

MASS READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)

FIRST READING

The maiden is with child.

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, ‘Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.’ ‘No,’ Ahaz answered ‘I will not put the Lord to the test.’ Then Isaiah said: ‘Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means “God-is-with-us”.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Response: Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

1.

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
2.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.
3.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING

Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God’s beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth
to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.’ Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means ‘God-is-with-us’. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Albion Road West
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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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17th/18th December 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 17 th December	2.00pm Mass of Anointing	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 18 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent	11:00am: Mass: Gavin Turner & Family Live streamed	6:00pm: Christmas Carol Service
Monday 19 th December	No Mass	
Tuesday 20 th December		9:30am: Mass: More & Best Families
Wednesday 21 st December	9:30am: Mass: Betty & Jack Bell	
Thursday 22 nd December		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 23 rd December	7:00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 24 th December Christmas Night Mass	8:00pm: Mass:	5:00pm: Mass:
Sunday 25 th December Christmas Day	10:00am: 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 Advent: peace in all areas of conflict; expectant mothers, migrants and refugees., the homeless. 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

4th Sunday of Advent

From the 17th of December the tone and focus of Advent changes. We are not simply looking forward to the coming of Christ but aware that we are called to be open to the God who seeks to come among us, we look back at those immediate events that took place before the birth of Christ. Our Mary. St Joseph, Zechariah and Elizabeth all had important roles and responsibilities given to them by God for his plan to salvation to come to fruition. God chooses not to impose his plan but seeks our cooperation. The union of the divine and the human needs people to be open, faithful and generous. As we prepare for Christmas, may we be aware of God's calling for each of us and like St Joseph in the Gospel this weekend be open to the creative and inspiration of the Spirit, so that we too may play our God-given role in God's plan of new life and grace for all.

Bishop Robert Byrne

On December 12th Bishop Robert announced that he had offered his resignation to Pope Francis who has accepted it. Bishop Robert stated that he had found the responsibility of being the Bishop of the diocese so burdensome that he could not carry out the role in the way he had wished. Therefore, with a heavy heart he had discerned that he needed to resign. While the Diocese waits for his successor to be appointed, the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese will be the Very Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon, the Archbishop of the Arch-diocese of Liverpool. Canon Peter Leighton will continue to be responsible for the day to day running of the diocese in his role as Vicar General. We pray for Bishop Robert, Archbishop McMahon, Canon Leighton all the diocese at this time of transition,

Requiem Masses

The Requiem Mass for Christine Jensen will be held at 12 Noon on 20th 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

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Reay will be on Tuesday 3rd January at St Joseph's at 9.30am.

May they rest in peace.

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. They seem to be coping with the snow

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.

Trinity Charity Shop

I have this week received the latest dividend from the Trinity Charity Shop, on Wallsend Road, near St Joseph's, which was a cheque of £4,600. A great total! I am grateful to all who contribute in any way, especially our great and faithful team of volunteers on a Thursday. Well done! Your hard work is much appreciated!.

Mercy Associates Parcel Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Christmas Parcel appeal. The parcels will be made up and taken into St Joseph's School for distribution on Friday December 16th.

The Mercy Associates and the school greatly appreciate your support and generosity. We wish you all a very happy and grace filled Christmas.

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 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.

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:

With the current cost-of-living crisis, thousands of people are expected to turn to the Salvation Army for help this winter. You can donate to their Christmas Appeal on <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-donation> or ring 020 7367 4800.

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

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.