

MASS READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. 'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. 'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.

Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My lips will tell of your help.

Psalm 70

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| <p>1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me.</p> | <p>2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked.</p> |
| <p>3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have learned from my birth,
form my mother's womb you have been my help</p> | <p>4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still.</p> |

SECOND READING

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is not sent to the Jews only.

Luke 4:21-30

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.'" And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. 'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.' When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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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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29th/30th January 2022–4th Sunday of the Year - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 29th January		5:30pm: Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 30th January 4th Sunday of the Year	11:00am: Mass: Agnes and Barney Conway Live streamed	
Monday 31st January	No Mass	
Tuesday 1st February		9:30am: Mass: Vera and Oliver Latimer
Wednesday 2nd February	9:30am: Mass: Enid & Joe McCann	
Thursday 3rd February	No Mass	
Friday 4th February		7:00pm: Mass:
Saturday 5th February		5:30pm: Mass Maurice Black
Sunday 6th February 5th 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, Keith Burns and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Monthly Prayer Vigil at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre

A monthly interfaith prayer vigil has been held outside the barrier to the Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre since August. During the last few weeks, women have been moved into the Centre which is now England's main IRC for women and will eventually detain 80 women who are seeking asylum. The prayer vigils will continue - both to pray for the women and to stand in solidarity with them. As a faith community, we are called to witness to justice and compassion. Please participate in the prayer vigil if you can. The next dates planned are Sunday 6th February, Sunday 6th March and Sunday 3rd April. The vigil begins at 3.00pm and the short prayer service incorporates a time of silence. The postcode for the centre on Corbridge Road, Medomsley is DH8 6QY. To avoid disruption to local residents, park away from the site if you can. If you are unable to join in person, please join in prayer from home at 3.00pm. For more information, contact Liz Archibald at lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese. Full-time, permanent
- Senior Administrator to manage and provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education.

Both positions are full-time and permanent. For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Age UK Digital Champion

"Age UK North Tyneside is looking for Digital Champions to support older people in North Tyneside to get online safely and remain connected. You don't need to be a 'tech wizard' just happy to share the magic which can be the internet, online banking, apps or social media. When done safely they keep us connected and allow for greater choice. Full training and support is provided to volunteers. Alternatively if you need a little support with your own device give the team a call Tel: 0191 2877011"

Key Words for the Synodal Process

The theme of the Synod is "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission." The three dimensions of the theme are communion, participation, and mission. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the vital pillars of a Synodal Church. There is no hierarchy between them. Rather, each one enriches and orients the other two. There is a dynamic relationship between the three that must be articulated with all three in mind.

Communion:

By his gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that he offers to his people. The communion we share finds its deepest roots in the love and unity of the Trinity. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit. Together, we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, through the living Tradition of the Church, and grounded in the *sensus fidei* that we share. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God's call for his people.

Participation:

A call for the involvement of all who belong to the People of God – laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. This listening creates space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together, and guides our aspirations for the Church of the Third Millennium. Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit. In a synodal Church the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will (ICT, Syn., 67-68). Genuine efforts must be made to ensure the inclusion of those at the margins or who feel excluded.

Mission:

The Church exists to evangelize. We can never be centred on ourselves. Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. This Synodal Process has a deeply missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelization in the world, as a leaven at the service of the coming of God's kingdom.

New year, new opportunity?

Do you like meeting new and interesting people? Do you like to learn about other cultures? Can you offer warmth where others shy away and may seem a bit cold? Do you have an idea that God might be nudging you into a new thing to do? If the answer to any of these is 'yes' or 'maybe', consider becoming a volunteer with New to the UK, one of established projects of Churches Together in North Shields. No initial commitment is needed – just come and find out what we do

one Wednesday between 11am and 1pm at the Baptist Church in Howard Street and make up your mind if this is for you or not.

Want to have a chat before that? Call Pat on 07963972756 (or email: pbond15@virginmedia.com) who can give you more details.

Saint Columba's United Reformed Church, North Shields

Learning from Luke – Six Conversations Thursday evenings at 7.15 p.m. on ZOOM, which starting 20th January 2022. To join in the conversations, email stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link for the meetings.

Lent. Narrating the Passion Story

As stated in my Christmas Sermon I was inspired by a set of essays written by members of the Anglican Communion who identify with the Catholic tradition. They asked how Sacrament and the Liturgy can be used as part of evangelism. At the Proclaimers meeting last week we discussed the idea that at 12 noon on every Saturday in Lent we would narrate the Passion story outside. We would use the two crucifixes in the grounds as a focus for Christ's death and use a tent as a tomb. When it came to the burying of Christ, the Blessed Sacrament would be exposed from the tent, the remainder of the Passion narrative would be read out and we would finish with silence. For 3-4 weeks we would be at St Joseph's with the remainder at St Cuthbert's. My idea is that we used the biblical texts-my preference is John's Gospel, but it is enacted with people reading out key roles such as Jesus, Peter, Mary and Pilate, with us moving across the grounds.

If you would like to get involved with this, please let me know. Anyone with a skill for drama would be especially appreciated. I am not asking the same people to make a commitment for seven Saturdays so we will need a pool of people

Citizens UK National Campaign

As stated at the end of last year, the new National Campaign for Citizens UK is to ensure that all Health and Social Care workers receive the National Living Wage which will be from April 1st outside London £9.90 an hour. If you would like to be involved in this campaign or you know of people for whom this is relevant please ask them to contact Fr Chris.

The Cedarwood Trust, North Shields – Appointment of new Trustees – Spring 2022

The Cedarwood Trust is dedicated to building social capital, creating education and economic opportunities, tackling poverty and food insecurity, and promoting and supporting the growth of families and individuals in the Meadow Well estate, North Shields and beyond. Building on the strengths of the people, we want to bring about positive change for the long term. We have a vibrant centre, a welcoming place for all to socialise, spend family time, and get support. It houses our Nurture Academy, Nurish Bistro, Food Membership Store and Thriving Families. You can find out more about us here: www.cedarwoodtrust.com.

We are expanding our Board of Trustees with four new positions.

We are looking for two people who live in Meadow Well, North Shields. All you need is to share our values of "Nurture, Nourish and Thrive" for the people and place of Meadow Well, and a willingness to contribute to this responsible role.

We are also looking for two people with experience and expertise of strategy and management of organisations, in a commercial or other environment, who share our vision and values.

These are the people we need to help to govern the Trust, and to lead and develop our strategy.

For an informal chat, please contact our CEO Wayne Dobson at wayne.dobson@cedarwoodtrust.com. For more information and an Application Form, please contact louise@cedarwoodtrust.com. Closing date for applications: 7th February 2022.

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

It would appear that we may have over 30 candidates for this year's First Holy Communion Programme. The First Holy Communion Liturgies will be spread over two weekends for each theme so that capacity will not be exceeded. This week we have the first of our Liturgies. Please pray for our candidates and their families

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.