**MASS READINGS**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1. 6-7**

*I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the Sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 66**

**Response:** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

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| 1. God, be gracious and bless us

and let your face shed its light upon us.So will your ways be known upon earthand all nations learn your saving help. | 1. Let the nations be glad and exult

for you rule the world with justice.With fairness you rule the peoples,you guide the nations on earth. |
| 1. Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.May God still give us his blessingtill the ends of the earth revere him. |  |

**SECOND READING Romans 11:13-15. 29-32**

*With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

**ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia, alleluia! The seep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord,**

**I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28**

*Woman, you have great faith.*

Jesus left the Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canannite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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| **Parish website information at:** [**http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk**](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)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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| **19th/20th August 2023 – 20th Sunday of the Year– A** |
| **Masses, Devotions and Services** |
|  | **St Cuthbert’s Church** | **St Joseph’s Church** |
| **Saturday 19th August** |  | **5:30pm: Mass:** Herbert & Florence Redpath |
| **Sunday 20th August****20th Sunday of the Year - A** | **11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish****Live stream** |  |
| Monday 21st August |  |  |
| **Tuesday 22nd August** |  | **9:30am: Mass:**  |
| Wednesday 23rd August | **9:30am: Mass:**   |  |
| Thursday 24th August |  | **9:30am: Mass:****A Sick Person (O)** |
| Friday 25th August | **7:00pm: Mass**  Fr Michael Hickey |  |
| **Saturday 26th August** |  | **5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish** |
| **Sunday 27th August****21st Sunday of the Year - A** | **11:00am: Mass:** **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, Mary Rowley and Antoni Kulik

Please pray for Ernest Raymond Higgs,Fr Michael McKenna and for all who have died recently.

**Annual Appeals for the Missions**

This week-end we have our annual appeal for a Missionary Order. This year the diocese has chosen the St Patrick’s Missionary Society (Kiltegan Fathers) to benefit from the appeal. We warmly welcome Fr Stephen Kimani Kariuki who will be making the appeal at both Masses next week-end.Fr Stephen very 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

**Death Café**

Thanks to those who came to the Death Café event. It was very moving to hear the openness and honesty of people as they shared about some of the profound questions relating to death and dying. The next death café event will be on Wednesday 18th October from 6-8pm

**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.

Carry a reusable bottle. In the UK we use over 35 million plastic bottles every day! Carrying a reusable bottle is a great way to cut your plastic use and save money too. There’s even an app that tells you where you can refill your bottle for free!

**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**

**Holy Communion to Sick and Housebound**

More people are being referred to me for Holy Communion at their home. If any of our special ministers have capacity to take communion please let me know

**Friendship Across Borders**

is a voluntary group that supports the women detained in Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre in Medomsley with donated toiletries, money for phone cards and access to clothing. They are getting more and more requests from women leaving there for mobile phones. Over the last week for example they have already had 3 requests. They are hoping to build up a pool of phones which they would then be able to distribute as needed.

If anyone has a mobile phone that is no longer used and that you are prepared to donate to support the women could you please get in touch with Liz Archibald on: lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

**Could I be a Deacon?**

Minsteracres Retreat Centre 1.30pm to 4.00pm Saturday 16th September 2023

An afternoon for men who may be exploring a vocation

to the Permanent Diaconate. A chance to find out what it means to be a Deacon, how to explore whether it could be the right thing for you and to ask questions of some current Deacons. Wives are encouraged to come along, if possible, so they can find out more as well.

For more details call Shaun McGee on 07483 284206

or email vocationsdeacons@diocesehn.org.uk

Please get in touch by 8th September 2023

**Regional Officer of North East Churches Acting Together (NECAT)**

We are looking for a new Regional Officer to lead forward the work of North East Churches Acting Together

NECAT is the intermediate ecumenical body for the churches between the Tees and the Scottish Border.

The person we would like for this role will:

Support local Churches Together Groups in their witness and mission.

Promote ecumenical networking in the mission and social engagement of north east churches.

Build networks and partnership across a broad range of denominations.

Work closely with the well-established regional Church Leaders Group of senior denominational leaders.

Any candidate must be capable of working across denominations, who is good with people of all backgrounds and who can lead forward the work of this key regional ecumenical enterprise.

The post is open to people who are ordained, authorised ministers or ‘lay’ people. For more details go to: https://necat.co.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=335660

For an informal conversation please contact the Chair of Trustees Rev’d Dr Mark Bonnington chair@necat.co.uk

**Christian Meditation Group**

This groups meets on a Tuesday at 7pm, though there will be no meeting this week due to Mass at St Cuthbert’s for the Feast of the Assumption. No previous training required. A sort explanation will be given each meeting. These are comments from a member of the group

“The practice is designed to help us to be still, silent and simple: i.e. not to analyse or have any great expectation of what we might gain from the experience but simply to listen to God and to allow him to gently lead us away from the turmoil of our thoughts and desires and to focus on what really matters: being open to God and allowing him to show us the way. Meditating as part of a group on a regular basis can be a powerful experience which can help to sustain the daily practice during the week.”

Next meeting on August 22nd

**Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries**

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat 8-10 Sept, 2023 held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham.

The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at https://afcmuk.org/register/ or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details.

**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 18th September 2023

For further information please email:

 adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

**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 91146513Please feel free to invite your families and friends to join us.

 ***Save Dates For Diary***

**Saturday 2nd September & Sunday 3rd September**

*Visitation to the parish from Bishop Stephen Wright. He will preside at both Masses and will meet people afterwards*

**Saturday, 23rd September - 7pm - Food & Folk Event-Home & Away** at St. Cuthbert’s

*Food donations to Bay Food Bank, cash donations for CAFOD’S work in drought ridden Horn of Africa*

**Saturday, 30th September – 10:30am – McMillan Coffee Morning**

at St Cuthbert’s

**Saturday, 7th October – Ravenswood Choir** at St Cuthbert’s

Ravenswood Singers in Concert

**Wednesday 22nd November 6-8pm Civic Centre Newcastle**

*Delegates Assembly of Tyne and Wear Citizens 6-8pm Civic Centre.*

*As a member, the Parish will have a vote on which campaigns to choose*

**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.