Busted Halo'



### Booking for Mass

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- 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.

### A Message from the 'Right to Life'

"Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot Abortion is currently allowed in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds."

### Diocesan Refugee Project

This hopes to re-open in December. It will be re-opening in new premises at St Vincent's, New Bridge Street, Newcastle. If you have any donations for the Refugee Project please leave at the back of the house of St Joseph's or at St Cuthbert's on a Sunday from 10.00am to 12 noon

### PeerTalk North Tyneside

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

### Confirmations and First Holy Communions

With public worship resuming on December 2<sup>nd</sup> The Confirmations will now take place on Friday December the 11<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's at 7pm.

First Holy Communions for St Joseph's will be 10.00am on December 12<sup>th</sup>. For St Cuthbert at 10.00am on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Mercy Associates - update

#### Mercy Associates Christmas Food Parcel Appeal

Due to the new lockdown and the churches being closed our appeal is being rearranged. It will now take place from 2<sup>nd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December. Hopefully the churches will be open again and your non-perishable food donations can be left in the bags at both churches.

The Mercy Associates are praying for all our parish at this difficult time and thank you again for your kindness.

### 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.

### 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.

### Safe Families

Safe Families is a charity which offers practical support to families in our area. Volunteers help in a wide variety of ways and help is always needed. Could you make a difference to a family in need? Its your time and presence they need. Check out <https://safefamilies.uk/> or contact 0191 7070033.

### 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