

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A

FIRST READING

The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Psalm 22

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| <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.</p> | <p>2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.</p> |
| <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.</p> | <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.</p> |

SECOND READING

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us;
to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen."

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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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14th/15th October 2023 – 28th Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 14th October		5:30pm: Mass: Denis Hills
Sunday 15th October 28th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	
Monday 16th October		
Tuesday 17th October		9:30am: Mass: Paul Black
Wednesday 18th October	9:30am: Mass: UK Armed Forces	
Thursday 19th October		9:30am: Mass: Mary Hughes
Friday 20th October	7:00pm: Mass: George Miller	
Saturday 21st October		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd October 29th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Bob Dunn 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, Joan Gray and all those who have died recently.

APOLOGY TO ST JOSEPHS PARISHIONERS

Sorry for the confusion caused last Saturday (7th October) when no Newsletters were available for those attending 5:30pm Mass. Normal service has resumed this week.

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 4th 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 weekend. 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

Please return your CAFOD envelopes as soon as possible. Donations can also be made online at cafod.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

Feeding Folk

Can I just thank everyone for supporting 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. 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 2nd 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 plant-based pan scourers instead of plastic ones. Available online and from zero waste shops.

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>

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>

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

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, 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 weekend.

Flower Arranging

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

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.

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.