

## MASS READINGS

### TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

#### FIRST READING

*The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Lords.*

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Response: *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

Psalm 79

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| <p>1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;<br/>to plant it you drove out the nations.<br/>It stretched out its branches to the sea,<br/>to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.</p> | <p>2. Then why have you broken down its walls?<br/>It is plucked by all who pass by.<br/>It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,<br/>devoured by the beasts of the fields.</p>         |
| <p>3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,<br/>look down from heaven and see.<br/>Visit this vine and protect it,<br/>they vine your right hand has planted.</p>                       | <p>4. And we shall never forsake you again:<br/>give us life that we may call upon your name.<br/>God of hosts, bring us back:<br/>let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.</p> |

#### SECOND READING

*The God of peace will be with you.*

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

#### ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from the Father. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*He will ease the vineyard to other tenants.*

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

## 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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## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – A

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Sheila Downie</b> <b>Live stream</b>	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>9:30am: Word &amp; Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>9:30am: Word &amp; Communion</b>	
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>9:30am: Word and Communion</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>7:00pm: Word and Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass Denis Hills</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>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 for Alex Turner, Stan Storrer and all who have died recently.

#### **A Warm Welcome**

A warm welcome to Canon Stempczyk and members of Jesuit Community at St Dominics who are kindly supplying this weekend while Fr Chris is away.

#### **International Synod**

On October 4<sup>th</sup> the International Synod on Synodality began. I do believe that this is one of the most significant moments in the life of the Church in the last sixty years. Please keep the synod in your prayers.

The last of the reflection sheets is made available this week-end. It is on the role of women in the life and mission of the Church

#### **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**

Last Friday was Harvest CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please leave your envelopes as you leave Church or take an empty envelop to bring next week

#### **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

#### **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.

#### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**THANK YOU** to all those who supported and contributed to the Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Cuthbert's last Saturday. A fantastic £510.18 was raised. Great result, well done everyone.

#### **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

#### **First Holy Communion Programme**

The introductory session of the First Holy Communion Programme for parents who are wishing their children to make their First Holy Communion will be at St Cuthbert's on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Your child needs to be at least in year 4 at Primary School.

#### **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 cloth bags instead of plastic carrier bags.

#### **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<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> October if you are attending (parishoffice@btconnect.com – 0191 2527066.

#### **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/3sHqZOF>

#### **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](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.

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word Autumn Programme**

The diocese is offering training on this important ministry  
Session 1 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00 – 9.00pm  
Session 2 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

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

#### **Proud Catholics - Christ on the Margins: Jesus in the Gospel of Luke**

Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick St. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 17th October, at 7.30pm. Fr Dermot Preston SJ will join us to speak on what the Gospel according to Luke says about Jesus and "outsiders". It will be possible to connect by Zoom. Please get in touch for the link. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

#### **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:

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](http://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](http://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

Next week, the Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, Gary Leece will give a brief outline of last year accounts. Your generosity to the parish is much appreciated especially during this cost-of-living crisis.

#### **Save Dates for Diary**

Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm St Cuthbert's-Death Cafe

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November Training for Tyne and Wear Citizens 10am-3:00pm

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.