**MASS READINGS**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C**

**FIRST READING Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14**

*The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.*

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: “I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.”’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 50**

***Response: I will leave this place and go to my Father.***

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| 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.   In your compassion blot out my offence.  O wash me more and more from my guilt  and cleanse me from my sin. | 1. A pure heart create for me, O God,   put a steadfast spirit within me.  Do not cast me away from your presence,  nor deprive me of your holy spirit. | 1. Lord, open my lips   and my mouth shall declare your praise.  My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  a humbled, contrite heart your will not spurn. |

**SECOND READING Timothy 1:12-17**

*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 15:1-32**

*There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. ‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

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| **10th/11th September 2022 – 24th Sunday of the Year – C** | | | |
| **Masses, Devotions and Services** | | |
|  | **St Cuthbert’s Church** | **St Joseph’s Church** |
| **Saturday 10th September** |  | **5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish** |
| **Sunday 11th September**  **24th Sunday of the Year - C** | **11:00am: Mass:**  Neil & Bill Henderson  **Live streamed** |  |
| Monday 12th September | **No Mass** | |
| Tuesday 13th September |  | **9:30am: Service of Word and Communion** |
| Wednesday 14th September | **9:30am: Service of Word and Communion** |  |
| Thursday 15th September |  |  |
| Friday 16th September | **7:00pm: Mass** |  |
| **Saturday 17th September** |  | **5:30pm: Mass:** Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II |
| **Sunday 18th September**  **245h 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 Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II, Jean Glen and all those who have died recently and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

**Her Majesty the Queen R.I.P**

**We pray for the repose of the soul of her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth. We give thanks for her duty of service and her role as the Leader of the Church of England. We pray for our nation at this time of transition. We also pray for our new King, King Charles III.**

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**Baptism**

Today at St Joseph’s at 1.00pm we will have the baptism of Brody Gilboy We pray for him and his family as he is accepted into the Christian family and is united in Christ

**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

**Bible Study Group**

Our Bible/Prayer group will resume on Monday 19th September at 10am in the upstairs room at St Cuthbert's church. Please join us, all are very welcome. Tea, coffee and snacks will be shared afterwards.

**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……

**Day of Reflection for Special Ministers**

Please note that this will now take place at

English Martyrs, Fenham, NE5 3JR on Saturday 24th September 2022 Time: 10am - 4pm

Cost: £15 per attendee (invoiced to the parish/individual as per request)

Catering: Participants to provide their own packed lunch - tea/coffee will be provided.

**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.

**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. Thirty million people have been affected by the floods in Pakistan, with 10 million people left homeless. Cafod is part of the DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal. You can make a donation on your way out of church, or online here:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Pakistan-floods-appeal>. You can also donate as you leave Church

**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>. If you do not give online donations can be given to Anne or Fr Chris

**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 Masiiwa at: nehmasiiwa@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

**Vocations Enquirers Evenings**

The Vocations Team extends an invitation to men aged 18+, who might be thinking about a vocation the Priesthood to an enquirers evening. The evenings will take place at the Cloister Cafe, St Mary’s Cathedral, Newcastle, on: Tuesday 25th October 2022 Tuesday 6th December 2022 We start at 6.00pm with a period of prayer, talk/discussion, followed by a meal together, finishing around 8.00pm. If you would like to attend, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter - Father Shaun Purdy vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone 01670 812 200

**Baptism Catechists**

Would you like to become a Baptism Catechist? If so we would like you to join our team as we are presently looking for more Catechists to help out with our ‘Baptism Course for Parents’ The role involves meeting with parents to encourage them to reflect on why they are having their infants baptised and to help them understand the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism.

The course is offered at one of our cluster parishes ie Whitley Bay, Tynemouth, North Shields usually in the evening from 7-9pm, presently every 4/6 weeks and we aim to have two leaders for each session. Support and resources will be provided and you would be extremely welcome. If therefore you feel you'd like to face a new challenge, help our young parents and benefit from the experience, please come along to a meeting on 6th October 2022 at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. If you'd like to know more please contact Teresa Hills: 07855649735

**Catholic Education Sunday**

There will be a retiring collection this Sunday for the Catholic Education Service who serve Catholic Schools throughout the Country. As schools return, we continue to pray for our schools and give thanks for the great work they do

**Liturgical Formation and Days of Reflection**

Liturgy Formation courses are now available to book for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word, New Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion, and a Study Day for Leaders of Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Refresher training short courses are available for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Endorsement is required from the parish priest to attend a course. Days of Reflection are available for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers of the Liturgy of the Word. Days of Reflection can be booked directly or via the parish office. Please visit https://bit.ly/Liturgy2022 for details of all Liturgical courses and events.

**Newman Society**

The next talk of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association will be on Wed 28th September at 7.30pm in the church hall at St Cuthber’s, North Shields, when two Anglican priests, the Rev Janet Appleby and the Rev Pamela Ingham, will discuss their experience of ordination. Their talk is entitled "Women Priests: Called, Contested, Celebrated?"

Holy Island Trip

**A Note of Thanks**

Special thanks to Nora Pearson for organising the trip to Holy Island last weekend. Thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that attended. Great to have this back on the parish calendar.

**Evangelium Gaudium Sunday**

Celebrating the beauty of our Faith – 18th September 2022

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. “Evangelii Gaudium” is Latin for “Joy of the Gospel”. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate at the Bishops’ Conference in supporting our bishops in three important areas:

• Firstly, evangelisation and catechesis. Guided by the Bishops, this work supports the dioceses in bringing the beauty of the Catholic Faith to the people in their parishes, and to those who do not yet know the Lord.

• Secondly, the beauty of the Liturgy and our church buildings. The Mission directorate ensures that liturgical directives from Rome are acted upon and liturgical texts are translated into English. Historical building experts work in the Directorate and support dioceses to fund and maintain beautiful places for prayer.

• Thirdly, sharing the beauty of the Catholic faith with Christian and non-Christians through outreach and dialogue. This work supports the bishops at the national level and helps create greater understanding. The directorate also reaches out to those with no faith, but who seek the Lord “with a sincere heart”.

Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the second collection. However much you give, big or small, it will go directly to support these three important areas of work.

**Season of Creation**

We are now 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

**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