

MASS READINGS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST READING

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**

Psalm 64

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| <p>1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.</p> | <p>2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth.</p> |
| <p>3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.</p> | <p>4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.</p> |

SECOND READING

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Alleluia

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

GOSPEL

A sower went out to sow.

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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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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15th/16th July 2023 – 15th Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 15th July	2.00pm Mass of Healing	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 16th July 15th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Kerry O'Neill Live stream	
Monday 17th July		
Tuesday 18th July	6.30pm Mass of Confirmation	9:30am: Mass: Aileen Ashton
Wednesday 19th July	9:30am: Mass: At St Cuthbert's School (If raining, in Church) Sheila Boyle	
Thursday 20th July		9:30am: Mass: With St Joseph's School
Friday 21st July	12.30pm Requiem Mass for Anne Smiles 7:00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 22nd July		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 23rd July 16th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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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search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.

Website:

www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

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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, Michael Hanlon Anne Smiles and and for all who have died recently.

Bishop Stephen Wright

This Wednesday, Bishop Stephen Wright will be installed as the 15th Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. It is clearly a difficult time for the diocese and it faces many challenges. We pray for Bishop Stephen and for the diocese as he begins our leadership of the diocese Through the Spirit may our diocese heal, grow and be open to God's call for us as Christ's community of disciples

Baptism

Today at St Cuthberts at 12.30pm, we will have the Baptism of Brian Kimber. We pray him and his family as he is united in Christ and becomes a member of our community of faith.

Confirmations

On Tuesday July 18th, we will have Confirmations for the Partnership at St Cuthbert's at 6.30pm. About 50 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.

Requiem Mass

Friday 21st July 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's Requiem Mass for Anne Smiles. May she rest in peace.

End of Academic Year

This is the last week of the academic year for our schools. I would like to wish all those who study and work in our schools a very blessed and enjoyable rest. St Cuthbert's Primary will have its end of year Mass at the school (weather permitting) at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th July. All parishioners are welcome St Joseph's Primary will have its end of year Mass on Thursday July 20th at St Joseph's Church. Again, all are welcome.

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 24th 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: This week's tip: Save on energy and reduce your bills and carbon footprint by switching off standby. Electronic devices are still using electricity, even when they're in standby mode. The Energy Saving Trust estimates that you could save around £65 a year by turning off devices you're not using.

Parish Council

There is a meeting of the parish council at St Cuthbert's on July 19th at 7pm. I am grateful to Allan Badenhope, Louisa Connelly, Paul Laidler and Joyce Misa who are willing to join the council

Trip to Holy Island

To celebrate the feast of St Cuthbert (his translation to Durham Cathedral on September 4th), we will have a day trip to Holy Island on September 9th. We will leave at 9.30, have fish and chips at Seahouses and then go to Holy Island for just after 1pm. Please sign the list at the back of church

A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date: Saturday 23rd September 2023

Times: 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

Location: St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Cost: £10.00 per person

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

The day will include a Mass.

This Day of Reflection will be funded by your parish..

Please contact the Parish Administrator, Katherine, if you would like to take part.

Booking Deadline: Monday 18 September 2023

For further information please email:

adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

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 gave 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)? I will be asking for comments though please feel free to e-mail them to me

Listening Exercises in the Diocese

I have been informed that about two hundred people attended the listening event at St Mary's Forest Hall and around a hundred at St Bede's Bedlington. It would seem that organisers were not expecting such large numbers. A lot of hurt and anger was expressed. Professor Karen Kilby has been asked to sum up what she has heard. It will be interesting to read what she has to say. The listening event for clergy was the start of a process, which will include each priest having one to one a confidential conversation with the facilitator as he discerns what the needs of diocesan priests are. In this time of flux, I sense that as a parish we focus on are local context seeking to be attentive to Christ, contemplative and active in living out his mission

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.

Proud Catholics

Pride Weekend (22-23 July) is an opportunity to celebrate diversity and inclusion. Proud Catholics, together with other Christian groups and churches, will take part in the event to testify that the inclusive love of God is for everyone. In our meeting on Tuesday 18th July at 7.30pm (BST), Davi will lead us in a quiet time of prayer in preparation for the event. It will be an opportunity to spend some time with God and each other, giving thanks for our lives and celebrating the love and peace that God invites us to share. Zoom link available (please get in touch if interested). For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

Days of Reflection and Liturgical Formation Courses Autumn 2023

Days of Reflection

- 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/liturgy-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.