

MASS READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Year C)

FIRST READING

The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence: he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shout of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Zephanian 3:14-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 12

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| <p>1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.</p> | <p>2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name.</p> |
| <p>3. Sign a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sign and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.</p> | |

SECOND READING

The Lord is very near

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

What must we do?

Luke 3: 10-18

When all the people asked John. "What must we do?" He answered, "If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, "No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!" A feeling of expectancy had grown amount the people, who were beginning to think that John might be Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out." As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, 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.

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11th/12th December 2021 – 3rd Sunday of Advent - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
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| 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 | |
| Monday 13th December | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 14th December | | 9:30am: Mass: James Hughes |
| Wednesday 15th December | 9:30am: Mass: Mercy Associates | |
| Thursday 16th December | No Mass | |
| Friday 17th December | | 7.00pm: Mass Ellen Hughes |
| Saturday 18th December | | 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent - C | 11:00am: Mass: Lillian and Luther Shotton 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 Fr Kevin Daley and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Christmas Carol Service

Our annual Christmas Carol Service will be at St Joseph's on Sunday 19th December at 6pm. My thanks to the music group at St Joseph's for preparing the service.

Northern Cross

Paper copies of the Diocesan Newspaper are now available at the back of church. Cost is £1.50.

Northern Catholic Calendar

The Northern Catholic Calendar for 2022 is now available at the back of Church. Ring-bound £3.50 Flat £3.00.

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.

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

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/>

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'

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

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

A short inspiring movie for young people.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7ni22kU8SM>