

6th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – A

FIRST READING

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

MASS READINGS

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

Psalm 118

Responsorial Psalm

Response: They are happy who follow God’s law!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God’s law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Corinthians 2:6-10

SECOND READING

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL

You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. ‘For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. ‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother “Fool” he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him “Renegade” he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. ‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. ‘It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

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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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11th/12th February 2023 – Sixth Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 11 th February		5:30pm:Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th February 6 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Deceased members of the Conway Family Live streamed	
Monday 13 th February		
Tuesday 14 th February		7:00pm: Mass:
Wednesday 15 th February	9:30am: Mass: Betty Bell	
Thursday 16 th February		9:30am: Mass: Ellen and Alf Hezelgave
Friday 17 th February	7.00pm Mass Wilfrid Leece	
Saturday 18 th February		5:30pm:Mass: Sylvia Keilty
Sunday 19 th February 7 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: 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 Ordinary Time in Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who to Combat It; The Unemployed

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, Francis McSherry and Bishop Robert

Please pray for Alice Hindson, Camille Bibovosa, John Steele, Fr Paddy McMahon and all those who have died recently.

Meeting with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

Priests in the diocese had a meeting with Archbishop McMahon on Thursday 9th January. He gave a summary of the various investigations. He stated that what he shared with us at the meeting was confidential so I admit to some confusion and frustration as to what I can share.

What was clear is that anyone can express concerns, questions or comments about the diocese to the investigation for the Vatican that is being lead on behalf of Bishop Malcolm by Mrs Carol Lawrence, the Chief Operation Officer of the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The investigation will be looking at all aspects of diocesan, so you are welcome to contact the investigation. Unfortunately Archbishop Malcolm was not able to give us those contact details but I asked him for them.

If anyone has any opinions or comments they would like to share with me, they are welcome to do so. We continue to pray for us as members of the Diocese

Lent

As Ash Wednesday approaches on February 22nd these are the activities that are planned

- **Prayer Stations**

For three weeks at St Cuthbert's and then a three weeks at St Joseph's we are asking parishioners to create prayer stations to focus on an aspect of faith or the scriptures or a particular spirituality. Anyone is welcome to create a prayer station. The Church will be open on a Saturday morning for people to reflect and pray with these station.

- **Saturday Morning Stations of the Cross and Mass**

On every Saturday morning during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30 followed by Mass at 10.00.

- **House Masses**

As mentioned last week we hope to have a House Mass every Friday evening during Lent. Two people

have already offered to host a Mass, more are welcome to offer.

- **Multi Voiced Readings of the Gospel**

Since during cycle 'A' of Lent we have the long readings for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of Lents, of the Woman at the Well, the Man born blind and the raising of Lazarus, as we will have the Gospel read with different reader like the Passion narratives. Any volunteers for this would be welcome.

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This week-end we have another First Holy Communion Liturgy this week-end. This week we focus on the importance of listening to the scriptures with a focus on the Liturgy of the Word and listening to God and to each other. The next session for children and parents on Wednesday 15th February at 6pm and it is in my diary this time!

Teas and Coffees After Sunday Mass

We now have seven teams to help serve tea and coffee after the 11am Mass. Well done! All are welcome

Fr Michael Hickey Memorial Garden

If you have been at St Cuthbert's you would have seen that there has been some extensive work on the garden to your right as you enter St Cuthbert's. Paul Laidlaw has done a huge amount of work in weeding, planting and installing various items including building a shrine to Our Lady for people to sit, reflect and pray. He has also installed a number of sculptures made by Fr Michael Hickey, who died in 2020. In the light of this I have decided to call his the Fr Michael Hickey Memorial Garden. Father Michael's Birthday was February 26th, which happens to be the first Sunday of Lent. There will be short ceremony of opening and blessings after the 11am Mass on that day

Parish Council Elections

There are 5 vacancies on the Council. Nominations are now open for these vacancies. They will close on 12.30PM. on February 26th. If there are more than 5 nominations, there will be elections on the weekend of March 4th and 5th.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Thursday, 16th March.

Retreat in Daily Life

On February 23rd at 7pm at St Cuthbert's Vron Smith from the Jesuit Institute will be meeting any parishioners who would like to learn more about a possible retreat in daily life to take part in the parish and help with its planning.

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island, They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock

pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the Northeast. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> Applications open from 10th February 2023

Centre for Catholic Studies

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) are seeking to appoint a part-time Administrator, 21 hours per week, whose work will focus on CCS events and communications. Do you know anyone who might be interested in applying?

Full details are attached, and can also be accessed at Job Description - CCS Administrator (22001983) (taleo.net) The closing date for applications is midnight on Monday 20th February 2023.

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 be a combination of prayer, shared experience, song, prayer, music and poetry to acknowledge the reality of those struggling during this current crisis.

There will be a number of people and organisations speaking who are addressing the symptoms and causes of poverty. Speakers will include representatives from the Bay Food Bank, Gateshead Poverty Truth Commission, The Baby Bank from St John's CofE Church, Percy Main, North Shields, Shiremoor Savers, Tyne and Wear Citizens. Unfortunately Sir Alan Campbell MP has now given his apologies due to parliamentary commitments on Monday morning. All are welcome.

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: We continue to pray for the victims of the horrific earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The British Red Cross has opened an emergency appeal to help survivors of the earthquake. Donations can be made via the link below, or as you leave church. <https://www.redcross.org.uk/stories/disasters-and-emergencies/world/turkey-syria-earthquake>

Training in the Diocese

New Sacristans

Monday 13th February, 10am-3pm at St Bede's, Jarrow, NE32 3LX.

Cost: £7.50 per participant (invoiced to parishes)

<https://forms.office.com/e/nMzvMrhmum>

New Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 28th February, Tuesday 7th March, Tuesday 14th March, all 10am-3pm

St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Cost: £20 per participant (invoiced to parishes) <https://forms.office.com/e/Lyk0DyKmGP>

Attendance on both of the above courses must be endorsed by a Parish Priest. Further information, along with posters and printable booking forms, for both courses are available on the parish resources page on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/parish-resources/>

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

Date for Diary

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night

February 21st St Cuthbert's 7pm. Quiz and Raffle as well.

Tickets are £3. Tickets on sale after Mass All are welcome

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.