

## MASS READINGS

### THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A FIRST READING

*Wisdom is found by those who look for her*

**Wisdom 6: 12-16**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown, be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### Responsorial Psalm

Response: ***For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.***

**Psalm 62**

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| <p>1. O God, you are my God, for you I long<br/>For you my soul is thirsting.<br/>My body pines for you<br/>like a dry, weary land without water.</p>                       | <p>2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary<br/>to see your strength and your glory.<br/>For your love is better than life,<br/>my lips will speak your praise.</p> |
| <p>3. So I will bless you all my life,<br/>in your name I will lift up my hands.<br/>My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,<br/>my mouth shall praise you with joy.</p> | <p>4. On my bed I remember you.<br/>On you I muse through the night<br/>for you have been my help;<br/>in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.</p>               |

### SECOND READING

*God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus*

**Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command the Lord himself will come down from heaven: those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*

**Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him. 'At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you: you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves. 'They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said 'open the door for us.' But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you. 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

## The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
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Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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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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## 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year – A

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> Joan Gray
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish Live stream	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> George Miller
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Gergano Rio	
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>7:00pm: Mass:</b> Raymond Howe	
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year - A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> Anne Baker 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](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, 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 Storer, Joan Gray, Andrew Elsdon, Linda Arkley, Frank Whillis, Agnes Fan and all those who have died recently.

### Remembrance Sunday

This weekend remember all those who have sacrificed their lives in the defence of our nation. We also remember current victims of war and violence, praying for peace flowing from true justice that will enable last peace and reconciliation.

### Partnership Remembrance Service

This will be at St Edward's, Coquet Av, Whitley Bay, NE26 1DS on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm. During this service the names of all who have died in the partnership including this parish will be read out.

### First Holy Communion Programme 2023 -24

We have the first of our First Holy Communion Liturgies this weekend with our 'Welcome Liturgy. We pray for our candidates who will hopefully make their First Holy Communion in June of next year.

### 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.'

### Experiencing Loss Café

Thank-you to all contributed to this event, generously sharing their experiences of loss. Very moving

### Christmas Coffee Morning

This will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am Requests please for items for both chocolate and general tombola. Prizes for the raffle, any unwanted gifts for jewellery and gift stalls and Toys in good conditions. Deadline for donations Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November with the exception of cakes on the day.

### International Synod

The full synthesis of the Synod Report can be found at: <https://www.synod.va/.../2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf>. There are 3 main parts making up twenty sections. Each of the Sections consist of 'Convergences', 'Matters for Consideration', and Proposals. The 3 main parts are: The Face of a Synodal Church, All Disciples, All Missionaries' and 'Weaving Bonds and

Building Communities'. As Christopher Lamb in the Tablet has said that there will be a major shake-up in the Church, with women having more roles in ministry, an overhaul of seminary training, mandatory parish councils and lay involvement in decision making and a revision of Canon Law. The issue of women ordained as deacons has been keenly discussed with no agreement as yet reached.

When I receive some helpful summaries, I will make them available. Please keep this process in your prayers

### Mercy Associates

Mercy Associates Christmas Food Parcel Appeal will run between 11<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Feedback from Meeting of Liturgy and Formation Group

At the meeting of the group the following was agreed:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from c.6.20pm to 6.55 before the 7.00pm Friday Mass, to pray for peace.
- Special Ministers are asked to stay behind at Mass for a brief meeting on November 25 & 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss a couple aspects of this ministry.
- From the First Sunday of Advent, we will have various cribs displayed in both churches.. Please feel free to bring a crib.

### A Light in the Darkness

The Diocesan Liturgical Team are inviting all who have suffered the loss of a child to service of Remembrance and Consolation on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 3:00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead. Please see poster at back for more details.

### A Note of Thanks

Thank-you to all our friends for the prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and donations for my much loved husband Stan. We are truly grateful. God bless you from Maureen Storer and family.

### 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.

### 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: waste. Carry a shopping bag. Since the plastic bag charge was introduced in England, there's been a massive 85% drop in their use. Many of us are used to carrying an extra bag with us – if you still find it hard to remember, try a foldaway one that you can carry in a handbag or pocket.

### Clergy Training Fund

The fund to train priests and deacons was launched last weekend. I will keep this appeal open for another week.

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

### Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 1pm-4pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November. All are welcome to attend.

### Proud Catholics

Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st November, at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Worswick Street, Newcastle. We will examine some of the Biblical texts which are used against LGBTQ+ people, considering whether alternative interpretations are possible. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. This will be followed by our usual social time and bring-and-share refreshments. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

### Tyne and Wear Citizens Delegates Assembly & Training

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 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>.

### “CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.”

### 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.

### Invitation From The Sacred Heart Sisters In Fenham

The Society of the Sacred Heart has spent the last year giving thanks and celebrating their arrival in England on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1842. This year the celebration of our 180 years in this country draws to a close on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We, the sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared our mission of Education in Fenham over the years as students, pupils, staff and friends from the Sacred Heart schools or St Mary's Teacher Training College to join us for Mass in St Robert's Church, Bolbec Road, Fenham at 6.p.m. on that day. Come along and meet old friends. Bishop Seamus will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. To have some idea of numbers for the Mass leaflets please RSVP to [rsCIFenham@yahoo.com](mailto:rsCIFenham@yahoo.com) by November 30<sup>th</sup> or leave a message on 0191 422 3840.

### 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 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.  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10:00.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.