

MASS READINGS
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)
FIRST READING

God himself is coming to save you.
Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm
Response: *Come, Lord, and save us.*

1.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.
3.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion’s God from age to age.

SECOND READING
Do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord’s coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord’s coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL
Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’ As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. ‘I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church <i>Albion Road West North Shields</i>	Tynemouth Priory Partnership 	Saint Joseph Catholic Church <i>Wallsend Road North Shields</i>
Father Christopher Hughes, St Joseph’s Church, Wallsend Road, Chirton, North Shields, NE29 7AA ☎ (Tel) 0191 257 5801 / ☎(Fax) 0191 259 2589 ✉ (Email) northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk Parish Administrator: Mrs Katherine Main - Tuesday-Friday 8.45am-12.45pm Tel: 0191 2573408 Email: northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk		
Parish website information at: http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk 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.		
Partnership Telephone Numbers Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021 Canon Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770 St Cuthbert’s Church ☎0191 257 3408	Partnership Telephone Numbers Father David Smith ☎0191 262 3882 Hospital Chaplaincy: ☎ 01670 712476 Deacon: Rev Stephen Boulter: 📞 07816077858	

10th/11th December 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent – A

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 10 th December		5:30pm: Mass: Peter Fuller
Sunday 11 th December Third Sunday of Advent	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 12 th December	No Mass	
Tuesday 13 th December		9:30am: Mass: McCann Family
Wednesday 14 th December	9:30am: Mass: James Hughes	
Thursday 15 th December		9:30am: Mass: McAloon Family
Friday 16 th December	10.00am Requiem Mass for Tony Cocalis 7:00pm: Mass: Puente Family	
Saturday 17 th December		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 18 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	11:00am: Mass: Gavin Turner & Family 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 e
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, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Vera Reay, Paul Atkinson, Leigh Miranda and Bishop Robert

Please pray for Christine Jenson, Michael Redican, Margaret Reay, Tony Cocalis and all those who have died recently.

Liturgies for Christmas

Over the Christmas Period these will be the following times of the key Christmas Celebrations

Sunday 18th December St Joseph’s 6.00pm Christmas Carol Service

Saturday 24th December St Joseph’s 5.00pm The First Mass of Christmas
Saturday 24th December St Cuthbert’s 8.00pm Mass of Christmas Night
Sunday 25th December St Cuthbert’s 10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Saturday 31st December 5.30pm St Joseph’s - Vigil Mass for the Feast of Mary Mother of God
Sunday 1st January 11.00am St Cuthbert’s - Mass for the Feast of the of Mary Mother of God

Friday 6th January 9.30 am St Cuthbert’s - Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany
Friday 6th January 7.00pm St Joseph’s - Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany

Advent
3rd Sunday of Advent
This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday. A time of rejoicing. Having explored the advent themes of hope and peace, we now explore the gift of Joy. We are a people of joy since God is approaching us in the future and in the present. In every celebration of the Eucharist we are called to be people of joy since in word, sacrament and the Spirit living within us, Christ is present. May his presence be our source of joy, peace and hope in these literally darkest days of the year

Requiem Masses
The Requiem Mass for Tony Cocalis will be on Friday 16th December at 10.00am at St Cuthbert’s,
The Requiem Mass for Christine Jensen will be held at 12 Noon on 20 December at The Sacred Heart Church, Quex Road, London, NW6
The burial is at 1.30pm at St Mary’s Catholic Cemetery, Harrow Road, London, NW10 5NU where Christine will be buried with her daughter Tess.
For those unable to travel to London, the service will be live streamed at the following link:
<https://www.churchservices.tv/kilburn>
The family are asking that rather than send flowers you please make a donation to Quex Road food bank - link below to make a donation.
https://www.love2donate.co.uk/inmemory/identify_name.php?currentpage=1&chosen=54669&adstate=Y

A Warm Welcome
Temperatures may have dropped below zero this week but we offer a big and heartfelt welcome to the Al Hamoudi Family. We pray for them as they settle into their new home and adjust to life in North Shields.
The project co-ordinator, Vin Totten, has sent the following message to the parish.

“Dear Parishioners
I wanted to say a big 'thank you' to you all for the tremendous generosity you have shown in contributing to the hamper of food and clothes and games for the family who have taken up residence at the Church House.
You have always shown great support for the venture and this is another example of how you want to be part of the vision of the Holy Father in welcoming the stranger and nothing could be more evocative of this in this Advent season.
With grateful thanks
Vin Totton - co-ordinator.”

It is inspiring that many of our parishioners are volunteering to welcome and support the family. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer as well.

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.
After the Mass there will be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

Advent and Christmas Celebrations with our Schools
Over the next two weeks various celebrations and Masses will taking place in our Churches all parishioners are welcome
Wednesday 14th December 2pm St Joseph’s Church
Key Stage 2 Nativity Play
Friday 16th December 2pm St Joseph’s Church Key Stage 2 Nativity Play
Wednesday 21st December 9.30am St Cuthberts Church: School Mass
Thursday 22nd December 9.30am St. Joseph’s Church School Mass

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 third and fourth week of Advent reflections can be found at bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022.

Northern Catholic Calendars

The 2023 edition of the Northern Catholic Calendars are now available. At the back of Church Flat copies are £3.00 and ring bound copies are £3.50

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!

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.

Cafod’s Advent appeal is entitled Open a Door to Hope. “This Advent we are asking for your help on behalf of families who ordinarily know how to cope, but are now living through the worst drought in 40 years.” You can donate here, <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Advent-appeal>

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
A very big thank-you to all who contributed in any way to the Christmas Coffee Morning on November 26th £1459.25 was raised. Well done! Congratulations and well done to our Social Committee