

MASS READINGS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

FIRST READING

See now, king comes humbly to you.

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144

Response: I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

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| <p>1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.</p> |
| <p>3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.</p> | <p>4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.</p> |

SECOND READING

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Romans 8:9. 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

I am gentle and humble in heart

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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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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8th/9th July 2023 – 14th Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 8 th July		5:30pm: Mass: Sheelagh Goodwin
Sunday 9 th July 14 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 10 th July		
Tuesday 11 th July		9:30am: Mass: 1.15pm Requiem Mass for Aileen Ashton
Wednesday 12 th July	9:30am: Mass: Vera Reay	
Thursday 13 th July		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 14 th July	7:00pm: Mass: Sheila Boyle	
Saturday 15 th July	2.00pm Mass of Healing	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th July 15 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Kerry O'Neill Live stream	

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

WhatsApp group: text your name & number to 07752009361 to be added to *StCuthStJosNshields* Group

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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time- Summer A deeper understanding between Jews and Christians; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; protecting the sanctity of human life; Seafarers; Europe. We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Jim Campbell, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Vera Reay, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd Margaret Burfield. Mary Rowley and Antoni Kulik Please pray for Philip Butler Aileen Ashton, Anne Smiles and Fr Patrick O'Connell and for all who have died recently.

Bishop Stephen Wright

We continue to pray for our new Bishop, Bishop Stephen Wright who was appointed on the 14th June He will be installed on Wednesday July 19th. We also pray for the whole diocese at this time. If you have not had the opportunity to read his letter I would recommend that you read it. Bishop Stephen will be in the parish on July 20th visiting St. Thomas More for the Celebration for the success of the Fair Fares Campaign. I look forward to meeting him then.

Baptism

Today at St Joseph's at 1pm, we will have the Baptism of Jacob Reay. We pray him and his family as he is united in Christ and becomes a member of our community of faith. We warmly welcome back a former parish priest of St Joseph's, Canon Alec Barrass, who will be presiding at the baptism.

Funerals

Tuesday 11th July 1.15pm Funeral Requiem Mass for Aileen Ashton. May she rest in peace.

Listening to Laity

As stated in his pastoral letter by Archbishop McMahon, the diocese will be listening to various groups across the diocese. In response to concerns that the venues are not central an extra listening session has been added.

This will be on;

July 10th at 7pm at St Mary's, Great Lime Road, Newcastle -upon Tyne, NE12 7AB.

Other events are at:

- 11th July at St. Bede's RC Church Hall, Bedlington NE22 5TZ
- 12th July at St Michael RC Church Hall, Houghton-Le-Spring DH5 8NF
- 13th July at The Catholic Church of the English Martyrs and St. Peter & St Paul's, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY

The meetings will begin at 7pm (prompt) and finish at 8.30pm.

They will include a time for listening and discussion and a liturgy of healing for those who wish to partake.

Parish Summer Fayre Saturday 1st July 12.00 Noon

A big thank-you to all who contributed in any way to the summer fayre. I am especially grateful to the members and associates of the Social Committee who worked so hard in preparing for the fayre and organising the day. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated. It was also great to see so many parishioners, from longstanding members to recent arrivals, taking part and creating a wonderful sense of community. The grand total raised is £2,380. Well done to all involved

Mass for Healing

In conjunction with the Proclaimer group, the Social Committee and Liturgy and formation group there will be a Mass of Healing on Saturday 15th July at 2.00pm. If you know of anyone who is housebound please encourage them to take part. Light refreshments will be provided

Confirmations

On Tuesday July 18th, we will have Confirmations for the Partnership at St Cuthbert's at 6.30pm. About 40 candidates will be confirmed. All four parish priests have the authority to confer the sacrament, so together Mgr Faley, Canon Stempczyk, Fr Smith and myself will confirm the candidates. My thanks to all who have helped to prepare our candidates to prepare for this special moment in their journey of faith/

Christian Meditation Group

The course in Christian Meditation has now finished. With over 20 people at each session. The course leaders have asked me if people can still come together to meditate, so from 11th July, there will be a Christian Meditation group at 7pm in the chapel at St Cuthbert's. 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: Plant bee and butterfly friendly plants such as catmint, lavender, bergamot, borage, buddleia, verbena bonariensis, hebe and many more.

Seafarers Sunday July 9th

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is this Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big

difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.

The Church's mission – an event with Cardinal Tagle

We invite you to join us online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation in which Cardinal Tagle will speak on the Church's mission and the fundamental links between evangelisation (sharing Christ and his Good News) and social action. 14 July 7:00-8:30pm Please go to

https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation?utm_bmc_r_source=CPC Mission unleashed: embracing the social dimension of evangelisation

Please join us on Friday 14 July at 7:00pm for a stimulating and hope-filled evening in conversation with Cardinal Tagle. Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelisation. He is the former President of Caritas Internationalis. The Cardinal has often spoken about the complex and challenging world that we face; conflict, climate change, food shortages, as well as the deep hurt caused by inequality, discrimination, and racism..

International Synod on Synodality

The working document for the International Synod in October has been published. There are a number of worksheets to reflect on. You can see the document at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/06/synod-instrumentum-laboris.pdf>

As an experiment, I have given with each newsletter a copy of the first worksheet for people to reflect and pray with. I will be asking people the following week if this was helpful. I have copied the worksheet from the first section 'A Communion that Radiates', with the second worksheet from that section: 'How can a synodal Church make credible the promise that "love and truth will meet" (Ps 85:11)? Please carefully read the worksheet and feel free to offer any comments

Concert at Little Sisters of the Poor

The Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a Sounds of Summer Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home Newcastle, (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 22nd July 2023 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included) and are available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 2731279.

Days of Reflection and Liturgical Formation Courses Autumn 2023

Days of Reflection

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 23rd September | 10:30am-3:00pm | St Joseph's, Gateshead
- Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders) 7th October | 10:30am-3:00pm | St Joseph's, Gateshead

Courses

- New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word Commencing 9th October | 2 sessions | St Aidan's, Benton
 - Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders) Commencing 26th October | 6 sessions | St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne
- For further information and booking details please visit: https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturg-prayer/?utm_source=Liturgy#events

Pauline Books and Media, Newcastle

Please note that from the Monday 10th July the Cathedral bookshop will have revised opening hours:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:00am – 4:30pm
Thursday	10:00am – 4:30pm
Friday	10:00am – 4:30pm
Saturday	9:45am – 4:00pm
Sunday	9:30am – 1:15pm

For orders and enquires outside of these hours please: Telephone: 0151 7091328 Email: orders@pauline-uk.org www.paulineuk.org

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 Please feel free to invite your families and friends to join us.

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.

A Communion that Radiates

B 1.2 How can a synodal Church make credible the promise that “love and truth will meet” (Ps 85:11)?

Understanding the real and concrete meaning of the Christian call to encounter the Lord through welcome and accompaniment emerged as a core concern during the first phase of the synodal journey.

The DCS (General Secretariat for the Synod) chose the biblical image of a widening tent (cf. Is 54:2) to express the call to be a simultaneously well-rooted and open community. The Continental Assemblies, speaking from their diverse contexts, proposed other resonant images that capture the dimension of the welcome core to the Church's mission. Asia offered the image of the person who takes off his or her shoes to cross the threshold as a sign of the humility with which we prepare to meet God and our neighbour. Oceania proposed the image of the boat and Africa suggested the image of the Church as the family of God, capable of offering belonging and welcome to all its members in all their variety.

In this diversity, we can trace a unity of purpose. Everywhere the Church is searching for ways to renew its mission to be a welcoming and hospitable community, to encounter Christ in those it welcomes and to be a sign of his presence and a credible proclamation of the Gospel in the lives of all. There is a profound need to imitate the Lord and Master in the ability to live out a seeming paradox “to proclaim with courage his authentic teaching and at the same time offering a witness of radical inclusion and acceptance” (DCS 30).

On this point, the synodal path has been an opportunity to engage in a profound encounter, with humility and sincerity. It has surprised some to discover that the synodal style allows the questions that arise from this encounter to be placed in a missionary perspective. These encounters did not lead to paralysis but nourished the hope that the Synod will be a catalyst for this renewal of mission and will prompt us to mend the relational fabric of the Church.

The desire to offer genuine welcome is a sentiment expressed by synod participants across diverse contexts:

- a) the final documents of the Continental Assemblies often mention those who do not feel accepted in the Church, such as the divorced and remarried, people in polygamous marriages, or LGBTQ+ Catholics;
- b) they also note how racial, tribal, ethnic, class or caste-based discrimination, also present in the People of God, leads some to feel less important or welcome in the community;
- c) there are widespread reports of a variety of practical and cultural barriers that exclude persons with disabilities, which must be overcome;
- d) concern also emerges that the poorest to whom the Good News is primarily addressed are too often on the margins of Christian communities (for example, migrants and refugees, street children, homeless persons, victims of human trafficking, and others);
- e) the documents of the Continental Assemblies note that it is necessary to maintain the link between synodal conversion and care for survivors of abuse and those marginalised within the Church.
- 1) The Continental Assemblies place great emphasis on learning to exercise justice as a form of care for those who have been wounded by members of the Church, especially victims and survivors of all forms of abuse.
- f) listening to the most neglected voices is identified as the way to grow in the love and justice to which the Gospel calls us.

Question for discernment

What steps can a synodal Church take to imitate ever more closely its Master and Lord, who walks with all in unconditional love and proclaims the fullness of the Gospel truth?

Suggestions for prayer and preparatory reflection

- 1) What is the attitude with which we approach the world? Do we know to recognise what is good and, at the same time, commit ourselves to prophetically denounce all that violates the dignity of persons, human communities and creation?
- 2) How can we speak in a prophetic voice to expose what is evil without further fragmenting our communities? How can we become a Church that deals honestly with its conflicts and is not afraid to safeguard spaces for disagreement?
- 3) How can we restore proximity and caring relationships as the core of the Church's mission, “walking with people instead of talking about them or solely at them”?
- 4) In the spirit of the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*, how can we walk together with young people? How can a “preferential option for young people” be at the centre of our pastoral strategies and synodal life?
- 5) How can we continue to take meaningful and concrete steps to offer justice to victims and survivors of sexual abuse and spiritual, economic, power and conscience abuse by persons who were carrying out a ministry or ecclesial responsibility?
- 6) How can we create spaces where those who feel hurt by the Church and unwelcomed by the community feel recognised, received, free to ask questions and not judged? In the light of the Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, what concrete steps are needed to welcome those who feel excluded from the Church because of their status or sexuality (for example, remarried divorcees, people in polygamous marriages, LGBTQ+ people, etc.)?
- 7) How can we be more open and welcoming towards migrants and refugees, ethnic and cultural minorities, and indigenous communities who have long been part of the Church but are often on the margins? How can the Church better embrace their presence as a gift?
- 8) What physical and cultural barriers do we need to break down so that people with disabilities can feel that they are full members of the community?
- 9) How can we enhance the contribution of older people to the life of the Christian community and society?