

**MASS READINGS**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)**

**FIRST READING**

*I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.*

**Genesis 18:20-32**

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

**Psalm 137**

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| <p>1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,<br/>you have heard the words of my mouth.<br/>Before the angels I will bless you.<br/>I will adore before your holy temple.</p>           | <p>2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love<br/>which excel all we ever knew of you.<br/>On the day I called, you answered;<br/>you increased the strength of my soul.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly<br/>and the haughty he knows from afar.<br/>Though I walk in the midst of affliction<br/>you give me life and frustrate my foes.</p> | <p>4. You stretch out your hand and save me,<br/>your hand will do all things for me.<br/>Your love, O Lord, is eternal,<br/>discard not the work of your hands.</p>            |

**SECOND READING**

*He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.*

**Colossians 2:12-14**

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

**Luke 11:1-13**

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

**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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**23rd/24th July 2022 – 17th Sunday of the Year – C**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 23rd July</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> Fr Michael Hickey
<b>Sunday 24th July</b> <b>17th Sunday of the Year - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> Live streamed	
<b>Monday 25th July</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 26th July</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Cecilia Ridley
<b>Wednesday 27th July *</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Cecilia Ridley	
<b>Thursday 28th July</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Cecilia Ridley
<b>Friday 29th July</b>	<b>7:00pm: Mass:</b> Fr Michael Hickey	
<b>Saturday 30th July</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 31st July</b> <b>18th Sunday of the Year - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Maureen Tynan</b> 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)**

**Parish office: 0191 257 3408**

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 and Anthony Falla. Please pray for Fr Dermot Donnelly, Mary Bray and all those who have died recently and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Confirmations

Congratulations to all who were baptised on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. here at St Cuthbert's. Prayers and best wishes to those young people from our parish: Matthew John Darmody, Tapiwanashe Christopher Masiwa, Angel Muchiso, Joyce Xian Misa, Lucy Oshogbu and John Pinote. Please pray for them as they prepare for this important part of their journey of faith. I received a kind e-mail from Bishop Robert saying how much last night and how the celebration showed evidence that the Partnership is working well together

### Baptism

This Sunday at 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's we will have the baptism of Imogen Ann Watson. We pray for Imogen and her family as she is united in Christ and becomes a member of our community

### Grand Parents Day

This Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July Pope Francis has designated Grand-Parents day. So if you still have grandparent alive let them know you are thinking and praying for them. If like me, it is many years since you had grand -parents we remember them and if you are like me you are grateful their example of love and faith. This day is a reminder to celebrate and acknowledge the contribution of elderly people in our communities and to ensure that their dignity and worth is always upheld and valued.

### Trip to Holy Island

This is a reminder that we will, as a parish, be joining the CAFOD community for their annual pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September with Mass at 3pm. The cost of the coach will be £18 per head. Please sign up at the lists at the back of Church if you would like to take part.

### 'Teach us to Pray'

In the Gospel for this weekend we have Jesus being asked to teach his disciples to pray after he has been in a lonely place praying before dawn. He then give a version of the prayer that we know as 'The Lord's Prayer'. I sense that for many, they would like to echo those words 'teach us to pray'.

There are a number of people trained in the role of prayer guiding and spiritual direction. As I will say in the homily, I am wondering if we could have a retreat in daily life during Lent of next year, which would give us an opportunity to develop our prayer life through meeting trained prayers guides or spiritual directors. People taking part would involve meeting your prayer guide on a weekly basis. This could be done face to face or even by zoom. I will say more during the homily but if you are interested please let me know

In my sermon this week-end at the start of it I will be referencing to the following You-Tube video link: David Bowie Praying the Our Father at Freddie Mercury's Tribute Concert 1992

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANQspcmfhJU>  
Bruce Springsteen:

Introduction to Born to Run- Part 1  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UI3k\\_jDCGOA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UI3k_jDCGOA)  
Introduction to Born to Run- Part 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoXwPuTZic>  
WARNING!! The two clips spoken by Bruce Springsteen are just audio clips. There is some foul language in both clips. It is not to be played in front of children. I do offer them with some tentativeness in the light of the language but all the links are help in showing how the 'Our Father' can be a gateway and signpost to a shared sense of transcendence and our solidarity and union with the living and the dead. I hope they are helpful. I certainly found them to be enlightening and inspiring

### School Holidays

Now that our schools have closed I would like to wish all the staff and pupils in our schools every best wish for the summer break. I am grateful as a Governor to all the three Catholic Schools in North Shields for the dedication, hard work and commitment to educating and developing our young people in difficult circumstances. Have a blessed and restful break.

### Newman Association

The next meeting of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association will take place on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's North Shields when the Catholic historian Dr. Leo Gooch will talk on "The Rising of the Northern Earls". All welcome.

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2022-2023

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/continuing-professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs> If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Day of Reflection for Special Ministers

There is day of recollection for Special Ministers at Ushaw on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am-4pm. To book please go to: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Vacancies with Safer Families

• **Family Support Manager** to join our Safe Families team based in Newcastle.

Please follow the link below to find out more information about the role: <https://safefamilies.uk/newcastle-family-support/>  
We also have several posts for national and regional roles which you may be interested in:

- Systems Development and Support – National role but could be based anywhere in the UK close to one of our office hubs.
- Fundraising Manager – National role but could be based anywhere in the UK close to one of our office hubs. (Maternity cover)
- Business Support and Office Co-ordinator – A role working with our North England and Scotland Team.

You can find more information about these roles at the follow link: <https://safefamilies.uk/vacancies/>

### A Beetle Drive – Transfigured

On the Feast of the Transfiguration, Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### 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

### 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. If you would like to set up a Standing Order the details of the parish account are:

Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph  
Bank: HSBC  
Sort code: 40-34-45,  
Account number 91146513

### 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:  
Insulation is good for the planet as it helps you use less energy and can also pay for itself in 5-6 years through reduced energy bills. For information on government grants go to <https://www.government-grants.co.uk/>.

### Penrith Mountain Rescue Service

A big thankyou to those who came over last Sunday after. I had a lovely time. I enjoyed the coming together of family, friends and parish. £305 was raised for the Penrith Mountain Rescue Service. Many thanks!

### 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