

**MASS READINGS**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B**

**FIRST READING**

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

**Samuel 3:3-10. 19**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

**Psalm 39**

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| <p>1. I waited, I waited for the Lord<br/>and he stooped down to me;<br/>he heard my cry.<br/>He put a new song in my mouth,<br/>praise of our God.</p> | <p>2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,<br/>but an open ear.<br/>You do not ask for holocaust and victim.<br/>Instead, here I am.</p> |
| <p>3. In the scroll of the book it stands written<br/>that I should do your will.<br/>My God, I delight in your law<br/>in the depth of my heart.</p>   | <p>4. Your justice I have proclaimed<br/>in the great assembly.<br/>My lips I have not sealed;<br/>you know it, O Lord.</p>                     |

**SECOND READING**

*Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.*

**Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20**

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too. You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

**ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.*

**John 1:35-42**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah,' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas,' – meaning Rock.

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

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
*Albion Road West  
North Shields*

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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**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> Monica Knight <b>Live stream</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass</b> Ada Storey
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:00am Exposition</b> <b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Barney and Agnes Conway	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass:</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6.15pm: Exposition</b> <b>7:00pm: Mass:</b>	
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>Live stream</b>	

**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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time -Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and those who care for them, Victims of human trafficking and those who combat it; the Unemployed

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, 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 Patricia Skelly, Joseph Mulgrove, Jim Campbell, Pat Lowndes, Fr John Gibbons and all those who have died recently.

### Holy Year of Prayer

In preparation for the Year of Jubilee and the Synod Pope Frances has announced that 2024 is a Holy Year of Prayer. He has written a reflection on prayer for each week of the year. During this year I will try, if space allows to offer an extract for each week. Here is the extract for this week on vocal prayer

“Prayer is dialogue with God; and every creature, in a certain sense, “dialogues” with God. Within the human being, prayer becomes word, invocation, hymn, poetry... The divine Word is made flesh, and in each person’s flesh the word returns to God in prayer. We create words, but they are also our mothers, and to some extent they shape us. The words of a prayer get us safely through a dark valley, lead us towards green pastures rich in water, and enable us to feast in the presence of an enemy, as the Psalm teaches us (cf. Ps 23). Words are born from feelings, but there is also the reverse path, whereby words shape feelings. The Bible educates people to ensure that everything comes to light through the word, that nothing human is excluded, censored. Above all, pain is dangerous if it stays hidden, closed up within us... Pain that is closed up within us, that cannot express or give vent to itself, can poison the soul. It is deadly This is why Sacred Scripture teaches us to pray, sometimes even with bold words. The sacred writers do not want to deceive us about the human person: they know that our hearts also harbour unedifying feelings, even hatred. None of us is born holy, and when these negative feelings come knocking at the door of our hearts, we must be capable of defusing them with prayer and with God’s words..

The words we speak take us by the hand; at times they restore flavour, they awaken even the sleepest of hearts; they reawaken feelings we had forgotten. And they lead us by the hand towards the experience of God.”

### Second Sunday of the Year

Though we are now in Ordinary time with green vestments being worn, the second Sunday of the Year continues to explore the idea of Epiphany, of the true significance of Christ being revealed to all people. In our Gospel we have a combination of assertions, questions, invitations, calling and affirmation all arising with encounters with Christ. In the journey of encounters with Christ, we are on a life long journey to discern the true meaning of his ‘epiphany’ to each one of us. We may know invitation to ‘come and see’ and being affirmed our true worth and unique calling.

### White Flower Appeal & Peace Sunday

On this second Sunday of the year and our first Sunday back in Ordinary time, there are two organisations that are asking for our support. They are the Society of the Unborn Child (SPUC) on this White Flower Appeal Sunday and Pax Christi on this Peace Sunday. Although it may seem unfortunate that both these organisations could be in competition for your limited resources and they have different focal points for the campaign but in seeking to protect the unborn child and seeking peace in the world of many and terrible conflicts both organisations are promoting a pro-life message and the dignity and worth of all. It is a call to promote genuine peace and justice throughout our world and in all aspects of humanity.

Pope Francis himself recently linked both issues in his recent address on the Feast of Holy Innocents on December 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 “How many innocents are being slaughtered in our world!” said Pope Francis. “In their mothers’ wombs, in odysseys undertaken in desperation and in search of hope, in the lives of all those little ones whose childhood has been devastated by war. They are the little Jesuses of today.”

If you can please support these groups efforts to acknowledge the dignity of all and promotion of the common good.

For more information for both groups go to:

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/> and <https://paxchristi.org.uk/>

### First Holy Communion Liturgy

This week-end we have the next of our First Holy Communion Liturgies for our First Holy Communion Candidates. As they prepare for their first confession we will focus as part of the penitential rite God’s forgiveness for us all

### The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This week of Prayer is from 17<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. This year, Church Together have asked if we would be willing to host and lead the service of worship, which I said we would. This will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm at St Cuthbert’s.

This year the resources for the week of prayer have been written by an ecumenical gathering of Christian in the African Country of Burkina Faso. The theme is ‘You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself’ (Lk 10:27). The key story is the parable of the Good Samaritan. This well-known story has great resonance for the people of this land since like the character in the Gospel there have been many victims of violence who have needed the love of the stranger and outsider.

If anyone would like to contribute to this service as a reader or musician any offers of help will be much appreciated.

For more information, please go to <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/>

### Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm. This will be the last meeting of the Council in its present form. Many of the Council have finished their terms. Nominations are now open. Anyone needs to be nominated and seconded. I hope our nominations will reflect the great diversity within our parish.

### Mass on Thursday Morning

I am pleased to announce that from next Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> January, the practice that took place before lockdown will resume on a Thursday morning, with pupils from St Joseph’s Primary School joining us for Mass at 9.30am. It will probably be full classes so on some occasions we will need to be in the Church, but not for next week.

### Music Ministry at St Joseph’s

Suggestions as to what we should do when the Music group are not playing will be much appreciated.

### Social Group

There is a meeting of the Parish Social Group on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at St Cuthbert’s at 7pm. All are welcome.

### Young People in the Parish

Our young people met at the start of December. It was decided that a consultation process would take place in St Thomas More School as to what would encourage young people to be more active in our faith communities. I am also very happy to hear from young people as to what would encourage more involvement in the parish.

### 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: Marine environments are being damaged by industrial overfishing and pollution from intensive fish farming. Look out for sustainably caught fish products with labels such as MSC (wild caught) and ASC (responsibly farmed).

### Youth Ministry Conference – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024

This Youth Ministry and Practical Theology Conference is YMT’s first conference since the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to gathering with youth ministers, catechists, clergy, teachers, staff and volunteer co-workers from across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and beyond! The theme for the conference is “Investing in the Fearlessness of Youth”, inspired by a quote from Pope Francis’ letter, Christus Vivit (Chapter 7 no. 233). We hope you can join us for this Youth Ministry Conference. Booking is now open, and you can either email [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or book online here:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam). Online booking will apply booking fees.

### Training for Readers

An introductory course which supports New Readers of the of the Liturgy of the Word in this ministry. Dates:

Session 1: Monday 15 January 2024, 7.00-9.00pm

Session 2: Saturday 20 January 2024, 10.30am-3.00pm (to include a Commissioning Service)\*

\*Participants to bring a packed lunch for the day event - tea and coffee provided. Location: St Mary, Dockendale Lane, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne. NE16 4EN.

Cost: £12.50 per person

Please let Fr Chris or Catherine in the office know if you would like to take part in this course.

### Proud Catholics

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th January, at 7.30pm. Just before the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will welcome representatives from a number of LGBTQ+ inclusive churches in Newcastle, to share our experiences of this ministry as lay and ordained Christians. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

### Newman Association

“Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear about Root & Branch - an exciting new forum for reform, working for ‘a safe, just and inclusive Roman Catholic Church’. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle [NB new venue], on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. For more information about Root & Branch, see [www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org)”

### Diocesan Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> January.

HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle/hybrid – part-time. Closing date 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Durham – part-time. Closing date 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

### School Chaplaincy Vacancy

St Thomas More Catholic School, [Blaydon-On-Tyne](http://Blaydon-On-Tyne) are seeking to appoint a School Chaplain

Permanent, 37hrs per week, term time only plus 10 days

(includes 5 Inset days)

To arrange an informal visit, please contact the school.

Telephone number: 0191 499 0111 Email address:

[recruitment@stthomasmore.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@stthomasmore.org.uk) School website:

[www.stthomasmore.org.uk](http://www.stthomasmore.org.uk)

Closing Date: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

### 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

### 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