

MASS READINGS
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)
FIRST READING

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

Psalm 24

SECOND READING

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Repent, and believe the Good News.

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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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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23rd/24th January 2021 – 3rd Sunday of the Year - B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 23rd January	Closed to congregation		5:30pm: Mass: No Congregation - Live streaming
Sunday 24th January 3rd Sunday of the Year - B		11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish No Congregation - Live streaming	
Monday 25th January		No Mass	
Tuesday 26th January			9:30am: Mass: Elizabeth Jones No Congregation - Live streaming
Wednesday 27th January		9:30am: Mass: No Congregation - Live streaming	
Thursday 28th January			9:30am: Mass: Denise Rowland No Congregation - Live streaming
Friday 29th January			7:00pm: Mass: No Congregation - Live streaming
Saturday 30th January		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish No Congregation - Live streaming	
Sunday 31st January 4th Sunday of the Year - B		11:00am: Mass: Peter Hughes No Congregation - 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

During Ordinary Time (Winter) we pray for all victims of the pandemic; Peace on Earth; Openness to God's Word; Christian Unity ;The Sick and those who Care for them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the unemployed, We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, 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, Marilyn Redpath and John Hall. Please pray for Ann Smith, Archbishop Philip Tartaglia, Mick Quinn, Dieter Neslon, Mary Crowe, Helen Hodges and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

Masses During this Lockdown

Having taken advice from friends working in the NHS who are also practising Catholics, I have reluctantly decided that St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's will be closed until further notice. The Masses will continue to be live streamed. May we pray for one another.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Tomorrow (the 25th of January) marks the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Here is one of the meditations that have been prepared for this week:

"Go and bear fruit, fruit that will last"

When we let ourselves be transformed by Christ, his love in us grows and bears fruit. Welcoming the other is a concrete way of sharing the love that is within us.

Throughout his life, Jesus welcomed those he met. He listened to them and let himself be touched by them without being afraid of their suffering.

In the gospel account of the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus is moved with compassion after seeing the hungry crowd. He knows that the entire human person must be nourished, and that he alone can truly satisfy the hunger for bread and the thirst for life. But he does not wish to do this without his disciples, without that little something they can give him: five loaves and two fish.

Even today he draws us to be co-workers in his unconditional care. Sometimes something as small as a kind look, an open ear, or our presence is enough to make a person feel welcome. When we offer our poor abilities to Jesus, he uses them in a surprising way. We then experience what Abraham did, for it is by giving that we receive, and when we welcome others, we are blessed in abundance.

It is Christ himself whom we receive in a guest." [The rule of Taizé in French and English (2012) p.103]

Sunday of the Word of God – 24th January 2021

This Sunday we are called to reflect on the significance of the Word of God and to make it central to our life of prayer. For more resources please go to: www.c-b-f.org

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Official site of Catholic institutions committed to the biblical apostolate around the world. Information, news of interest, training offers, lectio divina materials and pastoral resources. www.c-b-f.org

Racial Justice Sunday 31st anuary

Next weekend will be Racial Justice Sunday.

The Catholic Association of Racial Justice (CARJ) has written the following reflection:

The theme is 'A Time to Act'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice but what can we do?

At the beginning of his public ministry Jesus outlines his Mission in the synagogue in Nazareth:

'He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour'.

His ministry was one of compassionate involvement, concern for the disadvantaged. Aware of obstacles, including those of the Law, which limited joy and fulfilment Jesus acted. He confronted, sometimes angrily, what undermined a person's dignity. The theme of Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is A Time to Act. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed.

Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice. What can we do? In recent years Pope Francis has repeatedly used four verbs encouraging positive and direct action in relation to migrants and refugees, 'Welcome, Protect, Promote and Integrate'. These same words are essential to advancing the cause of racial justice. None can be omitted; it is as necessary to have plans to Promote and Integrate as it is to Welcome.

In reflecting on the Gospel for next Sunday (January 31st) we see that Jesus' sermon in the synagogue in Capernaum triggered a reaction from a member of the congregation. (It is always unnerving to have your sermon interrupted by someone who disagrees with your words). 'What do you want with us?'

'Have you come to destroy us?' The duty of the Prophet in speaking God's words and so bringing God's light into lives and situations is to enlighten, to encourage, sometimes to warn. To identify what action is needed to ensure that all God's people know they are equally valued by society and the Church. The plea of the psalmist today is '...listen to his voice, harden not your hearts'. Racial Justice Sunday is a time to absorb fully this scriptural request. Listening to the voice of God and the voice of the Church we learn of equal love for all:

Voices that discriminate unjustly, attitudes that undermine on the grounds of race must be opposed.

Voices of those who feel rejected or perpetually in second place must be listened to.

The dignity of all must be respected and promoted.

In the Church we proclaim that everyone of whatever racial origin should be Welcomed, Protected, Promoted and Integrated. We need to challenge ourselves to act now so that this may be achieved.

QR code for reflection
The QR code is for this week is:



England

Respond to Department of Health consultation to stop home abortions!

The Department of Health is holding a public consultation on whether to continue the practice of allowing abortion providers to send abortion pills to women so that they can perform their own abortion at home. We need as many pro-life people as possible to complete the Department of Health's questionnaire in order to help stop dangerous DIY abortions becoming permanent. SPUC has prepared a briefing which gives a step-by-step guide to completing the consultation questionnaire. Please go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Get-Involved/Campaigns/England-DIY-Abortion-Consultation> The consultation ends on 26th February 2021.

Thanks

As we end the Christmas period my thanks for the parish for enabling us to celebrate Christmas in a way that was safe. I appreciate it was different in many ways but we were still able to come together to celebrate the great mysteries of Incarnation and Epiphany. I also wish to acknowledge people's kindness, support and generosity. It is much appreciated.

Wishing you all the peace, grace, hope and love we have celebrated for the weeks and months ahead.

Diocesan Refugee Project

This project re-opened on December 9th. 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 St Joseph's or St Cuthbert's 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.

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-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.