

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Year C)

FIRST READING

God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal of your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, "Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Thought they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God: for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Baruch 5:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

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| <p>1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.</p> <p>3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.</p> | <p>2. The heathens themselves said: "What marvels The Lord worked for them!"
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.</p> <p>4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.</p> |
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Psalm 125

SECOND READING

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

All mankind shall see the salvation of God

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgivingness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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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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4th/5th December 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 4th December		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent - C	11:00am: Mass: Alfred Leslie Green Live streamed	
Monday 6th December	No Mass	
Tuesday 7th December		9:30am: Mass: Maurice Black
Wednesday 8th December	9:30am: Mass: Kathleen & John Whitley	
Thursday 9th December	No Mass	
Friday 10th December		7.00pm: Mass Fr Michael Hickey
Saturday 11th December		5:30pm: Mass: Bob Robson
Sunday 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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.

Welcome to Fr Noel Colahan

Once again I am grateful to Fr Noel Colahan who is supplying while I am away this weekend.

Open Air Ecumenical Service

Saturday 11 December at 10 am in Northumberland Square. All are welcome.

Citizens UK National Campaign – Real Living Wage for Health and Social Carers

As a parish we are now part of the national alliance of Citizens UK through our membership of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Citizens UK have adopted a national campaign that all Health and Social Care workers be given the re National Living Wage which from April next year will be £9.90 an hour. I am conscious that some of our parish community, many though not exclusively, are part of our ethnic minorities, work in this area. We are looking for people's experiences as testimony. If anyone has experiences to share of life as a low paid health and social care worker or can say how your life would be improved if you were receiving £9.90 an hour, please contact Fr Chris.

Update from Parish Groups: Pastoral Carers

Pastoral Carers met on 25th November. We discussed the following

- Exploring the possibility of one or more parishioners taking Mental Health First Aid Training
- Acknowledged that we have made it known that there are people willing to listen though no one has been in touch with Fr Chris. Fr Chris will keep the note in the newsletter
- There will be a presentation to the parish at the end of Mass one weekend early next year about the Parish Nursing Scheme Ann Cudworth is involved with
- Lou Laggan is willing to repeat her successful session on 'Stress Busting' in the New Year

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 engaged with all spectrums of what it means to be human such as gender, race, social background and sexuality. To a culture that has little understanding 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.

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.

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.mcconnell@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

Waiting - Advent :



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