

**MASS READINGS**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR - A**

**FIRST READING**

*The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.*

**Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.***

**Psalm 62**

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| <p>1. God, you are my God, for you I long;<br/>for you my soul is thirsting.<br/>My body pines for you<br/>like a dry, weary land without water.</p>                        | <p>2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary<br/>to see your strength and your glory.<br/>For your love is better than life,<br/>my lips will speak your praise.</p> |
| <p>3. So I will bless you all my life,<br/>in your name I will lift up my hands.<br/>My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,<br/>my mouth shall praise you with joy.</p> | <p>4. For you have been my help;<br/>in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.<br/>My soul clings to you;<br/>your right hand holds me fast.</p>                   |

**SECOND READING**

*Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

**Romans 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**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**

*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*

**Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
Albion Road West  
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Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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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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**2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year – A**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: Jean Glen</b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>		
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass: Herbert and Florence Redpath</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass: A Sick Person O.G</b>	
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass:.</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>7:00pm: Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Neil and Bill Henderson Live stream</b>	

**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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)**

**Parish office: 0191 257 3408**

Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time- Autumn: Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; For a fruitful Harvest; All Workers; Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of war and violence. Young People; People in Prison and their Families.

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 Michael Knowles, John Dodds and for all who have died recently.

#### Visit by Bishop Stephen Wright

This week-end we give a typical parish warm welcome to 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 hope we can make him feel as welcome as possible. I think he has no illusion as to the issues that need 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 us as possible will be able to introduce yourself to him. Please keep him in your prayers

#### Schools Returning

This week all our young people will be starting back at school. We pray for them and all the pupils and staff of St Thomas More High School, St Cuthbert's Primary and St Joseph's Primary. We pray that all involved in education will have a blessed and fruitful year.

#### Baptism

This Sunday at 1pm at St Joseph's we have the Baptism of Parker Scott. We pray for him and his family as he is united in Christ and becomes part of our Christian family

#### Childrens Liturgy

I am very grateful to Clare Harvey, Heather Leane and Stuart McKay who have expressed a willingness to help with the Children's Liturgy. It will take place from this Sunday at the 11am Mass, if the children's Liturgy is to be sustained we will need more volunteers. Please consider if you would like to take up this role. You will be needed to be processed for a DBS

#### 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 parish life.

**This will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am. This means that Mass on that day will be at 9.30am Please note this**

#### Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith for 2023 - 2024 for the Coast partnership will begin in St Edward's meeting room on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and the meetings will take place every other week from then until June. These meetings are open to all who are enquiring about the Catholic Faith, or already know that they wish to become a Catholic, or are already Catholic but wish to renew and deepen their understanding of the Church. Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while are warmly welcomed also. Please pass this message on to family or friends who may be interested. Please contact Fr Chris or Teresa Hills (one of the leaders) if you are interested.

#### Christian Meditation Group

This group meets on a Tuesday at 7pm. Next meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

#### Trip to Holy Island

To celebrate the feast of St Cuthbert (his translation to Durham Cathedral on September 4<sup>th</sup>), we will have a day trip to Holy Island on September 9<sup>th</sup>. 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

#### Death Café

Thank-you to those who came to the Death Café event on August 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> October from 6-8pm

#### Season of Creation

Friday September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 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>

#### 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: Challenge yourself to an 'unplugged' day – without your phone, computer, TV or radio.

#### Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Dept. for Education Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> September

Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> September

Vicariate for Faith & Mission – Administrator – full or part-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 4<sup>th</sup> September

All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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/>

#### Ravenswood Singers Choral Evening

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7pm @ St Cuthbert's

Tickets £7 per person include refreshments. (Available next weekend)

#### A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 For further information please email:

[adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto: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.

#### 'Eucharistic Miracles of the World' Exhibition

The Association of the Eucharist will be hosting an exhibition about Blessed Carlo Acutis and his documentation of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world. The exhibition will be held at St Joseph's, Gateshead, NE8 1LX from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 28 October. On Saturday 14 October, Bishop Emeritus Séamus Cunningham will celebrate Mass to mark the opening of the exhibition; there will also be a guest speaker and a time of Adoration.

#### 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> September – 10:30am – McMillan Coffee Morning** at St Cuthbert's

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.