

MASS READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – A
FIRST READING

The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God’s Kingdom

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.” He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121

Response: I rejoiced when I heard them say: “Let us go to God’s house.”

1.

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‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
2.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.
3.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray
“Peace be to your homes!”
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!”
4.

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: “Peace upon you!”
For love the of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good.

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Our salvation is near.

You know “the time” has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake so that you may be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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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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26th/27th November 2022 – First Sunday of Advent – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 26 th November		5:30pm: Mass: Anne Baker
Sunday 27 th November First Sunday of Advent - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 28 th November	No Mass	
Tuesday 29 th November		9:30am: Mass: John, Ellen and all the deceased members of the More family
Wednesday 30 th November	9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 1 st December		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 2 nd December	7:00pm: Mass: Paul Atkinson	
Saturday 3 rd December		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th December Second Sunday of Advent	11:00am: Mass: 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 Advent: peace in all areas of conflict; expectant mothers, migrants and refugees., the homelss
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, Paul Atkinson,,Leigh Miranda and Bishop Robert

Please pray for Christine Jenson and all those who have died recently.

Advent

We start our new liturgical year with the first Sunday of Advent this weekend. The collective time of Advent and Christmas is less than half the time of Lent and Easter but during the next six weeks we celebrate themes that are central to our faith in Christ that need to be remembered not just in these end of days of an old year and the start of a new one. We are called to be a people of joy, hope and peace as we prepare to celebrate the wonder, awe and gratitude of Incarnation and Epiphany. As mentioned before, the time after the Gospel during these Sundays of Advent will mainly be a time of silence, allowing the hopeful prophecies of peace, communion and joy to connect to our own soul’s ‘DNA’. Wishing you and your loved ones peace, hope and joy during this Advent season.

Congratulations to Fr Peter Stott.

My predecessor here, Fr Peter Stott, has been awarded by the Holy Father a Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross for his services as Pilgrimage Director to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Bishop Robert will present the award to Fr Peter in 7.00 pm on Friday 2nd December at St Robert’s, Morpeth. Congratulations to Fr Peter. We here are delighted that your committed service to the Diocese for the Lourdes Pilgrimage has been recognised.

Mercy Associates

Mercy Associates Christmas Food Parcel Appeal will run between 6th and 20th of November. The parcels, given to needy families in St Joseph’s School, will be needed more than ever this year. The Mercy Associates are therefore appealing to your generosity once again and would be incredibly grateful for any donations of non-perishable food. Any items can be left in the bags provided at both St Cuthbert’s and St Joseph’s Churches. Thank you for your kindness.

Mass for Sick and Housebound

On Saturday 17th December we will have a Mass for the Sick and housebound with an opportunity for anointing. Mass will be at 2pm followed by coffee, teas and mince pies. Please let those who would be interested know.

**Tyne and Wear Citizens
The Janette Kirton Darling Awards
30th November 7-9pm**

Come to celebrate the achievements of grass roots change making in the region – we have members, projects and action teams in nomination. Come to join us for a lush night out and to offer solidarity to your fellow members. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/janette-kirton-darling-memorial-prize-ceremony-tickets>

AGM

This is on 8th December at the Recovery College, 1, Carlol Square Newcastle (near St Andrew’s Church Worswick Street) NE1 6UF. To register go to: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-2022-celebration-agm/>

Our parishioners and students at St Thomas More School, Shantel and Mish, will be co-chairing the meeting, so some parishioners supporting them in this role would be great!

SVP Appeal

Your SVP Conference send their thanks for your time, consideration and money last weekend. Despite the difficult time our Parish again demonstrated its charity donating £248.35 which will be of great value this winter/Christmas. Additionally, a number of Parishioners expressed a desire to learn a little more about the Conference work and hopefully to join the Conference. Pray for them. Thank you in St. Vincent, Best wishes Peter Quinn.

Christmas Cards and Gifts

We would as a parish like to repeat our Christmas Stocking Gifts. Please take one and bring back with small Christmas goodies. We would also like children to design Christmas cards for our sick and housebound parishioners

Diocesan Advent Reflections

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAAdvent2022 on Facebook. The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies:
Parish Secretary, St Charles, Gosforth – 12 hours per week
Closing date for applications: 30th November.
Cleaner, St Peter, Low fell, Gateshead – 8 hours per week
Closing date for applications: 1st December
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301.

Teas and Coffees after Sunday Mass

The offering teas and coffees after Mass last Sunday was well appreciated. The hope is to establish a number of teams so that this can take place on a weekly basis with the workload being shared. Please let me know if you would like to help with this

Tyneside Welcomes & St Cuthbert’s Presbytery

The family are arriving on December 8th. As this is the day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We commend this family and the work of Tyneside Welcomes to the intercession of Mary Immaculate.

**Holy Island Vinnies Camp 2022-23
Urgent Appeal for Volunteers**

Have you got some time spare to help out our Term Time Camp? We urgently need volunteers to work in the kitchen or do a bit of cleaning/ caretaking at Holy Island Camp, washing dishes, serving food and clearing /cleaning the dining hall. We cannot offer glamour, but we can offer friendship and a worthwhile cause to help. Term Time Camps take place between Easter and the Summer Holidays and then September and October. Commitment involves training, a DBS check and the choice of anything from a few days to a week helping on the beautiful island itself. We also need volunteers to work as part of a team of helpers to supervise and look after children, taking part in our weekly holidays over July and August. Volunteers would help organise activities and supervise the care of the children, aged between 9 and 12. Again, very little glamour, and admittedly tiring, but so worthwhile! Commitment is for training, a DBS check and a week on the island. All roles can be applied for, in November 2022 on line at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/> where there is also much more information. We hope to meet you soon!

Priestly Vocations Discernment Evening

The next Discernment evening will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday 6th December at 6.00pm. Bishop Robert will be our guest for the evening and this is the last evening before the Christmas holiday. If you would like to come along, or for more information, please contact the Vocations Promoter, Father Shaun Purdy, by Monday 28th November, so catering arrangements can be made. Please either call 01670 812 200 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk The evening will finish at 8.00pm.

Newman Association

The next meeting of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association is on Wednesday November 30th at 7.30pm in the church hall at St. Cuthbert’s, North Shields, when Bernard Robinson will give a talk entitled "'All will be Saved' - Eventually: The Universal Salvation Debate".

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.

You can recycle old technical equipment such as printers and laptops, and also batteries and ink cartridges at Curry’s. Major supermarkets such as Tesco and Sainsbury’s also offer recycling facilities.

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.

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.

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING WITH STALLS
at ST. CUTHBERTS CHURCH**

*As I write the Coffee Morning has yet to take place but I am aware that a large number of donations have been kindly offered and the social committee and associates have been working very hard. All your contributions and efforts are much appreciated. I will say more next week.
Thank -you.-Fr Chris*