

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

The bridegroom rejoices in his bride.

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

Psalms 95

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| <p>1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.</p> | <p>2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.</p> |
| <p>3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give
the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name</p> | <p>4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.</p> |

SECOND READING

One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Alleluia

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

GOSPEL

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John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said; 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

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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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15th/16th January 2022–2nd Sunday of the Year - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 15th January		5:30pm: Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 16th January 2nd Sunday of the Year	11:00am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Keenaghan family Live streamed	
Monday 17 th January	No Mass	
Tuesday 18 th January		9:30am: Mass: Pdraig Carty
Wednesday 19 th January	9:30am: Mass Monica Knights	
Thursday 20 th January	No Mass	
Friday 21 st January	No Mass	
Saturday 22nd January		5:30pm: Mass Peter Hughes
Sunday 23rd January 3rd Sunday of the Year	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 Ordinary Time in Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Combat it; the Unemployed

We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, 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, Paula More, Tony Cocalis, Mary Quinn and Ann Smiles

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

Ordinary Time

We are now in Ordinary time till Ash Wednesday by the theme of Epiphany is still in our readings for this Second Sunday of the year since we have the story of the Miracle at Cana. This love feast has become empty and dry but Christ transforms the situation to one of joy and abundance. Where have you noticed similar transformations that speak of the God of the transformation and revelation

Baptisms

This Sunday at 1pm at St Joseph's we have the baptisms of Alik and Afrodite De Almeida Goncalves. We pray for them as they are united in Christ and become members of our Christian family

Peace Sunday

This Sunday, 16th January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

In his letter for Peace Sunday Pope Francis states:

"I wish to propose three paths for building a lasting peace.

First, dialogue between generations as the basis for the realization of shared projects.

In a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, "some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations".

Second, education as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development.

In recent years, there has been a significant reduction worldwide in funding for education and training; these have been seen more as expenditures than investments. Yet they are the primary means of promoting integral human development; they make individuals more free and responsible, and they are essential for the defence and promotion of peace. In a word, teaching and education are the foundations of a cohesive civil society capable of generating hope, prosperity and progress. Military expenditures, on the other hand, have increased beyond the levels at the end of the Cold War and they seem certain to grow exorbitantly.

It is high time, then, that governments develop economic policies aimed at inverting the proportion of public funds spent on education and on weaponry.

Finally, labour as a means for the full realization of human dignity. Labour is an indispensable factor in building and keeping peace. It is an expression of ourselves and our gifts, but also of our commitment, self-investment and cooperation with others, since we

always work with or for someone. Seen in this clearly social perspective, the workplace enables us to learn to make our contribution towards a more habitable and beautiful world.

These are three indispensable elements for "making possible the creation of a social covenant", without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial. "

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x>

If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page.

Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to:

Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures – that comes to pay homage to the Christ-child. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterised by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. The Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour who is the light that overcomes darkness.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. This is a call for churches to work together so that young people can build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love. We pray that Christian seek unity we will experience these precious gifts

Charity Shop

I have just received a cheque from the charity shop of £4,000. This is a great total and I am very grateful for all those who volunteer in the shop- Well done! More volunteers are needed especially between 1-3pm. Please let me know if you are interested.

Synodal Process

If you have any comments to make as part of the Synodal process please let me know. It is difficult to evaluate what will be heard and offered forward by the Bishop. What I am sure is that the Pope takes this process very seriously and is open to the working of the Spirit in us all, so please feel free to share your comments.

I. The Journeying Companions

Look at who forms the community which is journeying together? Who are on the peripheries who we need to reach out to? Who do we know who no longer walk with us, who used to and now we don't see? How do we engage with the covid curious? What is our welcome like?

II. Listening

Do we listen to each other? How do we best do this – people to people, clergy to clergy, bishops to bishops and each to each other? How do we make our listening "a listening of the heart" not just of the issues and subjects at hand? How do we listen to the signs of the times outside the Church and respond to them?

III. Speaking Out

What is the communication like in our group/parish/diocese? Do we have the freedom, truth and charity to speak with parrhesia and prudence? What defines our speaking – when we speak, what to say, how to say it? How am I living out my prophetic vocation given at baptism?

IV. Celebrating

Does the liturgy of the Church inspire a deeper encounter with the risen Lord? How does my prayer – both individually and in community – affect my discernment of my participation in the mission of the Church? Is the Eucharist the centre of my, and my community's life? What flows from the Sunday (or daily) Eucharist out of the Church into the world from our communities? What do I give thanks to God for in prayer? What do I seek from him?

V. Co-responsibility in the Mission

Who do I understand the mission of the Church both in my own life and participation, and in the local church and the universal church? How is what we are doing relate to the Great Commission of Jesus (Matt 28:18-20)? What formation do I need to be more committed to the mission of the Church? what impact is our local community making in the area – do we make a difference?

VI. Dialogue in Church and Society

How do we understand dialogue in and outside of the Church? Do we see dialogue as a unique contribution that the Church can make to the world? How do we address the challenges that dialogue brings about? How do we begin to dialogue with others?

VII. With the other Christian Denominations

What is our relationship with the other denominations like? Do we listen to each other as we journey on our pilgrim way? What enriches us from the other traditions? What do we offer them from ours?

VIII. Authority and Participation

How is authority exercised in our communities? What are the organs of co-responsibility that allows for the expression of our baptismal consecration as priest, prophet and king? How do the lay faithful collaborate effectively in the life of the local church? What are the fruits of this collaboration, and what are the obstacles and challenges?

IX. Discerning and Deciding

How do we discern together the direction in which the Holy Spirit is leading us? Is there freedom to exercise our particular ministry in the Church and participate in this common work of discernment and decision making? Is my local community accountable and transparent in decision making? What can help improve this? Do I support the Bishops and the Priests in arriving at their decisions?

X. Forming ourselves in Synodality

What additional formation do I need to be a missionary disciple? Is the local community effective in catechising and passing on the faith? What tools are necessary for the Church to be truly synodal, listening and journeying together? How do we continue the listening and dialogue beyond this process so that the Church have a "lived synodality" as the Holy Father asks?

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.

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

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'

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.