

MASS READINGS

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

Do not praise a man before he has spoken

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

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| <p>a) It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.</p> <p>c) Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.</p> | <p>b) The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.</p> <p>d) As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.</p> |
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Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Psalm 91

Second Reading

He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

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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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26th/27th February 2022 - 8th Sunday of the Year - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 26th February		5:30pm: Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 27th February 8th Sunday of the Year	11:00am: Mass: Rhona & Vincent Jones Live streamed	
Monday 28th February	No Mass	
Tuesday 1st March		9:30am: Mass: Joe Lennon
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday	9:30am: Mass: Margaret Taylor	7:00pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Thursday 3rd March	No Mass	
Friday 4th March		9:30am: St Joseph's School Mass: Anne Chadwick 7:00pm: Mass: Paddy Ryan
Saturday 5th March		5:30pm: Mass Margaret Taylor
Sunday 6th March 1st Sunday in Lent	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

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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 Eleanor Robson.

Please pray for Patricia Ann Appleton, Thomas Patrick Curran, Sylvia Keilty, Elizabeth Story, Florence Palmajar and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Lent 2022

Masses for Ash Wednesday will be 9.30 at St Cuthbert's and 7.00pm at St Joseph's. This 'space for grace' is a time for renewal, taking stock and be open to what God's offer of salvation. Our main focus as a parish community will be our public readings of St John's Gospel. These will take place on Saturdays during Lent at 12 noon March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th at St Joseph's. Then on April 2nd, 9th & 16th at St Cuthbert's. For people to reflect and watch and take part I ask people to reflect and pray St John Passion story, they are chapter 18 & 19 of St John's Gospel. By using your imagination I hope you will understand more fully the person of Christ and the significance of those events that St John is trying to communicate. A possible Lenten practice could be to reflect on small passage each day so that when you see it played out the passage will speak more clearly to you.

Stations of the Cross will start on March 6th starting at St Cuthbert's at 4pm and then alternating at St Joseph's throughout Lent.

Baptism

Today at St Joseph's at 1pm we have the baptism of Elijah Jim Keoghan. We pray for Elijah and his family as he is united with Christ in this sacrament and joins our family of faith

St Joseph's School Mass

St Joseph's School will be having Mass in St Joseph's Church to mark the start of Lent on Friday 4th March at 9.30. Parishioners are welcome to join the school

Dealing and coping with Stress Workshop

Date: 12th 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

From Minsteracres: Wakening up with the garden

We would like to invite you to a gardening and 'wakening up' day in the walled garden on Wednesday 16th March and/or Saturday 19th of March. These dates are close to the equinox entering a time of spring and summer.

The garden has been resting over the last months. The storm has blown over a lot of plants. However new growth is underway! So we would like to tidy up the garden and clear the way for new growth. There are many different jobs from light ones to more challenging ones. The most important thing is to enjoy what we are doing. If people like just to sit or meander in the garden that is fine too. The date is from 10.00am to 4pm. Directions: Turn from the A68 onto the main drive to Minsteracres Retreat Centre. Before the first cattle grid turn right into a small tarmac road that leads around a wall. You can park at the end (limited spaces). There is a green gate that leads into the walled garden. An alternative is to park on the parking space before the cattle grid at the left side of the drive. Please bring - if possible - your own gloves and small gardening tools (secateurs). We are still a bit short of these items. E-mail: lyavollering@gmail.com

News from Tyne and Wear Citizens

Tyne and Wear Citizens Accountability Assembly will be on Thursday March 17th 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.

The parish 'turn out captain' is Austin Oshegbu. He and Fr Chris will be encouraging parishioners to sign up for assembly. The link to sign up is: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-accountability-assembly/>

- Together We Can
This is an initiative to support asylum seekers who are going through the process to seek leave to remain. They have appointed a worker who will support refugees. I am delighted to say that it is one of the parishioners, Austin Oshegbu who has been appointed to this role. Congratulations to Austin and we wish him every blessing and success in this important role.
- Sara Bryson, the lead organiser for Tyne and Wear Citizens, will join us at the Masses on the weekend of 5th-6th March.

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.

Webinar 5th 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 5th 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 requesting 'webinar registration'

The Partnership Confirmation Programme for students in Year 10 and Year 11 will begin on Thursday 10th March 2022 and run for 5 weeks until Thursday April 7th 2022. Young people are now invited to sign-up by filling out the Confirmation Application Form. This is available from your parish priest or by emailing the Chaplain at St Thomas More on mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk.

World Day of Prayer 2022 Services,

This year's theme is: I Know The Plans I Have For You. We join in this ecumenical movement on Friday 4th March. We have two services. Afternoon 2.00pm, at Holy Saviour's Church, Tynemouth, Evening 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church, Cullercoats. Everyone is welcome at either service. Light refreshments will be available after both services.

Northern Cross

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

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'

Sycamore for Lent

This is a note from the diocesan co-ordinator for the Sycamore programme, Mike Weetman:

"We are pilgrims 'journeying together' whose listening and speaking is that of those who seek and not that of those who believe they have found."

This quote leapt out at me when I attended Synod meetings. I have been extremely privileged to host two online sycamore.fm get togethers. Sycamore opens up the heart of the Christian message and helps people to grow in faith. The films give an inspiring vision of Catholic Christianity. They involve some clear teaching and thought-provoking testimonies. The discussion groups, even online, help people grow in friendship and build a sense of community. This was evident in the people who took part. They showed an amazing openness and willingness to share and listen to each other's stories. It epitomised the "journeying together" in the quote above.

I invite you to join me on such a journey this Lenten season. We will gather online each Sunday from 6 March to 10 April at 4.00pm until 5.15pm. Why not invite a friend to come along too? This is a free course. Please register at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/lent-sycamore-course/>

Praying for Peace

As we continue to pray for peace in war torn Ukraine I have quoted below some reflection Pope Francis on war from Fratelli Tutti

"Every war leaves our world worse than it was before. War is a failure of politics and of humanity, a shameful capitulation, a stinging defeat before the forces of evil. Let us not remain mired in theoretical discussions, but touch the wounded flesh of the victims. Let us look once more at all those civilians whose killing was considered "collateral damage". Let us ask the victims themselves. Let us think of the refugees and displaced, those who suffered the effects of atomic radiation or chemical attacks, the mothers who lost their children, and the boys and girls maimed or deprived of their childhood. Let us hear the true stories of these victims of violence, look at reality through their eyes, and listen with an open heart to the stories they tell. In this way, we will be able to grasp the abyss of evil at the heart of war. Nor will it trouble us to be deemed naive for choosing peace."