

**MASS READINGS**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**FIRST READING**

*A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.*

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Response: Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord**

**Psalm 1**

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| <p>1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel if the wicked nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.</p> | <p>2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.</p> |
| <p>3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.</p>   |   |

**Second Reading**

*If Christ has not been raised, your believing is useless*

**Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*How happy are you who are poor. Alas for you who are rich.*

**Luke 6:17.20-26**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

**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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**12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> Neil Melvin Live streamed	
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Herbert & Florence Redpath
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Tom & Kitty McAloon	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>7:00pm: Mass:</b> Thomas & Veronica Melody
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass</b> Elizabeth Jones
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> 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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

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### 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 all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Public Reading of the Passion

We had a first reading rehearsal of reading St John's Passion. Five parishioners were present. Our next rehearsal will be 10.00am to 12 noon on the 19<sup>th</sup> February All our welcome

### First Holy Communions

This week-end we will have further First Holy Communion Liturgies. It will be a Liturgy of enrolment for candidates from St Joseph's. Please pray for our candidates and their families

### Tynemouth Priory – Partnership Meeting on Synodal Process

This meeting took place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at St Cuthbert's :- 10:30 – 1200. Twenty two people attended this meeting of which five were clergy and the rest were parish representatives from across the whole partnership.

After the Dean had welcomed everyone and having explained the synodal process, all members of the meeting were encouraged to offer thoughts and reflections as a local contribution to the whole church synodal process.

1) The record below is an attempt to capture the essence of what was shared from across the group. There was whole range of topics talked about during the time of this meeting. Although not a full summary these can be given in an overview as follows:

- gratitude for the synodal process which has already led to new ways for lay people to meet and talk about faith and church matters,
- wanting points of view and discussions to be heard especially by the Bishop,
- wanting a better quality of church leadership in some areas, e.g use of media
- youth inclusion especially in regard to new and fresh expressions of faith
- greater inclusion of women based on a fair and equitable respect,
- extended roles for women in the church including the possibility of ordained ministry,
- use of language –
  - to reflect accurately church as a community of women and men,

- building a new language register for conversations about our faith with people marginalised within and without our regular / normal ways of being church
- to reflect a sense of belonging to a community of equals rather than reflecting one's formal or ministerial position in the church,
- developing a language of inclusion not exclusion
- listening to the signs of the times – big picture thinking in regard to inclusivity not least of all in regard to women in the church,
- acknowledging the time for change is ripe
- Becoming more minded about being a church of mission –
  - open questioning in regards to matters of faith and church e.g. 'How can we be church in a secular world?' – as well as, engaging with seeking and finding ways forward in answer to such questions,
  - reaching out to those not directly involved in the synodal process, i.e. reaching the 95% not immediately present or part of the process,
  - being more overtly church in relation to social and ecological issues,
  - registering or becoming aware of the small signs of change and their importance as and when they happen,
  - actively engaging with people of other faiths,
  - seeking ways to create safe spaces within our churches for people who have views of life and faith that are from extreme vantage points due to diverse and challenging life experiences, including trauma.

2) There is a clear and overarching theme here of: ***becoming a more inclusive church, both within the church as well as in terms of being a church that reaches out to include others.***

This theme was expressed in many dimensions, as noted above, and the overall desire of wanting a better way of being church, left room for further discussion about how the more cultural and operational dimensions of this theme might be further addressed. How might this greater inclusivity be achieved was a question reflected back several times during the meeting.

3) Another theme also emerged in the manner or style of presentation across the group. Each topic or aspect of church and faith life listed above was spoken with great feeling, which reflected a careful, thought through and passionate presentation. This rational emotive dimension of faith included expressions of: frustration, the sense of holding on with one's finger tips, desperation, being keen to find ways forward to develop well, some sadness at stuckness in the church, excitement at new possibilities and a strong felt sense of things needing to change with various degrees of perceived urgency. This is a collective expression of: ***a strong desire for change.***

4) Related to the above theme was an additional theme of wanting to be able to trust in the process of the synodal way, i.e. of wanting to see actual change as a result of faithful and prayerful dialogue. Sporadically expressed was a clear idea of not wanting the synodal process to simply be another talking shop

leading to more of the same, there were two dimensions of this theme:

***'not wanting another opportunity in the life of the church for faith based change to leave the status quo in place' and equally strongly, 'wanting the synodal process to encapsulate a credible way forward.'***

### The Synod and a listening Church' – Webinar 5<sup>th</sup> March 11am Sr. Nathalie Becquart

Sr. Nathalie Becquart is the under secretary to the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican. She is currently organising the synod process and empowering the Church across the world to journey towards the international Synod. She will be the guest speaker at a webinar on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 11am-12.30pm for people across the diocese. A time to listen, discuss and question her on the church and the way forward.

To register please email [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org) requesting 'webinar registration'

### Feedback from Pastoral Carers Group

The parish listeners are being approached by parishioners. Lou Laggan has kindly offered another session on 'stress busting'. The last session was very much appreciated by those who took part.

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> March Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm Location: Zoom**

Join us for a morning of interactive learning to help you live a life with less stress. By the end of the Masterclass you will:

- Understand The Difference Between Good & Bad Stress
- Understand The Full Impact Of Stress
- Have Identified Your Main Causes of Stress
- Be Equipped With A Range Of Practical Strategies To Reduce & Manage Stress

Lou's events are always participative, fun and engaging; find out what others have thought of them here: <https://loulaggancoaching.co.uk/testimonials/>

Places are limited so booking is essential. Please contact Lou via email if you have any questions about the masterclass and to book your place. [Lou@LouLagganCoaching.co.uk](mailto:Lou@LouLagganCoaching.co.uk)

### Tyne and Wear Citizens

Tyne and Wear Citizens Accountability Assembly will be on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm at the Civic Centre, Newcastle. At this event we will be asking those who have the power to make changes on the following campaigns:

- Improving air quality on our streets
- Countering racism in the work place
- Fairer bus fares for young people
- Living Wage for Health and Care Workers
- Improving Mental Health Provision

We hope to fill the room of 600 seats which will put pressure on decision makers.

An evenbrite link will soon be made available. Please encourage people to come. A full room will make an impact and you will see community organising in action and hopefully winning change! We hoped to have 60 from the parish present. Four people have already said they will be there, so just 56 to go!

### Mass Intentions.

There has been an increased demand for Mass Intentions to be said. Please note that Masses given to be said will take about two months. Please keep this in mind if you have a particular anniversary you wish to remember. At the moment I need about two months notice.

### Northern Cross

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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### 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](mailto:nehmasiwa@yahoo.com) or Ruth Corless on 07752009361.