

MASS READINGS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A FIRST READING

After sin you will grant repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *O Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

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| <p>1. Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.</p> <p>3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.</p> | <p>2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.</p> |
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SECOND READING

The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Let them both grow till the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

Psalm 85

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

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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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22nd/23rd July 2023 – 16th Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
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| Saturday 22nd July | | 5:30pm: Mass: Jeff Oliver |
| Sunday 23rd July 16th Sunday of the Year - A | 11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream | |
| Monday 24th July | | |
| Tuesday 25th July | | 9:30am: Mass: |
| Wednesday 26th July | 9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey | |
| Thursday 27th July | | 9:30am: Mass: Sheila Boyle |
| Friday 28th July | 7:00pm: Mass: Fr Michael McKenna | |
| Saturday 29th July | | 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Sunday 30th July 17th Sunday of the Year - A | 11:00am: Mass: 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

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- 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, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Margaret Burfield. Mary Rowley and Antoni Kulik Please pray for Philip Butler, Michael Hanlon, Anne Smiles and Fr Michael McKenna and for all who have died recently.

Bishop Stephen Wright

This Wednesday, Bishop Stephen Wright was installed as the 15th Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. It was a powerful service. Bishop Stephen has asked a survivor to speak of her reflection of how the Church needs to appreciate this vital issue. Survivors tied a white ribbon to the Bishop's Chair, this will remain there to remind him of the needs of survivors.

Bishop Stephen showed honesty, humility, openness, insight and self-deprecating humour. It was a powerful event

Through the Spirit may our diocese heal, grow and be open to God's call for us as Christ's community of disciples.

He is keen to be invited to the parishes, so I have invited him to our parish. I will inform you of the dates when I hear from him

Confirmations

Warm congratulations to all those confirmed last Wednesday. We hope and pray they will be open to the Holy Spirit, fully contributing to the life and mission of the Church.

Baptism

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

End of Academic Year

We wish all student and staff a peaceful and enjoyable break. Thanks to all staff in our schools for the important work you.

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:

Looking for a volunteering opportunity? VODA North Tyneside has opportunities to suit all interests, skills and availability including befriending, gardening, conservation, charity shops, fundraising, community centres, local events, and trustee roles. You can contact them on 0191 643 2626 or via their website at <https://voda.org.uk/contact/>

Parish Council General Meeting

The parish council has decided to bring back the Annual General Meeting, open to the whole parish. The purpose of the meeting will be for parish groups to give brief reports of their work and for parishioners to ask questions about any questions about parish life.

This will take place on Sunday 24th September at 11.00am.

This means that Mass on that day will be at 9.30am
Please note this

Synod Process

There was a helpful discussion at the parish council as to how we as a parish can make use of the working document. It was decided that I would look at the working sheets and offer them to particular groups from whom it is relevant. So for example worksheet on worship and adult formation to be shared with the parish liturgy and formation group.

If you wish to study the working document, it can be found at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/06/synod-instrumentum-laboris.pdf>

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.

Newman Association

The next meeting of the Newman Association will be at St Mary's Cullercoats next Wednesday at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Dr Kathryn Mannix. Her mission is to help people face the death of themselves and loved ones with honesty and dignity. She is a very powerful speaker. If you have not heard her before, I would certainly recommend hearing her speak

Parish Proclaimers

This group focuses on two key aspects of parish ministry; Evangelism and Prophetic and Social Outreach. Our next meeting will be this Thursday July 27th at 7pm at St Cuthbert's. We will be discussing our attempt to be a Live Simply Parish, the current listening campaign for Tyne and Wear Citizens, reviewing the Fair Fares Celebration and

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

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

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:

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| 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.