

MASS READINGS
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
FIRST READING

A perfect wife – who can find her?

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *O blest are those who fear the Lord.*

Psalm 127

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| <p>1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.</p> | <p>2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.</p> |
| <p>3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!</p> | |

SECOND READING

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, 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.

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14th/15th November 2020 – 33rd Sunday of the Year - A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 14th November	No Congregation		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish No Congregation
Sunday 15th November 33rd Sunday of the Year - A		11:00am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Parish No Congregation	
Monday 16th November		No Mass	
Tuesday 17th November			9:30am: Mass: No Congregation
Wednesday 18th November		9:30am: Mass: John Hughes No Congregation	
Thursday 19th November			9:30am: Mass No Congregation
Friday 20th November			7:00pm: Mass: No Congregation
Saturday 21st November			5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish No Congregation
Sunday 22nd November Christ the King - A		11:00am: Mass: Bob Robson No Congregation	

All Masses live streamed

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

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 Olga Floraline Toby who has died recently and for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

Lockdown Week 2

I hope that the full first week of Lockdown has gone ok for you all and you are feeling supported and hopeful. The news that a vaccine could be available by the end of the year is a sign of hope though I agree with all who remind us that we still need to be vigilant in keeping to current restrictions since that is the best way to protect people. So far, I seem to be coping with the technology and am pleased we can be connected through the wonders of the internet. Mass will be livestreamed each day apart from Monday. Please let me know if there is anything that we, as a parish, can do.

Convent of Mercy

I received a letter from the Mother Superior of the Mercy Sisters to inform me that St Patricia Bell has been asked to take on a Leadership Role of one of the London Communities. Sr Jean Francis will also be joining her in that community. This means that the Convent on Cartington Road will be closed and put on the market. The Mercy Sisters have had a presence in the town for the last 160 years. I know that as a community we will be very sad to say goodbye and am sure we will want to express our thanks to Sr Patricia and Sr Jean Frances for their commitment to our parish.

World Day of Prayer for the Poor

The 33rd Sunday of the year is the day Pope Francis asks us to pray for the poor and marginalised across our society and our world. In his message for the fourth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis writes that 'keeping our gaze fixed on the poor is difficult', but that it is 'more necessary than ever if we are to give proper direction to our personal life and the life of society.' He draws on the Book of Sirach as a guide for reflection and action following the pandemic. 'Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need for one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world', he says. 'Until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue.'

Back garden at St Joseph's

I am grateful to Ruth Corless and Marie Howells for reflecting on what could be possible to develop the garden. If anyone else in the parish would like to help with this, please let me know.

Bishops' Conference Statement on the Publication of the IICSA Report

The Catholic Church in England and Wales welcomes the Report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse relating to the institutional response of the Church in its duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation.

We thank the IICSA Panel for their work. The Report will now inform the ongoing reform and improvement of safeguarding in all aspects of the Church's life.

An important aspect of the Inquiry's work was the voice given to victims and survivors of abuse, including the accounts which they gave of their subsequent engagement with the Church. Listening attentively to their witness testimony has brought into sharp relief the extent of the damage this sexual abuse has had on their lives.

We apologise to all victims and survivors who have not been properly listened to, or properly supported by us. By listening with humility to those who have suffered, we can contribute to the healing of the wounds of abuse, as well as learn from those most directly affected how we must improve the Church's safeguarding standards, policies and procedures.

This is an ongoing task and one to which we are wholly committed. Child sexual abuse is a crime. It is a crime that requires committed vigilance and strict procedures to ensure reporting to the statutory authorities. This is the Church's policy. It is also why our safeguarding work needs to be continually reviewed and improved. Where there have been failings and inconsistency in the application of our safeguarding procedures, we acknowledge these and commit to actions which will bring about improvement.

Abuse is an evil act against the most vulnerable; it must never be excused or covered up. Abuse committed against children and the consequent damage to people's lives cannot be undone. For this, we apologise without reservation, and we are committed to listen attentively to the voices of those who have been abused.

This report is an important moment in our safeguarding journey in the Catholic Church in our countries. It will now be considered in detail by us, the Bishops, at our Plenary Assembly beginning next week so we can explore how to integrate the findings of this important Inquiry into the life and work of the Church in order to consistently safeguard children and the vulnerable.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols President
Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP Vice-President

Youth Sunday

Next week is Youth Sunday. Please scan QR Code for resources relating to the family and Youth Sunday. For more information and resources please.



Lockdown till December 2nd

As a parish may we continue to support each other as we start another major lockdown. May we support each other as best we can. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are all in this together and though some of us may be living alone I hope we can all feel we are being supported by each other. Wishing you all and your families peace, grace and strength at this time.

As you will be aware, public worship is not allowed during this current lockdown. There is the possibility this time of the Church being open for private prayer. Following discussions with the parish Covid Group it was decided that the safest and most effective way to serve the parish is to offer a live stream of Mass according to the timetable we have been running since we reopened both Church in September. The Churches will not be open for private prayer.

I am not sure when this will start but I will inform you as soon as possible when daily Mass will be live streamed.

Confirmations and First Holy Communions

These events planned for November have had to be postponed due to lockdown. The Confirmations now have a provisional date of Friday December the 11th at St Joseph's at 7pm.

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

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 2nd-9th 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.

Mary's Meals

Online Porridge Party in aid of Mary's Meals. Saturday 28th November at 10am.

Bowls of porridge and slippers compulsory! Come join in a little fun for a good cause.

Contact whatsapp group for more info on 07752009361 or watch out for zoom details next week. Check out www.marys.meals.org.

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

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 Hault Chief executive Office* joan@walkingwith.co.uk, 0191 6498974 or 07497221716

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.

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? It's 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.

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