

## MASS READINGS

### CHRIST THE KING - A

#### FIRST READING

*As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

**Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17**

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**Psalm 22**

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| <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd;<br/>there is nothing I shall want.<br/>Fresh and green are the pastures<br/>where he gives me repose.</p> <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me<br/>in the sight of my foes.<br/>My head you have anointed with oil;<br/>my cup is overflowing.</p> | <p>2. Near restful waters he leads me,<br/>to revive my drooping spirit.<br/>He guides me along the right path;<br/>he is true to his name.</p> <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me<br/>all the days of my life.<br/>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell<br/>for ever and ever.</p> |
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#### SECOND READING

*He will hand over the kingdom of God the Father; so that God may be all in all.*

**Corinthians 15:20-26. 28**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

#### Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men from one another.*

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

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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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## 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Christ the King– A

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> Aileen Ashton
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King - A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>Live stream</b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Catherine Ibbs
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>9.00am Exposition</b> <b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Joan Gray	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>11.30am Requiem Mass for Les Bagnall</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Special Intention
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>6.15pm Exposition</b> <b>7:00pm: Service of Word and Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> Intentions for Kath Jasko <b>Live stream</b>	

#### 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:**

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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, 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 Agnes Fan, Les Bagnall, John O'Dowd, Elizabeth Davis and all those who have died recently.

### The Feast of Christ the King

This last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year is Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. YMT have taken the opportunity to share some Youth Ministry highlights since the last Youth Sunday, many of which would not be possible without the support of such wonderful chaplains, school staff and parishes, so on behalf of all of us at YMT, thank you. The "Youth Sunday News" is posted on our notice board. The retiring collection on Youth Sunday will go towards the work of YMT. Gift aid envelopes are available. We have a pastoral letter from Bishop Stephen focusing on the work of the Youth Ministry Team. This feast allows to celebrate the key theme of Jesus's teaching which is the emergence of the Kingdom of God. This is brought out in the preface for the feast

*As King He claims dominion over all creation,  
that He may present to You, His almighty Father,  
an eternal and universal kingdom:  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.*

May we as the Body of Christ be a living sign and instrument of this Kingdom.

### 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 on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you would like to take part. Your ideas will be much appreciated.

### Christmas Liturgies

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

### Masses for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

### Masses for Christmas Day

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5:00pm Mass at St Joseph's  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 8:00pm Mass at St Cuthbert's  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am Mass at St Cuthbert's

### Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Les Bagnall will be on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.

### Israeli-Palestinian Conflict & CAFOD Appeal

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." You are able to 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."

### Christmas Coffee Morning

This will be this coming Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am. Members of the Social Group will be gathering on Friday 1.30pm to help get the hall ready. Any offers of help that afternoon would be most appreciated. A volunteer is also needed to oversee the Toy Stall. Any donations for the tombola, and gift stalls will be gratefully received. Cakes can be brought that morning. Your hard work is much appreciated.

### Reflections for Advent

The diocese will be offering daily reflections for Advent on its website. They can be seen at <https://bit.ly/DHNAAdvent>. 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://jpshearsbury.files.wordpress.com/2023/11/advent-reflection-sheet-2023-a4-5-2.pdf>)

### St Thomas More High School

About 30 pupils will be joining us for Mass on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30. They will be very welcome.

### St Joseph's Primary School Advent Mass

In preparation for Advent, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November all of St Joseph's Primary School will join us for Mass at 9.30 and they will lead the singing. The Masses with the school are always joyous occasions. Parishioners enjoy being with the school

### 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<sup>th</sup> & 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.

### Pastoral Carers

This group will meet on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Joseph's at 7.00pm. We will review the recent Death and Bereavement Cafes and explore the establishment of a group to help Fr Chris with pastoral care for the dying and bereaved. All are welcome

### Proclaimers

This group will meet on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Cuthbert's at 7.00pm. This group seeks to develop the evangelising and prophetic outreach ministries of the parish. We will be reviewing the Citizens training and delegates assembly. We will also be hearing about our attempt to become a Live Simply Parish. We will further explore how we can effectively witness during the Advent and Christmas Period.

### 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: Washing your clothes on shorter, cooler laundry cycles saves energy and money, and also helps your clothes last longer

### Showing of the Old Oak

The Cedarwood on Avon Avenue, Meadow Well, NE29 7QT have been given permission by the makers of the film the Old Oak to put on a showing of the film for free. This will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. there are about 35 seats so door open at 9:30. There will be a discussion about the film from c.11.45. All are welcome. The film is about the response from local people in a former mining village in County Durham when Syrian refugees arrived in 2016. It is a powerful film.

### Newman Association

The meeting for 29<sup>th</sup> November has had to be cancelled due to the speaker being ill. They hope to rearrange the speaker for the new year..

### Wreath Making

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

### Tyne and Wear Citizens Delegates Assembly

There were two hundred people in the Banquet Suite at Newcastle Civic. There were 13 parishioners though some were in other institutions such as St Thomas More School.. The three campaigns we voted to focus on was Racial Justice in Education, Cost of Living and Housing. I will share more about these campaigns at a later time. As a parish we agreed that the most pressing issue in the area was the lack of affordable and adequate housing.

The next big Citizens event will be our Assembly for the new North East Mayoral Combined Authority election in the Spring, where we will present our 'asks' to the candidates. This will be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Tyne Opera and Theatre on the West Road from 6-8pm. More about this in the new year

### 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 91146513

### Save Dates for Diary

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 10:00.am Parish Christmas Coffee Morning at St Cuthberts.  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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