

**MASS READINGS**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**FIRST READING**

*Add nothing to what I command you, keep the commandment of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**Psalm 14**

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| <p>1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?<br/>He who walks without fault;<br/>he who acts with justice<br/>and speaks the truth from his heart.</p>                   | <p>2. He who does no wrong to his brother,<br/>who casts no slur on his neighbour,<br/>who holds the godless in disdain,<br/>but honours those who fear the Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;<br/>who takes no interest on a loan<br/>and accepts no bribes against the innocent.<br/>Such a man will stand firm for ever.</p> |   |

**SECOND READING**

*You must do what the word tells you.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**GOSPEL**

*You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.*

**Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.

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

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
Albion Road West  
North Shields

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.

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**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - B**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</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>	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey With congregation</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass: With congregation</b>	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>		<b>7:00pm: Mass: George Brison With congregation</b>
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: Mary Constable With congregation</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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, Eileen Stevens and Paula More.

Pray for Patricia Pearson and Rosemary Peart to those who died recently.

### Hughes Family

Prayers and best wishes for my sister and I are appreciated. Jo is slowly responding to physiotherapy. She is grateful for peoples' prayers and support.

### Thanks and Update

First of all I am grateful to Fr David Smith and Fr Peter Carr for presiding at the Vigil and Sunday Eucharists this week-end. I am especially grateful that they were able to help at last minute.

I was told on Wednesday that further surgery was needed and I hope that by the time you read this the surgery has taken place and I am back at home.

I am pleased to say my sister, Jo, is making progress. She is able to walk small distances, which is wonderful to know.

Thanks for prayers, love and support for us both, love and prayers,

### Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Diocesan Department for Education: Senior Administrator – permanent, full-time Administrator (maternity cover), full-time Closing date for applications is 2 September. For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301

### QR code

After a few weeks break this is this weeks QR Code



Carlo Acutis- patron Saint of the Internet.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC\\_oZIY\\_f5w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC_oZIY_f5w)

### 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.

### 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.

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

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com)

### 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

### 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.

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 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>

### 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=DQSIkWd\\_sW0yxEjaiBLZtrQAAAAAANAANAaRmR2ZURFA1RFcyN0NIREoxTFNOMEtVS0g1VzhLNC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWd_sW0yxEjaiBLZtrQAAAAAANAANAaRmR2ZURFA1RFcyN0NIREoxTFNOMEtVS0g1VzhLNC4u)

### 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)

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### 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 used 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.