

MASS READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm

Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Psalm 144

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| <p>1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.</p> <p>3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.</p> | <p>2. The eye of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.</p> |
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SECOND READING

One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: You have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus gave out as much as was wanted to all who were sitting ready.

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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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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24th/25th July 2021 – 17th Sunday of the Year (B)

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
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| Saturday 24th July | | 5:30pm: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey Attendance by prior booking |
| Sunday 25th July 17th Sunday of the Year - B | 11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed | |
| Monday 26 th July | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 27 th July | | No Mass |
| Wednesday 28 th July | No Mass | |
| Thursday 29 th July | | No Mass |
| Friday 30 th July | | No Mass |
| Saturday 31st July | | 5:30pm: Mass: Francisco & Josifena Campo and Thanks giving |
| Sunday 1st August 18th Sunday of the Year - B | 11:00am: Mass: Rita Gurskyte 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

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, Richard Sutherland, Pauline Kelso and Irene Keenaghan.
Pray for Joan King, Martin McGann and all who have died recently

Ordinary Time

For the 17th Sunday in year B, due to Mark's Gospel being the shortest, at the point where Mark gives the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes, we turn to John's account of the miracle, which leads onto the discourse on Jesus as the Bread of Life. In hearing the story of the miracle, we are called to give what we can even if it does not seem enough. In giving we are attentive for who Christ is and what he seeks to share with us.

Baby Bank

St John's Percy Main has recently set up a Baby Bank, to help provide new parents that may be struggling with clothing, Moses baskets, and other daily essentials.
After donation, all of the clothing is laundered before being passed on. All of the mattresses for the baskets are brand new. If you become aware of anyone who might benefit from the support, or have any good quality clothing or baby items to donate, the Baby Bank team would love to hear from you. You can contact them via the office at St John's on 0191 267 1819 or stjohnpercymain@tiscali.net. They're also on Facebook at [fb.com/StJohnsBabyBank](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBabyBank)

Rev Terry and Mrs Christine McGann

Can I please ask you to pray for our Partnership Deacon, the Rev Terry McGann and his wife, Christine. On Monday they received the tragic news that their eldest son Martin, was found dead at the Oxford College where he was studying for the Ordained Anglican Ministry. Martin was 37. We pray for him, Terry and Christine, their two remaining sons and all those who loved and know Martin

New Partnership Dean

Since Mgr Andrew Faley has a number of diocesan responsibilities and will also be undergoing some elective surgical procedures in the coming months, Bishop Robert is wanting to appoint a new Dean for the Tynemouth Priory Partnership. Bishop Robert has asked me to take on this role. Since I appreciate the need for Mgr Faley to have fewer roles, I have accepted Bishop Robert's request. A prayer would be appreciated. Thank-you.

QR Code

This weeks' QR code is about an inspiring series on the Life of Jesus - Its still in the making, series by series. The Chosen



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tZ7cq4D_z8

Parish Life Post Restrictions

Having consulted my partnership colleagues and diocesan guidelines for next week-end people will no longer need to book for Mass. There will be a very strong recommendation that people sanitise their hand on coming into Church and wear face masks. We will also maintain social distance to at least one metre I appreciate there is no legal requirement but in terms of protecting yourself and others in an enclosed space where we will be close to each other and there may be crowded, there is strong moral obligation for us to still carry out these practices. I am very grateful to stewards who are willing to continue their role to ensure that people are as spaced out as possible. Extra space at St Cuthbert's and at St Joseph's will also be still available. The one-way system will still operate, and Holy Communion will be taken to the pews at St Cuthbert's. Please co-operate with the steward

Ongoing Faith Witness Against Hassockfield

In October, the Home Office plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. The proposal is inhumane, unjust and incompatible with our faith which calls us to recognise the intrinsic dignity of each person. These women are people like ourselves who have the right to a place of safety and to be treated with respect and compassion. **A monthly prayer vigil will be held at the barrier to Hassockfield on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm the next one will be Sunday 5th September.** This will last for about 30 minutes and will incorporate a time of silent witness.

Please support this with your prayer and, if at all possible, come along.

For further information, please contact lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Schools

To all pupils and staff, have a great break. It has been a challenging year. To all the staff at our three Catholic schools in North Shields, huge respect for all you have done in the past 12 months. Rest well to face a new year in September.

Pastoral Carers Group

The group met last Wednesday. These are the areas we would like to develop in the months ahead:

- Ministry of Consolation: The Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea have given a great example of what can be done. We hope to develop a similar group. Is anyone interested.
- Grief during a pandemic We have a trained bereavement Counsellor and parishioners trained in enhanced listening skills. Would anyone in the parish like help from any of these people?
- Course on stress: This was a success; we hope to repeat in the winter.
- Supporting mums and young families post restrictions: We hope to develop the relationship with Mum Space and Baptism Catechists.
- Many people are anxious post restrictions about coming to Church. Please let me if you would like to receive Holy Communion from a Special Minister

Tyne and Wear Citizens

I am grateful to member of the Parish Proclaimers who have assisted in completing the Parish Action Plan for this year's membership of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Please see separate sheet.

At the last meeting of the group, we agreed to set the parish 'An August Challenge'. This is to have at least two conversations with people, they can be your closet friends or family or strangers.

We had hope we could offer you a cuppa to have outside to chat after Mass but without a cuppa can you talk about one or more of these 4 'C's about life in North Shields

Community
Challenge
Concerns
Change

Give me the answers by e-mail or hand-written note or use this link

I appreciate that trying to explain Community Organising is not easy but I hope you can see that with the improvements that have already taken place and are promised in the future for the Alexander Scott Park, can how that it can make a difference. What else in the town needs to be different?

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAcRmR2ZURFA1RFcyN0NIREoxTFNOMeTVS0q1VzhLNC4u>

Proud Catholics

Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, currently via Zoom.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th July, with the theme What is Caritas?

Proud Catholics has been welcomed into the diocesan family and has a home within the Vicariate for Caritas, but what exactly

is Caritas? Fr Adrian Tuckwell, Episcopal Vicar for Caritas in the diocese, will join us to explain and to answer any questions we may have.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud.catholics.co.uk>

Buy a Job 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>

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. The last 2 sessions will take place on Wednesday 21st & 28th July at 7.00pm. 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

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: 7:30pm

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.

Use of Church Grounds

In discussions with the 'Parish Proclaimers' it has been expressed that there is potential with the extensive ground we have at both Churches. Although I have been advised that in both settings, the possibilities of making things grow is limited due to extensive tree roots and shade, we discussed whether the grounds could be use from some type of 'rewilding' or made into spaces for reflection and or remembrance. I am inviting parishioners to inform me of any ideas they would have for the use of our grounds to benefit within and beyond our community.