

MASS READINGS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - A
FIRST READING

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights

Isaiah 42:1-4, 607

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right, I have taken you by the hand and formed you: I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 28

Response: *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

1.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.
2.

The Lord’s voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.
3.

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: “Glory!”
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:23-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: “The truth I have now come to realise,” he said “is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.”

“It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.”

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father’s voice resounded:
This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.” Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John, John tried to dissuade him. “It is I who need baptism from you,” he said “and yet you come to me!” But Jesus replied, “Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way do all that righteousness demands.” At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven. “This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.”

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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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7th/8th January 2023 – The Baptism of the Lord

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 7 th January		5:30pm: Mass: Josie Hamill
Sunday 8 th January Baptism of the Lord	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 9 th January		
Tuesday 10 th January		9:30am: Mass: Herbert and Florence Redpath
Wednesday 11 th January	9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 12 th January		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 13 th January	7:00pm Mass:	
Saturday 14 th January		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 15 th January 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Mason and Marchetti families 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, Margaret Reay, Brian Peters, Tony Molly Gregory Pope Benedict XVI and all those who have died recently.

This (brief) Time of Epiphany

Although we had the feast of the Epiphany on Friday, the theme of Epiphany is the major focus for the next two Sundays. In the early Church, the feast of Epiphany applied to three events: the Magi seeing the star, the baptism of Jesus and the first miracle at the wedding feast at Cana from John's Gospel. So today we will have the feast of Baptism of the Lord and next week we again focus on a important theme from John's Gospel, of the divine being revealed in Christ. Epiphany means revealing or manifestation, so in this time are celebrating that God does reveal him in and through Christ and the world. Again we are exploring the sacramentality of everything. There are many outward signs of inward grace. In this time of Epiphany we are asked to reflect on what those outward signs of inward grace are for you and I.

**Diocesan Mass for Pope Benedict XVI
A Diocesan Requiem Mass for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Monday 9 January at 12.05pm. Bishop Séamus will preside at this Mass and all Clergy, Religious and Laity of the diocese are welcome to attend.**

Parish Council

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 17th of January. This will be the last meeting of the present council. Shortly after this meeting nominations will open. Please consider who may suitable to be on the council, which may include yourself. Nominations will need a proposer and seconded

The Funeral of Margaret Reay

Since Margaret's funeral was organised by the Court of Protection the funeral arrangements were not straight forward. However all involved with the funeral have said that the Requiem was a fitting celebration and farewell to a much respected and beloved parishioner. This was due to wonderful co-operation and a spirit of goodwill from the Court of Protection, Michael and Margaret's family,

parishioners, parishioners of St Aidan's and the Mercy Associates. Various people in different ways have been generous with time, energy, gifts and donations to the Mercy Associates. It was a wonderful team effort. Sincere thanks and respect to all involved. Unfortunately Michael Hanlon was not able to be present. He is becoming frailer. We remember him in our prayers.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

More parishioners who are becoming sick and housebound are asking for Holy Communion. If any of the Special Minister of the Eucharist are willing to help with this important ministry please let me know

Tyne and Wear Citizens

The North Shields Hub of Tyne and Wear Citizens will be in person at St Cuthbert's at 7pm on Tuesday 10th January. We will begin as hub our listening campaign. We will spend some times having '1-2-1s' exploring the question: What is putting pressure on you, your families and communities?

All are welcome to discuss these questions. Next week-end we will spend time during the Mass for you to have time to explore these questions.

Pastoral Carers

This groups will explore how as a parish will be exploring pastoral issues in the parish will be meeting a St Joseph's at 7pm on Wednesday 11th January. If you have an interest in how we can develop our pastoral care in the parish please come along.

In three weeks time a member of the group, Ann Cudworth will be telling us about the work and potential of the parish nursing scheme which she has joined

Christmas Socks

I have had a number of conversations from recipients or their relatives of the 'Christmas Goodie Socks'. This gesture is clearly appreciated and is a gesture that means a great deal. A big thank-you to those who made the socks or contributed chocolates and goodies, children who made Christmas cards and those who kindly distributed them to elderly, housebound and bereaved. A small act of kindness that speaks volumes- well done

Poverty Action Sunday February 19th

Church Action on Poverty have a regional event on Poverty Action Sunday in just before Lent. This year it will be taking place on Sunday 19th February at 3.00pm at St Cuthbert's, North Shields. The event will include a speakers, music, prayers and time for reflection. Church Action on Poverty are exploring the themes of 'Dignity, Agency, Power' through the focus of child poverty. There will be a number of guests speakers. Rev Lee Cleminson, Vicar of St John's Percy Main

and St Peter's Balkwell, talking about the work of the 'baby bank' at St John's. Wendy McConnell will be talking about the work of MumsSpace, students from St Thomas More will be speaking about the Fair Fares campaign and our Austin Oshegbu will be speaking about the impact of the asylum seeking process on children. Alan Dickinson from the Bay Foodbank and Jed Hazelhurst, a commissioner for the Gateshead Poverty Truth Commission will also be speaking. Our local MP, Sir Alan Campbell, MP for Tynemouth, has also kindly agreed to be present and will also be speaking. The event is a great opportunity to hear about the work that is being done to combat child poverty and for the parish to celebrate the work that is being done. I hope as many people as possible will be able to attend

Safe Families

This is a fast-growing Christian charity that offers belonging and friendship to those in your community who need it most. We believe that no one should be alone and that everyone deserves to belong.

In recent months we have matched volunteers to 3 families who live a short walk from your church building and we are trying to match volunteers to support another isolated family very close to your community.

There are lots of ways you can be part of our servant hearted family:

Could you give a few hours a few hours a week...

- to meet with a parent or carer and offer them a little encouragement?
- to take out a child for some fresh air and time away from the situation at home?
- to help someone organise their home?
- to be a listening ear to a teenager who feels unseen?

Or perhaps you'd like to support others to volunteer by contributing

financially to our work or praying regularly?

You can sign up to give, volunteer or pray via our website safefamilies.uk.

Or you can contact Carole Nichols (Community Volunteer Manager for North Tyneside) on 07964 920323 or email carolenichols@safefamilies.uk.

Carole is happy to give you more information or arrange to meet for a chat :)

Cost of Living Crisis

If you, family, friends or members of your community are struggling to make ends meet please go to the following website for I hope useful advice

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Abundance of Christmas gifts

One parishioner is going to donate the excess of Chocolate gifts she has received to Nite Bite. If you have an abundance of goodies feel free to leave in the foyer of either church.

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.

Tip: This week's tip:

Say the live simply prayer:

Compassionate and loving God, you created the world for us all to share, a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God, You gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of peace and justice, You give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free

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.