

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST READING

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Isaiah 45:1. 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give the Lord glory and power.

Psalm 95

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| <p>1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.</p> | <p>2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.</p> |
| <p>3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.</p> | <p>4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.</p> |

SECOND READING

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields		
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<p style="text-align: center;">Parish website information at: http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</p> <p style="font-size: small;">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.</p>		
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21 st /22 nd October 2023 – 29 th Sunday of the Year– A		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 21 st October		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 22 nd October 29 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Bob Dunn Live stream	
Monday 23 rd October		
Tuesday 24 th October		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 25 th October	9:30am: Requiem Mass for Tony Owens	
Thursday 26 th October		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 27 th October	7:00pm: Mass: Intentions of the Puenta Family	10.00am Requiem Mass for Joan Gray
Saturday 28 th October		5:30pm: Mass: Irene Wallis
Sunday 29 th October 30 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

<p>What'sApp group: text your name & number to 07752009361 to be added to <i>StCuthStJosNshields</i> Group</p> <p>Facebook: search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.</p> <p>Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</p> <p>Parish office: 0191 257 3408</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields</p>
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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 Tony Owens, Stan Storrer, Joan Gray and Linda Arkley and all those who have died recently.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. On this day the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for 'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.' Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. There will be a retiring collection this weekend.

Requiem Masses

The Following Funeral Services will soon be taking place

Tony Owens- Requiem Mass: Wednesday 25th October at 9.30am at St Cuthbert's

Joan Gray- Reception: Thursday 26th October at 4.30pm at St Joseph's

Requiem Mass: Friday 27th October at 10am at St Joseph's

Linda Arkley Requiem Mass: Tuesday 7th November at 12noon at St Cuthbert's.

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

We continue to pray for peace at this time of conflict and immense suffering for Israelis and Palestinians. Pope Francis has stated:

'Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, and revenge, causing suffering to both sides. The Middle East does not need war but peace, a peace built on justice, dialogue, and the courage of fraternity.'

Christmas Coffee Morning

This will be on Saturday 2nd December at 10.30am

Items needed for raffle, tombola, toiletries and jewellery. Cakes on the day will also be appreciated.

International Synod

This is now coming to an end. Thank-you for keeping this significant event in the life of the Church in your prayers. I will forward any feedback there is to you as soon as it has been received.

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 25th October at 7pm. We will discuss the General Meeting of the Parish that took place in September.

Parish Finances

This week-end, Gary Leece as Chair of the Finance and Property Committee will give a brief overview of the current financial situation of the parish. People's generosity to the parish, especially during these economically challenging times is very much appreciated

CAFOD Speaker Event

Thursday 26th October 7pm - Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Gosforth. CAFOD are delighted to welcome Carlos Revilla to Newcastle from Bolivia to speak about his work for one of our CAFOD partners. Carlos works with communities and universities to implement practices to enable rural farming families to decontaminate water from the rivers that they depend on for irrigation and feeding their animals. Please come along and hear from Carlos about the work that he does and the challenges he faces. Contact Rachel on rblaylock@cafod.org.uk for more details.

Open Meeting for North Shields Residents

I have been approached by Councillor Cathy Davis as to whether the parish would host a meeting open to all to discuss what people would like to happen in North Shields Town Centre. It will be taking place at St Cuthbert's on the Wednesday 25th October at 7pm. Cllr Davis has asked me to facilitate the meeting in the light of what the parish has done in the area of community organising.

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.

Memorial Mass for Fr Paddy O'Connell

Tyneside Irish Centre, Thursday 26th October, Mass @ 7pm followed by a bit of a shindig in memory.

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: Cafod has launched an emergency appeal to provide humanitarian aid for people caught up in the Israeli-Palestinian crisis. You can donate here <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help> or on this number: 0303 303 3030.

Experiencing Loss Café

Having had a number of Death Café events in the parish you are welcome to come and join us in a safe and welcoming space to talk freely (or just listen) to others who have experienced loss in their lives. This is an opportunity to share experiences and personal strategies over a cup of tea or coffee. Share stories and build friendships over a cup of tea or coffee.

Diocesan Church Music Association

Calling all parish musicians - a workshop with Will Todd to learn his Mass setting, Gaudete.

A free event open to all within the diocese - registration necessary. Sunday 12 November, St Joseph's Catholic Academy (Main Hall), Mill Lane, Hebburn, NE31 2ET, 2:30-4.30pm.

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- Training

I am aware that you have all heard me talk about community organising. Knowing the success of the Fair Fares campaign lead by some of our young parishioners you will also be aware of the impact it can have. I am very grateful to the Leadership of Tyne and Wear Citizens to agree that the next training that will be made available is going to be at St Cuthbert's on November 18th and 25th from 9.30 am to 3.30pm. The event will be open to all members of institutions across the alliance though the location and timing of the training has been designed so that as many members of the parish can take part in the training. The training will certainly give you a better idea of what community organising is about. You will also have the opportunity to get to know people from the alliance. Having done 6 day training myself, I think the experience will be worthwhile and at times fun as well. I do recommend this to you. To take part you will need to sign up. Ideally please go to: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/introduction-to-community-organising-training-november/> If you do not use computers but would like to take part please let me know. The training is free.

For the parish to have a vote at the Delegates Assembly, there needs to be at least five from the parish taking part in the assembly on November 22nd at the Civic Centre from 6-8pm. For the parish to have a vote we need five or more parishioners. You can sign up at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly>

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.

Ecumenical Football Anyone?

There is a member of the congregation at North Shields Baptist Church who is interested in starting up a regular evening for 5 a side football for male and female players and with no age limit. If anyone is interested in taking part, please contact Giles Idle. His email is calor_flagger@yahoo.com

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 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.

Saturday 2nd December 10:30.am Parish Christmas Coffee Morning.

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.