

## MASS READINGS

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C)

#### FIRST READING

*The upright man will live by his faithfulness.*

**Habakkuk 1:2-3. 2:2-4**

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 94**

**Response:** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

#### SECOND READING

*Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord.*

**Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14**

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*If only you had faith!*

**Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

## 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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## 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – C

### Masses, Devotions and Services

|   | St Cuthbert's Church  | St Joseph's Church  |
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| <b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>  |   | <b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> The Intentions of the Mercy Associates |
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b><br><b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C</b> | <b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b><br>Live streamed           |   |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October  | <b>No Mass</b>  |   |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October   |   | <b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Herbert & Florence Redpath             |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October   | <b>9:30am: Mass: Requiem Mass for June</b><br>Barnsley                |   |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October  |   | <b>9:30am: Mass:</b>  |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October  | <b>7:00pm: Mass:</b> Golden Wedding of<br>Herbert and Marilyn Redpath |   |
| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>  |   | <b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>                   |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b><br><b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - C</b> | <b>11:00am: Mass:</b><br>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 Paul Atkinson  
Please pray for Anthony Falla, Rachel Howells, Christopher Widdowson, June Barnsley and Bob Dunn and all those who have died recently and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Mass of Harvest-Creation-Thanksgiving

As we approach the end of the Season of Creation and with the CAFOD Family Fast Day this coming Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, our Masses this week-end will focus on the gift of creation and the call of Pope Francis to hear the cries of the earth and the poor.

### Baptism

Today at St Joseph's at 1pm we will have the baptism of Layla Brand. We pray for her and her family as she is welcomed into the Christian family and are united in Christ

### Wedding Congratulations

Many congratulations to Maria Fuentes-Higuras and Gareth Ian Burton who will be celebrating their wedding in the chapel of St Cuthbert's on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>. We pray for them as they commit themselves to each other in the Sacrament of Marriage.

### CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

This coming Friday we have CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day. As we celebrate this time of harvest we are called to help all those who do not have enough to feed themselves. Please see a statement CAFOD of this Family Fast Day

Our Catholic community always rises to the challenge of supporting our sisters and brothers overseas, and right now, I need to tell you that millions of our global family are facing a truly terrible food crisis. It's a crisis that's been created by other disasters. Climate change, coronavirus, and the conflict in Ukraine, are causing food prices to skyrocket.

All around the world – including here, in the UK – ordinary families are finding it harder than ever to put food on the table. But in northern Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, four years of unbearable drought mean that up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival.. It's so severe that schools are closed and people are forced to keep moving to find places where food is available.

You might not have seen much about this disaster in the news, but we can't stand by and wait for it to reach our screens before we act.

Together, as one global family, we have the power to help. It takes love – from all of us. So please do take an envelope today. You can also give online at [cafod.org.uk](https://cafod.org.uk)

CAFOD works with local experts in East Africa and across the world who know how best to respond— and your donation means they can help stop this crisis getting even worse.

### Lindisfarne Gospel

The Lindisfarne Gospel is on display at the Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> December. To book your ticket please go to:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/admissions-laing-art-gallery>

### Evangelium Gaudium Sunday

This was last Sunday. There should have been a retiring collection, instead it will take place this week-end

### Cost of Living Crisis

The Parish Council discussed possible parish responses to the looming crisis. It was decided that we would have an open meeting at **St Cuthbert's on Tuesday, 4th October at 7pm** to discuss the following

- People's concerns and fears
- Possible responses
- Whether to apply to the council for a grant to be part of their 'Warm Welcome' initiative.

All are welcome

### Journey of Faith Programme

The second meeting of this year's Journey in Faith takes place on Tuesday 11th October at 7pm. If you missed the first session it's not too late to join in!

Please note that the venue for the sessions is changed. We will now meet in St Edward's parish room rather than one of the Immaculate Heart rooms.

### Developing the Social Life of the Parish

The parish council discussed how the social life of the parish could be developed. It was decided to relaunch the parish social group. Former members are welcome as are anyone who like to contribute to this important aspect of parish life.. This will take place on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. All are welcome

### 'Life Pours Ordinary Plenty'

This is the title of a collection of poems that is being published by one of our parishioners, Pauline Hughes. The launch is at the Lit and Phil Library in Newcastle on Monday 3 October at 7 pm. She warns me that the poems are a 'bit earthy' but I said that God took flesh in earth humanity. Pauline publishes under the name of Pauline Plummer.

### 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:

Set aside part of the parish grounds for a wildlife garden or community vegetable garden, complete with insect hotels, bat boxes and bird houses. Start a gardening club, hold a seed or sapling or harvest swap.

### Bishop's Statement on the Cost of Living Crisis

The Bishops have released a statement about the current economic crisis. Here is an edited version of Cardinal Nichol's Statement:

I, and my fellow bishops, recognise the complexity of the causes, both short and long-term, that bring about the crisis now affecting so many. There are many Catholics in public life and in the charitable sector who are engaging in trying to produce long-term solutions to these political and economic challenges.

Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teaching indicates key principles which help to fashion just solutions to urgent and dire need. The principle of serving the common good means that the needs of the poorest in society must be given urgent attention. The time for giving priority to factional interests has passed.

Today our focus should be on the elderly, families who have the care of children, and all those least able to absorb the huge increases in the cost of living that we face. This means giving immediate attention to issues such as the level of welfare benefits and the impact of the two-child cap on universal credit payments, among other possible actions. Businesses too, especially small businesses, are facing acute challenges and will need help to survive. Their support for employment and family income is crucial.

No one is to be cast aside or 'discounted'. I am confident that throughout this crisis, the Catholic community will do all we can to act on this conviction and promote this principle.

The work of our local parishes, and of Catholic charitable agencies, is based on the firm conviction of the inherent dignity

of every person. No one is to be cast aside or 'discounted'. I am confident that throughout this crisis, the Catholic community will do all we can to act on this conviction and promote this principle..

I know that parishes will continue to do everything possible, including innovative ways of providing further material help and pastoral support. I also urge all Catholics to give whatever time and financial resources they can to charitable endeavours that support those who are affected by the current crisis. The work of Catholic schools, that have long been supportive of, and responsive to, children whose parents might be struggling financially or in other ways, is to be strongly applauded and encouraged.

Finally, I ask that we all offer our prayers for those who are suffering from the cost of living crisis. I pray that all in our society will work together to find ways, both short and long term, to alleviate this crisis which threatens the well-being of so many people.

### 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.

### Need Help With Technology ?

One of the parishioners in the parish of Easter Ross I used to supply in the summer, works for a charity that seeks to help the disabled and elderly with technology. For more information go to: <https://abilitynet.org.uk/free-tech-support-and-info>.

### 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



### 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