

MASS READINGS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A

FIRST READING

If you are harsh with the widow, or with the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praise be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Psalm 17

SECOND READING

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God; you are now waiting for his Son.

Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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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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28th/29th October 2023 – 30th Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 28th October		5:30pm: Mass: Irene Wallis
Sunday 29th October 30th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	
Monday 30th October		
Tuesday 31st October		9:30am: Mass: Bill & Mary Robson
Wednesday 1st November All Saint	9:30am: Mass: Stan Storrer	7:00pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Thursday 2nd November All Souls	7:00pm: Mass: All Souls	9:30am: Mass: All Souls
Friday 3rd November	7:00pm: Mass: Intentions of Andrew Boyle	
Saturday 4th November		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 5th November 31st Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Martin Quinn 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.

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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time- Autum: 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.

All Saints

Wednesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints. We give thanks for the examples of thousands of men and women who have allowed the grace of God to work in their lives. The notion of 'All the Saints' came from the writings of St Bede so there is local pride as we celebrate this Feast of the Universal Church.

Masses will be 9.30am at St Cuthbert's and 7.00pm at St Joseph's. Students from St Thomas More School will join us for the 9.30am Mass.

All Souls

Thursday 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls, where we pray for the repose of the Souls of all who have died, especially remembering our loved ones and members of our parish community. Masses will be at St Joseph's at 9.30am and St Cuthbert's at 7pm.

Requiem Masses

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.

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 this Thursday 2nd November. Your child needs to be at least in year 4 at Primary School.

Feedback from Parish Council Meeting of 24.10.23

The parish council met last Tuesday. The main focus was the General Meeting.

Young People in the Church

The council discussed how we can encourage more young people into the life of the parish. We decided that we would ask those young members who are part of involved. There will be pizza after Mass on Sunday 3rd December for young parishioners, 12-16.

Mass Times

We did discuss the request expressed by a majority of people at the meeting that the Mass time on a Sunday to be earlier. I acknowledged that the present times for all the parishes in the partnership were agreed, so we could supply for each other when needed. The parish has benefitted from this arrangement in that Canon Martin has said Mass at St Joseph's a number of times while I am away or have teaching commitments. Occasionally, Canon Martin has asked me asked to help when he has other commitments or is away This is likely to increase with fewer priests.

As the current set up of the partnership exists, any change to Sunday Mass at St Cuthbert's, would be to 10.30am at the earliest, so if needed I could say a 9.30 Mass elsewhere, on the understanding that Mass maybe a bit late starting on those occasions. I do not know how long the current situation will last, though with fewer priests, the current arrangement will not last for ever. When there is a restructuring in the partnership, it is very uncertain what Mass provision will be but I advise that we cross that bridge when we collectively face it.

Meeting of Group Representatives

It was agreed that there should be a regular if not frequent meeting of representatives of the various groups. There will be a meeting of parish group reps in the year. It was also agreed that there should be a mailing list of group rep so that other groups know what is happening.

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: If you drive regularly, could you swap one of these journeys by walking, cycling or using public transport?

. 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. This will be at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 8 November from 6-8pm.

Clergy Training Fund

The annual launch for the fund to train to priests and deacons is this week-end. There will be a retiring collection this week-end.

Red Missio Boxes

The Missio Box organiser for St Joseph's, Janet Martin, has asked for Red Missio boxes to be handed in. Thank-you.

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 12th November, St Joseph's Catholic Academy (Main Hall), Mill Lane, Hebburn, NE31 2ET, 2:30-4.30pm.

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 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 days 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>.

Open Meeting on North Shields Town Centre

First of all, a huge thank-you to all those from the social committee who made people very welcome with hospitality and setting up of the hall. It was great! There were about 30 people present. Concerns about buses, parking, town centre hygiene and increasing anti-social behaviour. There were also some creative ideas for the town centre including open air markets, culture and artistic hubs, more 'greening' of the area, health hubs and centres, encouraging more business with free parking. If you have any comments, please contact your local councillor.

.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 8th November Experiencing Loss Café

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.

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.