

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A FIRST READING

I place the key of the House of David in his shoulder.

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

Psalm 137

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| <p>1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.</p> | <p>2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is high yet he look son the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.</p> | |

SECOND READING

All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen!

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they were reconciled. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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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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26th/27th August 2023 – 21st Sunday of the Year– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 26 th August		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 27 th August 21 st Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Live stream	
Monday 28 th August		
Tuesday 29 th August		9:30am: Mass: Val Stoker
Wednesday 30 th August	9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 31 st August		9:30am: Mass: A Sick Person (O. G.)
Friday 1 st September	7:00pm: Mass The Walk for Life	
Saturday 2 nd September		5:30pm: Mass: Jean Glen
Sunday 3 rd September 22 nd 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**

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, and for all who have died recently.

Visit by Bishop Stephen Wright

Next week-end we will welcome Bishop Stephen Wright. He will preside at both Masses. Light refreshments will be available after both Masses and Bishop Stephen will be staying behind so that he can meet as many people as possible. On becoming Bishop, Bishop Stephen admitted that he had a 'nervous joy' on his appointment. As he begins to visit parishes across the parish, which he is very keen to do, I would not be surprised if he still has some nerves. So, I hope we can make him feel as welcome as possible. I think he has no illusion as to the issues that needs to be addressed in the diocese though I am sure he will welcome people's honest opinions. Despite the challenges the Diocese faces, he is also aware of the great work our Diocese is doing.

I hope as many of as possible can be present next week-end to welcome him and hear him speak to us as a parish community

Please keep him in your prayers

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

Annual Appeals for the Missions

Last weekend we had our annual appeal for the Missions. Fr Stephen Kimani of the St Patrick Missionary Society enjoyed being with us. I will keep the appeal open for this week-end before we send the money to him. Thank-you for your generosity

Christian Meditation Group

This groups meets on a Tuesday at 7pm. Next meeting on 29th August at 7pm

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. There are still about 20 places available

Synod Process

This week we will have the second of the worksheets for your consideration. This covers a major theme that arose from consultations from all parts of the world during the synod process, which was the need for the Church to be more welcoming to various groups across our societies, our world and our churches. Again, comments would be very welcome.

Death Café

Thank-you to those who came to the Death Café event on August 16th. 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

Season of Creation

Friday September 1st marks the start of the Season of Creation. Pope Francis has established this Liturgical Season, which will finish on the feast of St Francis on October 4th, for the Church to consider how we can protect our common home by hearing and responding to the cries of the poor and the earth. As required by the Live Simply award, we are called to live simply, live in solidarity with the poor and live sustainably with Creation The theme this year is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. For more information go to: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. As part of the Season of Creation the Diocesan Environment Group invites you to attend online event which will take place via Zoom at 10.00 – 12.00pm on Saturday 30 September 2023.

You will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers about the Season of Creation. We will be reflecting on the Season of Creation, progress made over the last few months, with updates from parishes and schools working towards the Live Simply Award also sharing their good practice, looking ahead, plus a Q&A session with members of the DEG. Bishop Stephen has confirmed he is able to attend to give the opening address and participate in the event, including the Q&A session.

Places can be booked by clicking this link -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seasons-of-creation-webinar-tickets-682122455627?aff=oddtcreator>

Social Committee

The Social group will be meeting on Tuesday August 29th at 7pm 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: Coffee grounds and tea leaves are compostable and can be added to a compost heap. Plastic free teabags are also biodegradable and can be added to food waste bins. These include PG tips and Yorkshire Tea!

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

Webinar on Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising

The Diocese invites you to join them on a webinar titled, 'Discipleship, Politics and Anger: Catholic Social Teaching and Community Organising'. This will be online on Thursday September 27th from 6-8pm This webinar will explore the relationship of the values of Catholic Social Teaching with the methods of broad-based community organising. We will hear how anger at injustice can be transformed to hope through organising as shown by some of our young parishioners in the Fair Fares Campaign Speakers include Sir John Battle, former MP and Chair of Leeds Citizens & Leeds Diocese's Justice & Peace Commission . To register please go to:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/discipleship-politics-and-anger-catholic-social-teaching-and-community-organising/>

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

A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 23rd September 2023. 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 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.

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.

Meeting with North of Tyne Mayor and Local Councillor

Cath Davis councillor for the Preston Ward in our parish is holding a meeting at North Shields Methodist church on Tuesday 29 August 7.00 - 8.30pm and is keen to find out from her constituents what they would like to happen in our community. Jamie Driscoll, the current North of Tyne Mayor will also be her guest.

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

Save Dates For Diary

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.