

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST READING

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him.

Psalm 144

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| <p>1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.</p> <p>3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.</p> |
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SECOND READING

Life to me is Christ.

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Why be envious because I am generous?

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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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23rd/24th September 2023 – 25th Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 23rd September		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 24th September 25th Sunday of the Year - A	9:30am: Mass: Patsy O'Callaghan Live stream	
Monday 25th September		
Tuesday 26th September		9:30am: Mass: Anthony Falla
Wednesday 27th September	9:30am: Mass: Nora Pearson and her intentions	
Thursday 28th September		9:30am: Mass: Herbert & Flora Redpath
Friday 29th September	7:00pm: Mass Elsie Wmbonia	
Saturday 30th September		5:30pm:
Sunday 1st October 26th 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- 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 for Alex Turner and all who have died recently.

Parish Council General Meeting

Mass this Sunday is at 9.30am for a General Meeting of the Parish to start at c. 10.45. All are welcome

Flower Arranging

I have had a request to ask for volunteers to help with flower arranging at St Cuthbert's. Are you interested?

Garden at St Cuthbert's

Paul Laidler would appreciate some help to do some planting 9am on 30th September

October Month of Rosary

During the month of October, the Rosary will be said after the weekday Masses on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and at 6.45 before the 7pm Mass on a Friday. We invite people to create prayer stations based on the various mysteries of the Rosary. At St Joseph's we will say the Joyful and sorrowful mysteries. At St Cuthbert's we have stations for the mysteries of Light and Glorious Mysteries. Any contributions will be appreciated

Discernment Evening

The next Discernment evening for those thinking about Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 3rd October at 6.00pm at the Cloister Cathedral, St Mary's Cathedral. The evening will consist of a time of prayer, a talk and will end with a meal together. If you would like to attend, please contact Father Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30th September. Email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk, Telephone 01207 299 012

Season of Creation

. 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 30th September 2023](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seasons-of-creation-webinar-tickets-682122455627?aff=oddtcreator). 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: Since we are in the Season of Creation and you would like to know more about Pope Francis' encyclical on the

Environment, you can watch the film 'The Letter' online at:

<https://www.theletterfilm.org/watch/>

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/>

Partnership Day Of Recollection For Lay Ministers

A Day of Recollection for all involved in Lay Ministry in our Partnership Parishes will take place on 14 October at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. The day will be led by Amy Cameron, Coordinator for the Vicariate for Faith & Mission. Lay leaders of Word & Holy Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion including home visitors, Readers, Welcomers, Servers, Musicians, Catechists, Intercession Writers, Consolation Team Members and Collection Counters are all invited. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am and conclude at 3:30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch. Please let the Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office know by 11th October if you are attending (parishoffice@btconnect.com - 01912527066

Training for Readers

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation Team will be running a training course next month for New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word. This course offers those who are new to the ministry of Readers of the Liturgy of the Word training and guidance in the preparation and delivery of reading during church services. Whilst the course is aimed at those who are new to this ministry, existing readers are more than welcome to attend also. Should this event be of interest to your parishioners the key details are: The programme consists of two sessions: Venue: St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton NE12 8AD. Dates:

Session 1 (evening): Monday 9 October, 7.00 – 9.00pm.

Session 2 (day): Saturday 14 October, 10.30am – 3.00pm*.

*Participants to bring their own packed lunch for the day event – tea and coffee provided

Cost: £12.50 per participant

Booking Deadline: Wednesday 4 October 2023.

Please contact Katherine in the office if you would like to take part.

Learning About the Catholic Faith

Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>

Ravenswood Singers Choral Evening

Saturday 7th October 7pm @ St Cuthbert's

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

Tyne and Wear Citizens

Along with 18 other Chapters of Tyne and Wear Citizens, we launched the Agenda for Change with seven themes we would like all political parties to focus on next year. Some of our parishioners and pupils at St Thomas More have had a role in developing some of these themes. To look at the agenda, please go to

https://citizensuk.contentfiles.net/media/documents/Citizens_Agenda_2023_FINAL.pdf

The Tablet Journal has covered the launch of the Citizens Agenda. This can be found at:

<https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/17629/diocese-works-to-help-citizens-uk-develop-agenda-for-general-election>

Nite Bite

The Churches Together group Nite Bite are looking for more volunteers It could be washing dishes, sorting goods into cupboards or front of house welcome. If interested please come and talk to them on Tuesdays between 2-4pm at the Baptist Church in North Shields.

Rosary Rally:

A Rosary procession will be held on Saturday 7 October 2023 from St Joseph's Church, Gateshead to Northumberland Street, Newcastle followed by public Rosary in Northumberland Street. The day will start with First Saturday Mass and devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near to Gateshead Metro Station), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm. All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

Significance Grand Draw

Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes.

Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting Mary Hughes at significance316@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme

The diocese is offering training on this important ministry

Session 1 Monday 30 October, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Session 2 Monday 6 November, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Venue: Saint Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY Cost: £10.00 per participant (invoiced via your parish following the event).

Booking Deadline: Monday 23 October 2023

Please let Katherine know in the office if you would like to register for this training

Newman Association

St Mary's church hall, Cullercoats, on Wednesday 27 September, at 7.30pm. Joe Ronan will be speaking about the project 'Catholic Voices' which seeks to improve the representation of the Church in all forms of Media

Sick and Housebound

If you are aware of any parishioners who were regular attenders at Mass before the pandemic but can no longer come to church will you please let Fr Chris know. Even if you have told him already since he can forget at times! It is important that as parish we are in touch with those who cannot be with us at the week-end.

Diocesan Vacancies

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

Dept. for Education

Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 2 October

Primary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Full time, term-time. Closing date: 5 October

Secondary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos – Part-time, term-time. Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October

All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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, 30th September – 10:30am – McMillan Coffee Morning at St Cuthbert's

Wednesday October 18th 6-8pm St Cuthbert's-Death Cafe
Saturday 17th and 25 November Training for Tyne and Wear Citizens 10-3pm

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.