

MASS READINGS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

I make low trees grow.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Psalm 91

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| <p>1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.</p> | <p>2. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.</p> |
| <p>3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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Parish website information at: http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk <small>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.</small>		
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12 th /13 th June 2021 – 11 th Sunday of the Year (B)				
Masses, Devotions and Services				
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church	
Saturday	12 th June		5:30pm: Mass: Maud Finn Attendance by prior booking	
Sunday	13 th June 11 th Sunday of the Year - B	Attendance by prior booking	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	
Monday	14 th June			
Tuesday	15 th June		9:30am: Mass: Herbert and Florence Redpath and family With congregation	
Wednesday	16 th June		9:30am: Mass: Greg Jones With congregation	
Thursday	17 th June		9:30am: Mass: No congregation	
Friday	18 th June		7:00pm: Mass: With congregation	
Saturday	19 th June			5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday	20 th June 12 th Sunday of the Year - B			11:00am: Mass: Agnes Conway Attendance by prior booking Live streamed

Telephone booking system for Masses at St Cuthbert's Mass Booking line: 07506 176996 at the following times Please note that in giving your details to book Mass or to sign in at Mass at weekdays, you are giving your consent for that information to be stored for three weeks			
Tuesday	11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm	Thursday	11am-1pm
Wednesday	11am-1pm	Friday	11am-1pm

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 <i>StCuthStJosNshields</i> Group Facebook: search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields. Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Prayer List

During Ordinary time until the end of August we pray for all victims of the Covid Pandemic; a deeper understanding between Jews and Christians; those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, That the dignity of human life is upheld; and Seafarers.

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, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell, Jim Burfield, Richard Sutherland, Pauline Kelso and Irene Keenaghan. Please pray for Sydney Brunton and all those who have died recently.

Ordinary Time

Our Sunday Celebrations are now in Ordinary time till the end of November. We will be hearing from Mark's Gospel with some readings from John's Gospel during the Summer. In the Gospel for this week, we hear about the Kingdom of God, is present if concealed. We are called to be attentive God presence within his creation

Buy a Jab for Someone Else

The Catholic author and campaigner Paul Vallely has organised a scheme as part of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. £6 pounds will buy two vaccine jabs
To donate please go to: <https://gofund.me/7cf8195c>

First Holy Communion Celebrations

Congratulations to Oliver Merchant who made his First Holy Communion last Saturday.

The main parish celebrations will be taking place on the weekend of June 26th -27th.

- Saturday 26th June 10.00am St Joseph's three pupils from St Joseph's and five pupils from St Cuthbert's will be making their First Holy Communion.
- Sunday 27th June at 3.00pm St Cuthbert's, seven pupils from St Cuthbert's will be making their First Holy Communion.

Listening as part of Tyne and Wear Citizens

A key aspect of Community Organising is to meet people and though despite differences discover our shared humanity and concerns. I am grateful to a member of the Proclaimers group, Sarah Graham, who has established an online document for people to express the concerns they have heard in their conversations. This can be found at <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAANAACRmR2ZURFA1RFcyN0NIREoxTFNOMEtVS0g1VzhLNC4u>

Response from Mayor's Office re Alexandra Scott Park

The Mayor's Office have responded to the concerns expressed the Green, Fair, Healthy Action Team of Tyne and Wear Citizens about the state of Alexandra Scott Park. It would seem that our campaigning is bearing fruit. Many thanks to those who have supported the Campaign. Please see below what the Council has said.

Norma would potentially meet people via Zoom, but not in person.

Northumberland Park and another one had about £1m (Lottery?) funding to upgrade them, she says they had to decide which parks and there wasn't enough for all of them.

The Mayor would support us in making one or more funding bids to enhance the park if we wished, which she felt would be likely to succeed;

The Mayor is keen to engage with us and to do what is in her power. Whether that could include the increased dog-fencing, new seating etc., and renewed play facilities is not clear at this moment

It was also agreed that the following actions would take place.

Repainting of metal seats.

Removal of graffiti.

Renewal of 'no dog fouling' signage.

The street cleansing team have been asked to check the park on a regular basis and carry out litter picking.

They will replace the existing dog bin with a larger capacity dog/litter bin.

Proposal to plant more trees.

The swing seats were removed due to vandalism, however there are plans to replace them for the summer. They will also be carrying out a test to the zip wire frame as part of our safety checks, to make sure it remains safe for use.

There is a meeting with a representative of North Tyneside Council on 23rd June at 12.30 at the park to discuss people's concerns about the park.. Anyone in the parish interested is welcome to be at that meeting

Parish Council

Just a note of reminder that the next meeting of the parish council will be via zoom on June 19th at 9.30am.

Christian Aid

I have received a kind note from Fiona Flatman, the Christian Aid Representative for North Shields Churches Together. Donations from the parish came to £215.74. She is very grateful to the parish for their contribution.

Comboni Sisters Appeal

I received a lovely note from Sr Aurora, stating how much she enjoyed her visit and meeting the parish. The collection will be open for another week. We will then be able to tell you how much you have raised for the Religious Missionary Committee. Thank-you for your warm welcome.

Visit to the Parish by Bishop Robert

Bishop's House has informed me that Bishop Robert will now visit the parish the weekend of 16 & 17th October. He will preside at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's and the 11:00am Sunday Mass at St Cuthbert's. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Robert that weekend.

Proud Catholics

This is a support group for Catholics in the Diocese who identify as LGBT+ or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. We were founded in November 2018, and we have recently received endorsement from Bishop Robert and his Council. We aim to provide members with a forum in which they can strengthen their faith and gain confidence as Catholics. We have a website, <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>, where you can find more information about the group. You may be interested to read our Constitution, linked from the home page, or to see the themes of our meetings over the past year, listed on the Meetings page.

Minsteracres: Volunteers Wanted.

Set in 110 acres of beautiful woodland and parkland which offers peaceful surroundings and a place to recharge batteries for those who most need our support after such challenging times we're re-opening and we're raring to go! If you would like to share your skills or learn new ones, meet new people or simply help us provide our unique service please check us out at www.minsteracres.org or email: info@minsteracres.org for more information.

Continuing the Journey

Some people may feel that they would like to pause and reflect at the end of their RCIA journey, whilst others may be asking what next after RCIA? For anyone who has completed an RCIA programme, we are offering an opportunity to continue the process of learning and sharing the Faith, using video and group discussion, through five online Zoom sessions in June/July. These will take place on Wednesdays at 7.00 pm beginning on June 30th, followed by July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. Each session will last for one hour. Please register at <https://forms.office.com/r/LMPReCA8nK> or contact Faith & Mission by email at adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

Community Organising and Prayer

I am also aware that as we engage with other groups in Civic Society, it is important that all that we do is rooted in our relationship with God. It is crucial that we are inspired by Gospel Values. That is why I would like to have 'Praying Citizens' in the parish. I appreciate for some, that due to health reason, shielding or shortage of time, being involved with training and campaigns, will not be possible. However, if you are willing to make a commitment in prayer, that will be very important to ensure that in all our work with Tyne and Wear

Citizens, is flowing out of the dynamic interactive love and action of the Trinity.

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.

Rosary group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom.

Day: Thursday - Time: 2pm to 2:40pm

During this year of St Joseph the group is sharing on the document issued by Pope Francis. Link to Pope Francis document: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzU-K_PrL7s

For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at:

nehmasiwa@yahoo.com or Ruth Corless on +44 7752 009361.

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

QR Code

This week's QR code informs us about the significance and meaning of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, that we celebrated on Friday <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IcqRrT0sjwE>

