

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST READING

When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Remember your mercy, Lord.

Psalm 24

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.</p> | <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.</p> | |

SECOND READING

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their ways into the kingdom of God before you.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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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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30th September/1st October 2023 – 26th Sunday of the Year– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 30th September		5:30pm:
Sunday 1st October 26th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	
Monday 2nd October		
Tuesday 3rd October		9:30am: Service of Word & Communion
Wednesday 4th October	9:30am: Service of Word & Communion	
Thursday 5th October		9:30am: Service of Word & Communion
Friday 6th October	7:00pm: Service of Word & Communion	
Saturday 7th October		5:30pm: People of the Parish
Sunday 8th October 27th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Sheila Downie 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- 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, Stan Storrer and all who have died recently.

Parish Council General Meeting

Thank-you to all who attended the Parish General Meeting. There were over fifty people there. My 'take' from the Meeting was:

- People were made aware and appreciated the range and depth of activities being undertaken by various groups in the parish
- It would be good to have a 'group where all the reps of the various groups could meet
- A majority of those present would like an earlier Mass on a Sunday morning

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This coming Friday is Harvest CAFOD Family Fast Day. Envelopes are available at the back of Church

Feeding Folk

Can I just thank everyone for supporting last Saturday's Feeding Folk - Home and Away.

It was a lovely evening, and the musicians enjoyed themselves, too. We delivered two very well-filled trolleys of food to The Bay Foodbank, and we have sent a well-rounded £500 to CAFOD to support their work in the Horn of Africa.. There are times when the number of crises in the world just feel overwhelming. However, we had about 30 people in the room on Saturday and we achieved an amazing result. If everyone does whatever they can, we will get there in the end!

Gerry Beldon

Education Sunday

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Catholic Education Sunday. This should have taken place in early September but Fr Chris forgot to mention it on the newsletter. Apologies from Him.

Trinity Charity Shop

The parish recently received the latest cheque from the Trinity Charity Shop of it's share in the proceeds. The cheque was for £5,000. A big thank-you to all who contribute to the shop especially the dedicated band of volunteers who work on a Thursday.

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

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: Use 'freecycle' websites or charity shops to give away unwanted items. The local freecycle website is <https://www.freecycle.org/town/NorthTynesideUK>, and there are also local pass it on groups on Facebook

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

Due to unforeseen circumstances, this has been cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Holy Island Camp

Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November, but relies on volunteers to do caretaking duties and kitchen helpers to wash up, serve meals and help prepare light meals, salads and sandwiches etc for the groups staying on site. Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing!

We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7th October from 2.15pm until 4.45pm. People who are interested in volunteering are more than welcome to join us, but would need to email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place. Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could also contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find more information about Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme

The diocese is offering training on this important ministry
Session 1 Monday 30th October, 7.00 – 9.00pm
Session 2 Monday 6th 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 23rd October 2023
Please let Katherine know in the office if you would like to register for this training

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.

Flower Arranging

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

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

Administrator, Dept for Education, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, permanent. Closing date: 10 October

Cleaner, St Charles, Gosforth – part-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 October

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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

Wednesday October 18th 6-8pm St Cuthbert's-Death Cafe
Saturday 17th and 25th November Training for Tyne and Wear Citizens 10am-3:00pm

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.