

**MASS READINGS**

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C**

**FIRST READING**

*What does a man gain for all his toil?*

**Ecclesiastes 1:2. 2:21-23**

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** *O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.*

**Psalm 89**

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| <p>1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.</p> | <p>2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R/</p>     |
| <p>3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.</p>                       | <p>4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.</p> |

**SECOND READING**

*You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*This hoard of yours, whose will it be?*

**Luke 12:13-21**

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then? So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

**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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**30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 – 18<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 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Maureen Tynan Live streamed</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass: Herbert &amp; Florence Redpath</b>
	<b>9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey</b>	
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>7:00pm: Mass: Paddy Lenon</b>	
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed</b>	

**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.

### Church Together Worship

Many of our fellow Churches close during August. Instead, members are encouraged to attend other Services in North Shields. The schedule for August is below. You will note that members of Churches Together are encouraged to join our community of St Joseph's for August 13<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I am sure our brothers and sister of other Christian communities will be made to feel very welcome by our parish.

Day	August	Time	Venue
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Church of the Holy Saviour, Tynemouth
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	St Joseph's RC Church
Join with our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers as they celebrate the Feast of the Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary			
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	4:00pm	Fishermen's Mission at Christ Church
Gather to give thanks for the work of the Fishermen's Mission, including a celebration of Peter Dade's 30 years as an officer.			
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	St Columba's URC

### Possible Retreat in Daily Life for Lent 2023

There are a number of people trained in the role of prayer guiding and spiritual direction. As I stated in the homily last week, I am exploring the possibility 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. If you are interested please let me know.

### From the Lourdes Pilgrimage Group

There will be Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Shotton Colliery at 11am on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - this is to mark when the Diocese would normally have been in Lourdes. All are welcome and you are invited to bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be served. After lunch, there will be Marian devotions at the church grotto.

### 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 Oshegbu 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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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)

### 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.

### A Beetle Drive – Transfigured

On the Feast of the Transfiguration, next 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 appreciated.

### 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:

Use cloth bags instead of plastic carrier bags

### Ignatius of Loyola

Although this year July 31<sup>st</sup> is the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year, it is also the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, better known as the Jesuits. From the website <https://grottonetwork.com/> I have found an article by Mike Jordan Laskey on four lessons from the Life and work of St Ignatius. Here below are edited highlights of the article

1. Pay attention to your experiences and emotions. You can encounter God at work there. God deals directly with each person, and we can mine our experiences and emotions to learn about how God might be calling us
2. Carve out quiet time for prayer in a way that works for you.

Jordan Laskey makes the point that they various spiritual exercises that St Ignatius gave us can be adapted to the situation and structure of life. In taking time to reflect we can discern God in the ordinariness of every day life

3. Find a faith community that nourishes and challenges you

Despite Ignatius' important experiences in relative solitude, it was only when he joined up with friends who shared in his zeal that things really took off. It can sometimes be hard to find a faith community close to where we live that is a good fit. But, like Ignatius and his friends in the Lord, we can bring whatever gifts we have to the faith community and offer them generously.

4. Need to make a tough decision? Ignatius has thoughts on that.

"For people who are trying to live a life pleasing to God, the good spirit strengthens, encourages, consoles, removes obstacles, and gives peace," reads one introduction to discernment in the tradition of Ignatius. "The evil spirit tries to derail them by stirring up anxiety, false sadness, needless confusion, frustration, and other obstacles."

Here's one practical tool for discernment Ignatius offers: take a difficult decision and pretend you had decided one way for a day: for instance, "Today, I'll imagine all day I'm going to leave this job for a new offer." The next day, you imagine the opposite: "Today, I'll imagine I'm staying in my current job." Take an inventory of your thoughts and feelings after each day and see which one brings you more peace, joy, and hope.

### 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