

## MASS READINGS

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

#### FIRST READING

*We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### Psalms 33

- I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.
- The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.
- They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
- Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.
- Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

#### SECOND READING

*This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.*

#### Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

#### Gospel Acclamation

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

#### GOSPEL

*Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.*

#### John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

## The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

#### Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church

*Albion Road West  
North Shields*

#### Tynemouth Priory Partnership



#### Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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.

#### Partnership Telephone Numbers

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## 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year - B

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: Bill Devlin With congregation</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish With congregation Live streamed</b>	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass: P.V. Thomas With congregation</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass: Maureen Tynan With congregation</b>	
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>7:00pm: Mass: Sarah O'Callaghan With congregation</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish With congregation</b>
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Herbert &amp; Audrey Redpath With congregation Live streamed</b>	

### 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](http://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, Irene Keenaghan and Joanna Scott.

Pray for Joan King, Martin McGann, Maureen Tynan, Thomas Symonds and all who have died recently.

### FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start?

Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. Starts Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm.

If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form or email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk). For full details, please see the poster.

### Penrith Mountain Rescue

I have been in contact with Penrith Mountain Rescue to express my thanks for the wonderful work they did in taking me away from the scene of my accident. I have also made a personal donation. If anyone would like to make a donation you can do so at: <https://www.penrithmrt.org.uk/>

### Vigil Mass 21st August

I would like to offer a warm welcome and thanks to Fr Tony Currer who has kindly offered to preside at the 5.30 Vigil Mass, this weekend. Fr Tony has a flat in North Shields, though with his present post as member of the Vatican Curia in the Department for Ecumenism based in Rome, his time in North Shields is very limited. He is very welcome to be with us this weekend.

### CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.].

### Update from Fr Chris

Thank-you for your continued prayers, best wishes and support. I am making progress and nearly half way through the period of not being able to put weight on.

As you may have seen or heard, my family have had more misfortune. My sister Joanna, has also had an accident on holiday while horse riding in Scotland. She has broken one of her vertebrae though the spinal cord is protected and she has movement and feeling in her limbs. She is in hospital in Dundee. We are waiting to hear if surgery is needed. As you can imagine this has been a shock but am aware that the impact on my sister could have been worse. Thank-you for your prayers for her and her family, Fr Chris

### The Tridentine Rite

The old pre-Vatican form of the Mass, traditionally known as the Tridentine Rite though since restrictions on its use were lifted by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007, it has been known as the Extraordinary Form. Pope Francis has recently decided to re-impose the restrictions on the grounds that the motivation for the Pope Benedict's decision was to foster unity in the Church. Pope Francis thinks this has not been the case. This means that it is up to individual Bishops to decide if the Extraordinary Form can be celebrated in the diocese. Bishop Robert has informed priests that those who were known to him as celebrating the Extraordinary Form can continue to do so. Any priest who has not informed the Bishop that they have been or wish to preside at the Extraordinary Form, now have to ask for his permission.

### Trinity Charity Shop

I have just received the latest cheque of our share of the Charity shop. We have received £3,600. This is a great achievement considering the shop re-opened less than 3 months ago. Thanks to all who have contributed to this total, especially the volunteers from the parish who work on a Thursday. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated. Well done and many thanks!

### 5 Day Pilgrimage in Scottish Borders

Led by Kevin Foster & Heather Simpson from Team Challenge Adventures in the Scottish Borders - 'Into the Light' - Walking together in Love, Peace and Hope.

The dates are Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Staying at Philip Burn Hotel which is a lovely 4Star hotel based in Selkirk in the Scottish Borders.

The 4 guided day walks will be in the wonderful Scottish Borders surrounded by green hills, wooded riverbanks, lush forests and rich farmland.

We will leave on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> afternoon getting there in time for Dinner and an Opening Liturgy and leave on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> after lunch and Closing Liturgy, getting home in time for tea.

The price for this 5-day Pilgrimage is £550.00 for Double/Twin Room, £650.00 for Single Room. This price includes: 4 Nights Bed and Breakfast en-suite accommodation in 4\*\*\*\* Hotel.

Return travel Transport to and from daily walk destinations. 4 fully guided walks, Morning and Evening Liturgies.

As always we are keeping the numbers small to make sure we have the best experience we can.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Heather Simpson by email or phone – [Heather@tcadventures.co.uk](mailto:Heather@tcadventures.co.uk), 00 44 7889 815576.

### 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](mailto:stjohnpercymain@tiscali.net). They're also on Facebook at [fb.com/StJohnsBabyBank](https://fb.com/StJohnsBabyBank) [fb.com/StJohnsBabyBank](https://fb.com/StJohnsBabyBank).

### Parish Life Post Restrictions

Having consulted my partnership colleagues and diocesan guidelines people 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.

### 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 Northeast? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, currently via Zoom. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September..

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](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

### Buy a Jab for Someone Else

The Catholic author and campaigner Paul Vallyely 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>

### 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

### Tyne and Wear Citizens

I am grateful to members 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, it can make a difference. What else in the town needs to be different?

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdS0W0yxEiajBLZtrQAAAAAAAAAANAaAcRmR2ZURFA1RFcyN0NIREoxTFNOMEtVS0g1VzhLNC4u>

### .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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzU-K_PrL7s)  
For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at: [nehmasiwa@yahoo.com](mailto: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.