

MASS READINGS

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST READING

You have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself.

Kings 3:5. 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *Lord how I love your law!*

Psalm 118

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| <p>1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is the obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.</p> | <p>2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.</p> |
| <p>3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways.</p> | <p>4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.</p> |

SECOND READING

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

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made know to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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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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29th/30th July 2023 – 17th Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 29th July		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 30th July 17th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Live stream	
Monday 31st July		
Tuesday 1st August		9:30am: Word and Communion
Wednesday 2nd August	9:30am: Word and Communion	
Thursday 3rd August		9:30am: Word and Communion
Friday 4th August	7:00pm: Word and Communion	
Saturday 5th August		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 6th August Transfiguration of the Lord	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

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- 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

On meeting Bishop Stephen last week, he stated that he was very keen to be invited to parishes, so as mentioned last week, I invited to him to the parish. He will be coming on the week-end of September 2nd & 3rd. He will preside at both Masses and I am grateful to the social committee for being willing to provide light refreshments after both Masses. I have a baptism at 12.30 pm on the Sunday, but the Bishop is willing to stay and meet people.

Since the Bishop is away on pilgrimage and vacation most of August, we are going to be one of the first parishes to welcome him for the week-end Masses. So, we are very fortunate as a parish to have the opportunity to meet him so early during his episcopacy. I do encourage as many people as possible to part of our Masses that week-end and take time to meet the Bishop Stephen after the Masses. He is genuinely keen to meet as many people as possible, so he can discover as much as possible about the diocese, its people and its work, Although he is aware of the need for healing in the diocese he is aware of so much good work that is being done throughout the diocese. Please pray for him as this important time of healing and transition for our diocese.

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

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 give the Coach Fare, £17 to myself or Nora Pearson

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:

The fashion industry is one of the biggest polluters on the planet through manufacturing methods which generate CO2, landfill, and synthetic microfibres getting into oceans and rivers and harming marine life. Try to buy fewer, more durable items, recycle, and remember natural materials like pure cotton, linen, wool and silk etc. are compostable!

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. It has been stated to me that some people who are not in particular groups would also like to see the simplified synopsis of the worksheets. So spare copied will be made available

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>

Parish Proclaimer Group

At the meeting on Thursday following was discussed:

- Regarding Tyne and Wear Citizens Listening Campaign encourage people at end of week-end Masses to take part in the next Issues Workshop on September 26, 6-8pm, taking place in North Tyneside and also for the Delegates Assembly on November 22nd at Civic Centre in Newcastle
- Parish will receive 15 trees to plant in November from the Woodland Trust.
- Application for Live Simply Award to be completed by October 5th and we will ask the assessors to the parish
- Next Mass for Healing on February 10th, 2024, day before Our Lady of Lourdes. -Day of Prayer for the sick

- Webinar for Season of Creation-'Let Rivers of Justice Flow' on September 30th 10am to 12 noon. Bishop Stephen will be present

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.

CAFOD'S Fixing the Food System Campaign

'Helping small-scale farmers around the world

Small-scale farmers produce lots of the world's food and for hundreds of years have freely used and shared their own seeds. But laws are being passed which give them little choice but to buy more expensive seeds from large companies. One small-scale farmer has written to the World Bank asking that they address the situation, and Cafod are asking us to be co-signatories to that letter. Please add your name after Mass next weekend. Thank you.'

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

Rainbows Bereavement Support Great Britain (GB)

is a well-respected National Charity which supports Children and Young People who have experienced a significant loss through death, relationship break-down or any other Adverse Childhood Experience. Volunteers are needed to join the North East Team. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Ruth Higginbottom, Rainbows North East Secretary, on 01670 518546 or rainbows.northeast@btconnect.com

SAVE DATES FOR DIARY

FOOD & FOLK EVENT-HOME & AWAY : ST.CUTHBERT'S
SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 7pm

Food Donations to Bay Food Bank Cash Donations for CAFOD'S work in drought ridden Horn of Africa

RAVENSWOOD SINGERS in CONCERT: ST CUTHBERT'S
SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

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.