

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

FIRST READING

Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67

Response: In your goodness, O God, you prepare a home for the poor.

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| <p>1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.</p> | <p>2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth to freedom.</p> |
| <p>3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you have them new life.
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1. 7-14

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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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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27th/28th August 2022 – 22nd Sunday of the Year – C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 27th August		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 28th August 22nd Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: Gerry Rafferty Live streamed	
Monday 29 th August	No Mass	
Tuesday 30 th August		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 31 st August	9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 1 st September		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 2 nd September	7:00pm: Mass: Gerry Rafferty	
Saturday 3rd September		5:30pm: Mass: Sheelagh Goodwin
Sunday 4th September 23rd Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

What'sApp 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 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 Jimmy Molloy and Maureen Delaney (nee Mathwin) and all those who have died recently and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Baptism

Today at St Joseph’s at 1.00pm we will have the baptism of Grace Jacob. We pray for her and her family as he is accepted into the Christian family and is united in Christ

Churches Together August Services

The final service for Churches Together North Shields is this Sunday. Please see below

Day	August	Time	Venue
Sunday	28 th	6.30 pm	St Columba’s URC

Journey of Faith

From September to Pentecost next year the Journey of Faith group will be meeting regularly, every fortnight at Immaculate Heart in West Monkseaton. This fortnightly meeting is for people who are inquiring about becoming Catholics as well as for people who would like to learn more about the Catholic tradition is an informal group context. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this group for this year. Also please be aware of.....

FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online

Are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form (<https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb>) or email us (adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

Possible Retreat in Daily Life for Lent 2023

I have a had a couple of people express an interest in taking part in a Retreat in Daily Life. Please get in touch if you have any queries or you are interested in taking part

Trip to Holy Island

The Coach is full but you are welcome to make your own way to Holy Island and join us there. The coach will leave on Saturday 3rd September from St Cuthbert’s at 9.30am. We will leave the island c.4.30pm, back at North Shields for c.6pm

Day of Reflection for Special Ministers

There is day of recollection for Special Ministers at Ushaw on Saturday 24th September 10am-4pm. To book please go to: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

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. Challenge yourself to an ‘unplugged’ day – without your phone, TV or radio.

Tyneside Welcomes and St Cuthbert’s Presbytery

Next Sunday, 4th September, Vin Totten from Tyneside Welcomes will be speaking about the arrival of the family that will be residing at St Cuthbert’s Presbytery. He will be informing us of the role Tyneside Welcome will have as a lead sponsor for this project and also the role of the parish can play in welcoming and supporting the family.

Cost of Living Crisis

The Diocesan Caritas Group will be meeting early next month to explore what the Diocesan response could be to the cost of living crisis. I will be discussing this issue with the parish council and other parish groups. Please let me know if you have any ideas or are aware of groups or agencies that could help

Congratulations

Congratulations to our young people who have passed exams in recent weeks. Wishing you every grace and blessing for the next stage of your life

Parish Finance – Standing Orders

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

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: Cleaner, Blaydon, St Joseph and Winlaton, St Anne – part-time (8 hours), permanent Refugee Project Worker, Newcastle – part-time (12 hours), initial 12-month contract Closing date for applications: 30 August Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

Step Up to September

Our parishioner, Anne Greaves, is doing the Step Up September challenge to raise money for the Trussell Trust. The Trussel Trust supports many food banks. She aims to walk an hour a day each day. This is the link to her sponsor page <https://trusselltrust.enthuse.com/pf/anne-greaves>

Season of Creation

Next Thursday, September 1st, is the start of the Season of Creation. From then to October 4th, the feast of St Francis, Patron Saint of Ecology, we are asked by Pope Francis to reflect on our relationship with the earth, our Common Home. To ensure we are doing all that we can to respect it and acknowledge it beauty and fragility The theme this year is ‘Listen to the Voice of creation. The following reflection can be found at the Season of Creation website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> St. Augustine writes, “[Creation] is the divine page that you must listen to; it is the book of the universe that you must observe.” The Psalmist (19: 1-4) acknowledges that hearing the voice of creation requires a kind of listening that is increasingly rare. The Psalmist declares that creation proclaims God’s handiwork and also knows that the book of Scripture perfectly revives the soul, makes the simple wise, rejoices the heart, and enlightens the eyes (Ps 19:7-8). The book of creation and the book of Scripture are meant to be read side by side. Contemplation opens us to many modes of listening to the book of creation. The harmonious 2 balance of biodiversity and the suffering cries of creation are both echoes of the Divine because all creatures have the same origin and ending in God. Listening to the voices of our co-creatures is like perceiving truth, goodness or beauty and helps us become aware of the Trinity, in which creation lives, moves and has its being. During the Season of Creation, our prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. We lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we centre the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. Communities of worship can amplify the voices of young people, Indigenous people, women and affected communities who are not heard in society. Through liturgies, public prayers, symbolic acts and advocacy, we can remember those who are displaced or have disappeared from public spaces and political

processes. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans join in our vocation to care for our common home (oikos). Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Human greed, desertification and land misuse lead to the disintegration of ecosystems, the destruction of habitats, and the loss of livelihoods and species at an alarming rate. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This was a flame of the Spirit that revealed God’s life sustaining presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed faithfully to deliverance from injustice. During the Season of Creation, this symbol calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God’s presence. May this symbol move us to remove the “sandals” of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation.

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.

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