

MASS READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Year C)

FIRST READING

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah. In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Psalm 24

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and tach me:
Fore you are God my saviour.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is good and upright.
He show the path to those
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor.</p> |
| <p>3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.</p> | |

SECOND READING

May the Lord confirm your hears in holiness when Christ comes

Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hears in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Your liberation is near at hand.

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples, “There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars: on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves: men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.” “Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.”

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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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27th/28th November 2021 – First Sunday of Advent - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 27th November		5:30pm: Mass: John Hughes
Sunday 28th November First Sunday of Advent – C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 29th November	No Mass	
Tuesday 30th November		9:30am: Mass: Margaret Mercado
Wednesday 1st December	9:30am: Mass: Elizabeth White 12.00 Requiem Mass for Margaret Taylor	
Thursday 2nd December	No Mass	
Friday 3rd December		12.30pm Requiem Mass for James Gemmel 7.00pm No Mass
Saturday 4th December		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 5th December Second Sunday of Advent - C	11:00am: Mass: Alfred Leslie Green Live streamed	

The Parish of St Cuthbert’s and St Joseph’s, North Shields

WhatsApp group: text your name & 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

Prayer Intentions for Advent and Christmas: Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers and the Homeless.

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.

Please pray for all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Advent

Happy New(liturgical) year.

We start the story of the drama of our salvation once again. But paradoxically for the first part of Advent we do not go the start of the story but to looking to the future of its completion. We are called to be a people of joyful hope and expectation as we wait for the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God. Last year when Advent started, we were in lockdown, the Churches were shut. At least this year, the Churches are open and we can gather together. The past year has had many challenges, but we are called to look for signs of God presence among all the challenges and opportunities and how we are called to share in the life of Christ

Christmas Celebrations in the Parish

Masses around the Christmas period will need to ensure that we do not have too many in our Churches and adapt to Christmas day being a Saturday. So around the Christmas period Masses will be as follows:

Friday 24th December - First Masses of Christmas

5.00pm St Joseph's
8.00pm St Cuthbert's

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am St Joseph's
11.00am St Cuthbert's
No Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

Sunday 26th December - Feast of the Holy Family

9.30am St Joseph's
11.00am St Cuthbert's

Saturday January 1st - New Year's Day

11.00am St Cuthbert's - Mass for the Feast of the Mother of God
5.30pm St Joseph's - Vigil Mass for the 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Sunday 2nd January

11.00am St Cuthbert's 2nd Sunday after Christmas

Thursday 6th January - Feast of the Epiphany

9.30am St Joseph's
7.00pm St Cuthbert's

Saturday 8th January

5.30pm St Joseph's - Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Sunday 9th January

11.00am St Cuthbert's - Sunday Mass for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Weekday Masses will be as normal during this period

Synodal Process

My thanks for those who stayed behind to make their comments last week. Here are some of the key points that came from the discussion

Inclusivity and Equality are seen to be major parts of modern culture, but it is not reflected in the Church. A welcoming and open Church is essential that must be engage with all spectrums of what it means to be human such as gender, race, social background and sexuality To a culture that has little understand of the Catholic tradition we need to communicate in a way that will be relevant to people outside the Church. The front image of the new Diocesan Website of the Bishop leading Benediction was offered as an example as an image that would have little resonance with people beyond the Church or even to many within it.

There needs to be genuine dialogue between laity and clergy about a mutual understanding of Evangelising and Mission. It was expressed that much evangelising does not do justice to the richness and diversity of our tradition. Two examples of aspects that could be brought to people's attention is the richness and diversity of spirituality especially coming from Religious Orders such as the Carmelites, Franciscans, Jesuits and Benedictines and also the depth and breadth of Catholic Social Teaching. There is also the need to constantly engage with an everchanging and diverse culture. The reflection and questions based on the Road to Emmaus story did little to address the major need for changing structures faced with fewer priests and younger priests having more traditional perspectives than many of the people they serve. A Church that really allowed the laity to be part of the decision-making process of the Church is needed.

It was also expressed that within the parish would like to see more communal events and gatherings as was the case before the pandemic.

Baptism

At St Joseph's this Sunday 28th at 1pm November Clementine Toberty will be baptised. We pray for her and her family as she is united with Christ and joins our Christian family.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

At a meeting of the Liturgy and Formation group it was decided that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place before Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Confessions

I will be available for Confession in the chapel at St Joseph's on Saturday between 4.45 and 5.15pm. I will also be available in the chapel at St Cuthbert's from 9.00 to 9.20am on Wednesdays during advent.

Christmas Stockings for Sick and Bereaved

Last year parishioners were very generous in taking a Christmas Stocking made by members of our Craft Group and returned it with Christmas goodies for those in our parish who are sick, housebound or who have been bereaved this past year. We are going to repeat this act of kindness this year. Please take a Christmas Stocking as you leave this weekend and return it by December 12th. Thank-you.

Parish Council

There are four vacancies in the parish council. Please let me know if you would like to be nominated for the council or there is someone you would like to nominate. I want the council to reflect the broad diversity of the parish.

Charity Shop

I am very grateful to all the work carried out in the Trinity Charity Shop on Wallsend Road by our volunteers on a Thursday. More volunteers are needed especially between 1-3pm. Please let me know if you are interested.

First Holy Communions

At a meeting with teachers and catechists it was decided that starting in the new year there will be a shortened programme with four First Communion Liturgies within Mass between February and May. We will not have one big Mass but perhaps up to three events if needed. These will take place in June.

There will be an initial meeting via zoom on Tuesday 18th January at 7.00pm. If your child is in year four or above and does not attend either St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's School, please let me know

Tyne and Wear Citizens Update An update from Sara Bryson

• AGM

Please make sure you have the date and time in your diary Thursday 9th December 6-7.30pm we hope to be offering a blended AGM this year with the options of taking part in person or online. Further details to follow. In the meantime, if you would like to nominate anyone for our annual awards and recognition do get in touch with Claire or me. This is a light-hearted way to share and recognise those leaders and institutions who have done amazing things over the past year to bring about social change and challenge injustice.

• Action!!

The Living Wage Action team, Sunderland UNISON and UCU members have been organising to get Sunderland University to accredit.

Mercy Associates

Mercy Associates Christmas Food Parcel Appeal will run until 28th November. The parcels, given to needy families in St Joseph's School, will be needed more than ever this year. The Mercy Associates are therefore appealing to your generosity once again and would be incredibly grateful for any donations of non-perishable food. Any items can be left in the bags provided at both St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Churches. Thank you for your kindness.

A Note for our Children: Christmas Cards for Sick and House-Bound

This is for our 'little people'. We would like you to design a Christmas Card for our older members of the parish. Would you be willing to design a Christmas Card? Please have a try and give them to me by November 28th.

Living Well North Tyneside

Living Well North Tyneside have, launched a new online portal to gather together a directory of all of the community services, health and wellbeing activities and providers across the borough. The site is at <https://www.livingwellnorthtyneside.co.uk/>

Mumspace

This project to support mothers of young children is now fully re-opened. Volunteers are needed. If interested contact Wendy McConnell: Tel: 07950 426786
Email: wendy.mccconnell@citizensuk.org

Would you like someone to talk to?

A trained listener is available who can offer a confidential listening service to anyone who needs a listening ear. This could include issues such as loss, anxiety, loneliness or any other matters of concern. An initial phone call can be made with the option of meeting one to one or continuing on the telephone. Please contact Fr Chris or email, leaving your name and contact details and a listener will get in touch. 'Being listened to and heard is one of the greatest desires of the human heart'

Volunteers for Nite Bite Wanted

Two of the cooks for Nite Bite, who have done a fantastic job for around 15 years, have decided to take a well-earned rest.

Nite Bite is therefore in need of some new cooks before it can reopen for hot food, which the team hopes it might as the colder months arrive. The kitchen team usually arrives during the early afternoon on a Tuesday, cooking a meal of soup, main course and a pudding for 4pm, for around 30-40 people.

The meals aren't elaborate, just simple and filling, so Michelin stars aren't a prerequisite. Some of team have already offered to do one or two weeks per month, so it would be great to find volunteers who could offer more regularly, but even if someone couldn't commit to weekly, it would be good to hear from them. Anyone interested should contact Helen Saunders on 07472 304756 or hsaunders99@yahoo.com

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

For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at: nehmasiwa@yahoo.com or Ruth Corless on 07752009361.

This week's QR Code

Youth Mission Team – Virtual Advent Calendar



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8_lah83UY0