

MASS READINGS
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

FIRST READING
Prepare a way for the Lord.

Isiah 40:1-5. 9-11

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Psalm 84

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| <p>1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
 a voice that speaks of peace,
 peace for his people.
 His help is near for those who fear him
 and his glory will dwell in our land.</p> | <p>2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
 justice and peace have embraced.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
 and justice look down from heaven.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord will make us prosper
 and our earth shall yield its fruit.
 Justice shall march before him
 and peace shall follow his steps.</p> | |

SECOND READING

We are waiting for the new heavens and new earth.

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Make his paths straight.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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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

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5th/6th December 2020 – 2nd Sunday of Advent - B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 5th December	Attendance by prior booking		5:30pm: Mass: Vera Franco Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming
Sunday 6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent - B		11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming	
Monday 7 th December		No Mass	
Tuesday 8 th December			9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey Live Streaming
Wednesday 9 th December		9:30am: Mass: Bill Devlin,	
Thursday 10 th December			9:30am: Mass Fr Michael Hickey No Congregation - Live Streaming
Friday 11 th December			7:00pm: Mass of Reception and Confirmation (Invitation only)
Saturday 12th December			10.00am First Holy Communion Mass for St Joseph's School at St Joseph's (Invitation only) 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming
Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent - B		11:00am: Mass: 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

At Advent time We pray for all victims of the pandemic; migrants and refugees, expectant mothers and openness to the Word of God. 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 Marilyn Redpath. Please pray for Ines Fox, Fr Gerard Martin, Anne Davies and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

Reopening of Churches

It is lovely to have re-opened Church this week and to welcome some of you at the Weekend Masses.

Thanks to all who have prepared the Church for its re-opening. This will be a different Advent but I hope the joy, peace and hope of this time will be with you and all you love at this time

Confirmations and Reception

This Friday 11th December at 7.00pm, we will have the Confirmation of six teenagers: Kirby Estorba, Christy Jayne, Amy McCoy, Anastasia O'Donnell, Julian Medina, Martin Puente and two adults, Juliet Lockey and Celene Robson. Juliet will also be received into Full Communion of the Church. Sadly, the Celebration will be invitation only but please keep Kirby, Christy, Amy, Anastasia, Julian, Martin, Juliet and Celene in your prayers.

First Holy Communions

On Saturday December 12th at 10.00am, we will have the First Holy Communion of five St Joseph's pupils and a pupil from Percy Main Primary School. Please also keep them in your prayers as they finally meet Jesus in the Eucharist.

On Saturday, December 19th at 10.00am, we will have the First Holy Communions for St Cuthbert.

Nite Bite

Nite Bite are putting together Christmas gifts for those that are part of their community, which normally met for a meal each Tuesday. Since that stopped being a possibility, they have continued providing food, and most recently hot meals, every week including for some who are part of New to the UK. If you, or any of your church fellowship, would like to contribute financially towards these gifts, it would be very gratefully received.

The account details are: Sort Code 20-62-09 Account number 70172111 Please mark the transfer as "Christmas donation"

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.

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, 26th December

5:30am Vigil Mass - St Joseph's

Sunday, 27th December

11.00am Mass - St Cuthbert's

Friday, 1st January

11.00am Mass - St Joseph's

You can book now for Christmas Masses.

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.

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

Our QR Code again comes from the Youth Ministry Group 'Busted Halo' with an upbeat and helpful introduction as to what Advent should be about.



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.

SVP Appeal for Sudan and South Sudan

The SVP 'Twinnage Programme' have brought to our attention the situation in Sudan and South Sudan. For more information please click on the YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7EogSs3LXA> £50 would feed a baby for a year, or perhaps you could help supply water or medicines. Whatever you can afford will make a difference. Please send donations to me Helen Haywood, The Beeches, Grove House Drive, Durham DH1 1UP. Gift Aid if you can. (Cheques payable to "SVP Twinnage")

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.

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

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. The churches are now open 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? 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.

Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph

Bank: HSBC

Sort code 40-34-45, account number 91146513