

MASS READING

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – C

FIRST READING

The Word is very near to you for your observance.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive

Psalm 68

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| <p>1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.</p> | <p>2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.</p> |
| <p>3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.</p> | <p>4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there.</p> |

SECOND READING

All things were created through Christ and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Colossians 1:15-20

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

Luke 10:25-37

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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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9th/10th July 2022 – 15th Sunday of the Year – C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 9th July		5:30pm: Mass: Mary Kuriakose
Sunday 10th July 15th Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 11th July	No Mass	
Tuesday 12th July		9:30am: Mass: Repose of the Soul of Lenny Flood
Wednesday 13th July *		9:30am: Mass: Irma Mironova
Thursday 14th July		6:00pm: Mass: Mary & Bill Robson
Friday 15th July	7:00pm: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey	
Saturday 16th July		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 17th July 16th Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: Live streamed	

***St Cuthbert's Church deep cleaning**
St Cuthbert's is going to be deep cleaned for two weeks, therefore
the Masses on 13th and 20th July, will be at St Joseph's Church.

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 Summer; Peace; A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe, upholding the sanctity of Life, Seafarers.

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, Eleanor Robson, Vera Reay, Anthony Falla and Fr Dermot Donnelly

Please pray for Dylan McConnell., Michael Gilboy, Irene Milne, John William James and Fr Michael Keoghan and all those who have died recently and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Ordinary Time

From now till Advent we are in 'Ordinary Time'. For most Sundays, I will be wearing green vestments. The colour green symbolises hope. It is a reminder that the great drama of Salvation we have been celebrating since Advent till Trinity Sunday and which we call to mind at each celebration of the Eucharist calls us to be people of hope. May our community by its witness of welcome, love and hope

Funeral Services

The Funeral Service of John James will be at the Preston Crematorium on Wednesday 13th July at 12.45pm. May he rest in peace.

Who is my neighbour?

In our Gospel this weekend we hear this famous question. Jesus' response is the equally famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In his encyclical of 2020 Fratelli Tutti, having in the first chapter highlighted some of the key issues that are impacting on the most vulnerable, poorest and weakest on our earth, in the second chapter Pope Francis gives us a thoughtful reflection on the significance of the parable of the Good Samaritan for our current age. Since we have space on the newsletter I would like to quote extensively from this chapter, Paragraphs 67-70.

"The parable eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan. Any other decision would make us either one of the robbers or one of those who walked by without showing compassion for the sufferings of the man on the roadside. The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good. At the same time, it warns us about the attitude of those who think only of themselves and fail to shoulder the inevitable responsibilities of life as it is.

The parable clearly does not indulge in abstract moralizing, nor is its message merely social and ethical. It speaks to us of an essential and often forgotten aspect of our common humanity: we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity.

The parable is clear and straightforward, yet it also evokes the interior struggle that each of us experiences as we gradually come to know ourselves through our relationships with our brothers and sisters. Sooner or later, we will all encounter a person who is suffering. Today

there are more and more of them. The decision to include or exclude those lying wounded along the roadside can serve as a criterion for judging every economic, political, social and religious project. Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders. And if we extend our gaze to the history of our own lives and that of the entire world, all of us are, or have been, like each of the characters in the parable. All of us have in ourselves something of the wounded man, something of the robber, something of the passers-by, and something of the Good Samaritan.

It is remarkable how the various characters in the story change, once confronted by the painful sight of the poor man on the roadside. The distinctions between Judean and Samaritan, priest and merchant, fade into insignificance. Now there are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting and those who pass by; those who bend down to help and those who look the other way and hurry off. Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others? Will we bend down and help another to get up? This is today's challenge, and we should not be afraid to face it. In moments of crisis, decisions become urgent. It could be said that, here and now, anyone who is neither a robber nor a passer-by is either injured himself or bearing an injured person on his shoulders.

Confirmations

On July 19th here at St Cuthbert's at 7pm, Bishop Robert will Confirm over 30 of our young people in the partnership. From this parish our candidates are: Matthew John Darmody, Tapiwanashe Christopher Masiwa, Angel Muchiso, Joyce Xian Misa, Lucy Oshegbu and John Pinote. Please pray for them as they prepare for this important part of their journey of faith

End of Year School Masses

Next week our two primary schools will be having their end of year Masses. St Joseph's will be at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 19th July at 9.30am. St Cuthbert's School Mass will on Wednesday 20th July at St Cuthbert's Church at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

Synod Process-A National Response

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales have published the National Synthesis of the Diocesan Synod Submissions. It can be read at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/06/synod-national-synthesis-england-wales.pdf>

Having read the document I sense it is fair attempt to acknowledge the variety of views expressed from the across the country. I would encourage people to read it. Please let me know if you would like a hard copy of this to read

There are five themes explored:

The People of God and the Pandemic

The Experience of the Synod

A wounded Church and the call to conversion

Truth, Mercy, Welcome: marginalised groups

Towards a Synodal Church in England and Wales

Mass for NHS Staff

As part of the Year of the Eucharist, the Vicariate for Faith & Mission is inviting all NHS doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, and chaplains to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 14th July at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. This Mass, which is open to all, will be an opportunity for the Diocese to express gratitude to all healthcare workers and NHS chaplains as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

Parish Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council at St Cuthbert's on 14th July at 7.00pm Please inform me if there is anything you would like to on the agenda

A Beetle Drive – Transfigured

On the Feast of the Transfiguration, Saturday, August 6th at 7pm at St Cuthbert's we are having a blast from the past with a Beetle Drive, there will be a shared table and people can bring their own drinks. We hope it will be another opportunity to come together and have some fun. But it will be a Beetledrive with a difference hence 'a Beetledrive Transfigured'. As people change tables there will be a different question for people to reflect and share on. As part of the synodal process and being a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens, building up relationships with each other and being attentive to each other's interests, gifts and experiences is important. We hope that this event will be a light-hearted way to do this. Cost is free. Any offers to organise will be appreciate

Sea Sunday

This weekend is Sea Sunday where we will have the annual collection for Stella Maris- the Apostleship of the Sea. The Mass dismissal of P&O workers highlighted that the work of those who work on the sea are precarious in many ways. The work of our seaport chaplains is very important. Please support this vital ministry.

Tyne and Wear Citizens Campaigns Fair's Fare Action

Many of you will have heard the young people from St Thomas More Sixth form speak at the assembly in March about their campaign to get subsidised fares on public transport at 16. Currently Arriva buses charge full adult fare from 16, even though the young people are in full time education and where they do work, receive the reduced minimum wage rate. They have been pushing to meet with Arriva for some time. So they are now taking action to get a seat around the table. They will be at the Arriva Depot from 13.15pm on Tuesday 12th July, 33 Portland Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE12 1QS Some of the young people will be going into the meeting from 13.30pm They would like you to join them and show your support!

If you would like to take part please contact let Michael Thompson, the Chaplain at St Thomas More (mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk) or Wendy McConnell at Mumspace (wendy.mcconnell@citizensuk.org) know if you can attend

Living Wage for Health & Social Care Workers

Throughout the past year Citizens UK have been working together nationally to win a real Living Wage for all Health & Social Care Workers. So far we have won some significant gains with the Welsh and Scottish governments committing to pay care workers a living wage. All 10 local authorities in Great Manchester have followed. Anchor Homes have also accredited nationally with a £19 million uplift in pay for their staff as a result.

We are now focussing on the big five private providers: Bupa; Barchester; Care UK; Four Seasons Health Care and HC-One. All five report huge profits and between them run over 1000 care homes across the country. Chapters across the UK will be taking a coordinated action on all 5 HQs on Wednesday 13th July at midday. HC-One is headquartered in Darlington and we will be joining the action with leaders from Leeds Citizens. If you can make this action please let me or Claire Crow know claire@northeastwellbeing.co.uk We will also be meeting on zoom to plan the action, if you'd like to get involved do let us know.

Parish Administration

Now that normality is resuming, as stated in my notices at the end of Mass last weekend, please be aware that we have a parish administrator, Mrs Katherine Main. She will be in the office from Tuesday to Friday from 8.45am to 12.45pm. If there are any queries to do with Mass offerings, administration, issues related to the building please contact Katherine. You can visit her in person at the office during the hours she is in above or she can be contacted on Tel: 07506 176996 or 0191 2573408 or at: northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk. If you are trying to contact Fr Chris but he is unavailable you can also leave a message with Katherine

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

Charity Shop

I recently received a cheque from the Charity Shop of £4,400. A big thank-you to all who contribute especially to those who work on a Thursday. Your efforts are much appreciated. Well done! Due to increased demand more volunteers are needed on a Thursday morning. Please let Fr Chris know if you are interested. My thanks to all who have offered to help.

Parish Finance – Standing Orders

There has been a welcome increase in our income, primarily from bank standing orders and from the Trinity Charity Shop. Like everyone else, our costs are increasing but the parish deserves a good deal of praise from the efforts made by hard pressed individuals and families since we began to emerge from Covid in March. However, those of you who are maintaining standing orders – please sign up for Gift Aid, allowing the parish to claim the tax benefit from your monthly payment. Please see Linda Shotton or speak to Father Chris to fill in the relevant form. It will enhance your gift to the parish. I will be giving a review of parish finances, as I did last year, later in the autumn. Gary Leece – Chair of Finance Group.

Live Simply Tip

Living Simply is based on the following three strands:

- living simply
- living in solidarity with people in poverty
- living sustainably with creation.

This week's tip is::

Livestock farming is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions. Consider eating a vegan/vegetarian diet for a part of the week.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God. We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ. Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son. Lord have mercy. Amen