

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)  
FIRST READING

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm 89

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.

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.

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.

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.

SECOND READING

Have him back, not as a slave anymore, but as a dear brother.

Philemon 1:9-10. 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave anymore, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So, if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

None of you can be my disciples unless he gives up all his possessions.

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So, in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

<b>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church</b> <i>Albion Road West North Shields</i>	<b>Tynemouth Priory Partnership</b> 	<b>Saint Joseph Catholic Church</b> <i>Wallsend Road North Shields</i>
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<b>Parish website information at: <a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b> 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.		
<b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b> Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021 Canon Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770 St Cuthbert’s Church ☎ 0191 257 3408	<b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b> Father David Smith ☎ 0191 262 3882 Hospital Chaplaincy: ☎ 01670 712476 Deacon: Rev Stephen Boulter: ☎ 07816077858	

3rd/4th September 2022 – 23rd Sunday of the Year – C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
<b>Saturday 3rd September</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> Sheelagh Goodwin
<b>Sunday 4th September 23rd Sunday of the Year - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> Live streamed	
Monday 5th September	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 6th September		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Herbert & Florence Redpath
Wednesday 7th September	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>	
Thursday 8th September		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
Friday 9th September	<b>7:00pm: Mass:</b> Gerry Rafferty	
<b>Saturday 10th September</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 11th September 24th Sunday of the Year - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> Neil & Bill Henderson Live streamed	

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**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](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 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 Evelyn Rose Purves We pray for her and her family as he is accepted into the Christian family and is united in Christ

### Funerals

The Requiem Mass for **Jimmy Molloy** will be Monday 5th September at St Cuthbert's at 12 noon

The Requiem Mass for **Maureen Mathwin/Delaney** will be on Tuesday 6th September at St John's Beverly at 12noon. If you wish to attend the Mass via livestream, go to <https://www.blink-video.co.uk/blinkvideo/> The details to access the stream are: User: BLINKVIDEO Password: BLINKLIVE22

### Warm Welcomes

At the Vigil Mass this week-end Fr Noel Colahan is kindly supplying while I am with some of the parish at the CAFOD pilgrimage on Holy Island.

### Emergency Appeal for Victims of Floods in Pakistan

CAFOD are part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal to respond the terrible floods in Pakistan. There will be a retiring collection for this appeal this week-end

### Tyneside Welcomes

Vin Totten from Tyneside Welcomes is not able to join us this week-end. We hope to he can speak to parish in October . It is the hope that the family will be with us in October or November.

### Health & Safety Officer for St Cuthbert's

I am pleased to announce that Charlie Tynan is willing to take on the role of Health and Safety Officer for St Cuthbert's. My thanks to him for being willing to take on this role and to Martin Goodwin who dutifully fulfilled that role for a number of years. Charlie will also be a member of the Finance and Property Committee.

### New Academic Year

Many school return this week. I would like to wish all pupils and staff very blessing for a new academic year. I hope all students are able to make progress in mind, body and spirit

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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)

### New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word.

Venue: St. Joseph's, Fellgate, Jarrow. NE32 4PJ. Date(s): Tuesday, 13th September 7-9pm and Saturday 17th September 10am-4pm. Cost: £12.50 per attendee (invoiced to the parish.) Booking: Please visit the course page at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/formation-for-new-readers-of-the-liturgy-of-the-word/> and click on Register Here, or contact the Admin team. The parish priest will asked to endorse anyone applying to attend formation in this ministry. Please contact Fr Chris via the parish e-mail address if you are interested. A commissioning Mass will take place on the Saturday. Attendees are invited to bring a packed lunch on the full day.

### Church Music

The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invite you to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) and Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham) on Sunday 25th September, 3.00-5.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Durham, DH1 3HL. The workshop will explore new music for the communion procession. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website. Advanced booking is essential, please book by Friday 16th September. <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-communion/>

### 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.

Reduce your use of energy: use LED light bulbs and turn them off when they're not needed; turn off computers and photocopiers when not in use; encourage people to walk to mass and meetings or to share lifts, display bus or train information in the parish, check you are recycling and composting as efficiently as possible.

### 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.

### Step Up to September

Our parishioner, Anne Greaves, is doing the Step Up September challenge to raise money for the Trussell Trust. The Trussell 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>. If you do not give online donations can be given to Anne or Fr Chris

### North Shields Hub of Tyne and Wear Citizens

The next meeting of the hub of institutions in North Tyneside will meet in person at 7pm at St Cuthbert's. I hope to have present with me Madoc Cairns from the Tablet. He is interested to know the impact of the cost of living crises on the region. All are welcome

### 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

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

### Season of Creation

We are now September 1<sup>st</sup>, is the start of the Season of Creation. From then to October 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 most famous prayer that captures the essence of God's passion for nature is written by St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226AD). Also known as the Laudes Creaturarum or Canticle of the Creatures; it is the basis of many later prayers and the great hymn All Creatures of our God and King. Here are the first lines

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,  
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessing.  
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,  
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.  
Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,  
especially through my lord Brother Sun,  
who brings the day; and you give light through him.  
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!  
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.  
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,  
and through the air, cloudy and serene,  
and every kind of weather through which  
You give sustenance to Your creatures.  
Praise and bless my Lord,  
and give Him thanks  
and serve Him with great humility

### 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