

MASS READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - B

FIRST READING

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.

You, the Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79

Response: God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

SECOND READING

Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: stay awake!'

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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2nd/3rd | December 2023 – First Sunday of Advent - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
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| Saturday 2nd December | | 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Sunday 3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent - B | 11:00am: Mass: Intentions for Kath Jasko Live stream | |
| Monday 4th December | | |
| Tuesday 5th December | | 9:30am: Mass: Maurice Black |
| Wednesday 6th December | 9.00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Stan Storer | |
| Thursday 7th December | | 9:30am: Mass: Catherine Ibbs |
| Friday 8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception | 6.15pm Exposition 7:00pm: Mass: Minnie Rumney, Joan & Tom Gray | |
| Saturday 9th December | | 5:30pm: Mass: Pearl Andrade |
| Sunday 10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent - B | 11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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.

Website:

www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office:

0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Advent & Christmas- Migrants and Refugees, expectant mothers, peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, 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 Ada Story, Terry Corke, Elizabeth Davis and all those who have died recently.

Advent

A Happy Liturgical New Year to you all. The time of Advent is not simply preparing for Christmas but is an important time in itself and we acknowledge the God who approaches now and in the future. We are called to be present to the God who seeks our attention. The key themes of Advent are Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The time after of the Gospel will be mainly silence, as we reflect on these important themes.

Young People in the Parish

In the light of consultation with the parish it is clearly a desire to have more young people in our parish community. In making progress with this I would like to meet those who are secondary school or who have just left for your ideas to make the parish more welcoming. So, Pizzas will be made available after Sunday Mass today on 3rd December.

Christmas Liturgies

Christmas Carol Service Sunday 17th December 6.00pm at St Joseph's - Advent and Christmas Carol Service

Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December 5:30pm Mass at St Joseph's
Sunday 24th December 11:00am Mass at St Cuthbert's

Masses for Christmas Day

Sunday 24th December 5.00pm Mass at St Joseph's
Sunday 24th December 8.00pm Mass at St Cuthbert's
Monday 25th December 10:00am Mass at St Cuthbert's

Since the 5:00pm Mass on Christmas eve will be a 'family Mass' our children are very welcome to dress up as a character in the Christmas story be that Joseph, Mary, angels, kings and shepherds.

CAFOD and Conflict in Gaza

Let me first of all reassure you that, though heavily restricted, humanitarian aid is reaching people worst hit in Gaza through CAFOD's partners who live and work in the region. Thank you, so much, to all those of you have donated or fundraised so far to resource this aid.

However, with great sadness I must report to you more deaths of staff and volunteers in our partner organisations. Please do pray for their families and colleagues as you pray for the conflict to end. Their colleagues continue to risk their lives daily, to provide life-saving help to others in great need.

As the conflict enters its ninth week, we are now also asking all parishes to do what they can to support our Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal.

We also invite your parish to join us in calling for a lasting peace by writing to the Foreign Secretary. Go to: https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/136932/action/1?_gl=1*1b3b2ra*_ga*MzE4MzExODcyLjE2NjExODYxMTg.*_ga_S7Z01NJESC*MTcwMTEwNzI0Ny4xMDUuMS4xNzAxMTA3MjY1LjQyLjAuMA

Reflections for Advent

The diocese will be offering daily reflections for Advent on its website. They can be seen at: [https://bit.ly/DHNAdventorAdventReflections2023FINAL\(diocesehn.org.uk\)](https://bit.ly/DHNAdventorAdventReflections2023FINAL(diocesehn.org.uk)).

I will also be placing them on the Parish Facebook page each day during Advent. I have also been sent series of reflections, prayers and poems to dip into during the four weeks of Advent for individual, group or schools' use on the themes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE (attached above or download here: <https://jpschrewsbury.files.wordpress.com/2023/11/advent-reflection-sheet-2023-a4-5-2.pdf>)

Thank you Notes

I have been asked to share these two notes from grateful parishioners.

"Ian Arkley would like to thank all those at St Cuthbert's Church who made his late wife Linda's funeral Mass really special. Thank-you to Fr Chris and Mgr Faley for time and help they gave to him and Linda, Thank-you and God bless, Ian Arkley"

"I would like to thank my very dear Parish Family for giving me the most wonderful surprise this morning after Mass, on my 90th Birthday. I have been in St Cuthbert's Parish all my life, and know no other. The love, warmth, support and sense of belonging, that has sustained me all my life, was encapsulated in the celebration this morning. Thank you all. It left me speechless, which is a VERY rare thing. My love and prayers, Nora Lumsden."

Christmas Coffee Morning

As I type this I have no idea how much has been raised by the Christmas Coffee Morning. What I do know is that a lot of people have worked very hard for the event to take place and many people have been generous with their time, energy and gifts. Your sense of service and generosity to the parish is much appreciated. Well done and many thanks.

Advent at St Cuthbert's Primary

St Cuthbert's Primary School have asked to inform the parish of the various events taking place in Advent. All parishioners would be very welcome:

5/12/2023 9.30am Nursery and Reception Class Nativity - School hall.
5/12/2023 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity: - School hall
6/12/2023 9.30am Year 1 and 2 Nativity: - School hall
6/12/2023 2.30pm Nursery and Reception Class Nativity :- School hall
8/12/2023 2.30pm Advent Service: - School hall
9/12/2023 12 noon Singing at North Shields Victorian Market Northumberland Square
15/12/2023 2.30pm Advent Service - School hall
21/12/2023 6:00pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service - St. Cuthbert's Church

Mercy Associates

Mercy Associates Christmas Food Parcel Appeal will run between 11th November and 3rd December. The parcels, given to needy families in St Joseph's School, will be needed as much as ever this year. The Mercy Associates are therefore appealing to your generosity once again and would be incredibly grateful for any donations of non-perishable food. Any items can be left in the bags provided at both St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Churches. Thank you for your kindness.

Cribs

People are welcome to bring cribs in either Churches for people to reflect on the Christmas story

Quinquennial Property Review

Last week one of the Diocesan Surveyors looked at all the property at St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's. I was told informally that there are some items that need attention, but 'nothing to break the bank'. My thanks to all parishioners who look after the fabric of the buildings. I will give more details when I have the full report. The Parish Finance and Property Group will create an action plan for the work to be carried out.

North Shields Hub

There will be a meeting of all the institutions from North Tyneside who are part of Tyne and Wear Citizens at St Cuthbert's at 7pm on Wednesday 6th December. We will discuss the new campaigns and also the campaign to improve North Shields town centre.

Vocation Promotion

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.'
Is the Lord awakening you to consider a vocation to the priesthood? Speak to your Parish Priest or contact the Vocations Promoter: 01207 299 012 or vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies: Safeguarding Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, permanent. Closing date: 12th December
IT Manager, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, permanent. Closing date 12th December Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

CAFOD World Gifts

As Christmas is approaching CAFOD invite you to spend your money in sharing gifts with loved ones with gifts that will benefit those most in need in terms of education, food, refugees, emergencies, protecting the climate. There are catalogues available at the back of Church.

Thank you from Significance

The Trustees of Significance thank everyone who supported the Grand Draw and all those who donated prizes. 1,606 tickets were sold which realised £8,030. The funds raised will help Significance to continue to support the Emmaus Village and provide opportunities for young people to recognise their own worth and value.

Little Sisters of the Poor - Job Vacancies

Exciting opportunities are now available at St Joseph's Care Home (Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle) for care assistants and nurses. Hours available:

Care Assistant: Shifts are 8am-3pm, 3pm-9pm

Nurse: Shifts are 8am-4pm, 1pm-9pm

Excellent rates of pay.

For more information, please contact Lee-Marie Thornley on 07856256095 or email lee.marie@lsplondon.co.uk

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 refill stations for detergents and avoid single use plastics. There are some products where it's difficult to avoid a plastic container (for example washing up liquid or laundry liquid) – the good news is that there are an increasing amount of places where you can refill your old bottles. Look out for zero waste shops.

Wreath Making

This will take place at St Cuthbert's on Friday 8th December from 1pm. Cost approx.. £15. All are welcome.

SVP Christmas Parcels

The SVP along with St. Thomas More will be hoping to provide Christmas parcels/gifts to parishioners in need.

If you know of any parishioners – single or families – who could benefit please pass on detail to Fr. Hughes or any SVP member.

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 9114651

Save Dates for Diary

Friday 8th December, 1:00pm Wreath Making afternoon, approx., £15. At St. Cuthberts.

Prayer for Peace

As the fever of day calms towards twilight. May all that is strained in us come to ease. We pray for all who suffered violence today. May an unexpected serenity surprise them.. For those who risk their lives each day for peace. May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.. That those who make riches from violence and war. Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.. That we might see through our fear of each other. A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.. That those who enjoy the privilege of peace. Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters That the wolf might lie down with the lamb. That our swords be beaten into ploughshares. And no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the holy mountain.

John O'Donohue Benedictus A Book of Blessings