

**MASS READINGS**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - B**

**FIRST READING**

*The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.*

**Jonah 3:1-5. 10**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: Lord, make me know your ways.**

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways.<br/>Lord, teach me your paths.<br/>Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:<br/>for you are God my saviour.</p>              | <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord,<br/>and the love you have shown from of old.<br/>In your love remember me,<br/>because of your goodness, O Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is good and upright.<br/>He shows the path to those who stray,<br/>he guides the humble in the right path;<br/>he teaches his way to the poor.</p> |   |

**Psalm 24**

**SECOND READING**

*The world as we know it is passing away.*

**Corinthians 7:29-31**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The kingdom of God is close at hand; believe the Good News. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

**Mark 1:14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

**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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**20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream</b>	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>		
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		<b>9.30am: Word and Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Ada Storey</b>	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass: Verna &amp; Tommy Welsh</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6.15pm: Exposition 7:00pm: Mass: Kamil Bibivosa</b>	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Stephen Welsh 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 Jane Parker, Albert Cunningham, Helen Ferry, Jim Campbell, Pat Lowndes, Carole Burdis and all those who have died recently.

### Holy Year of Prayer

In preparation for the Year of Jubilee and the Synod Pope Francis 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.

“Third Sunday of the Year (Sunday of the Word of God)  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

Our Sunday readings this week help us to see the Lord teaching us his ways. Through them we are taught to consider how we use our time on earth, to use our lives for God, to repent of sin and to believe and share God's good news. As we ponder on the scriptures, we see we are called to follow Christ and to imitate his ways.

Jesus is not a distant God, and he cannot be so. Incarnation revealed him in a complete and humanly unthinkable way. Thus, inaugurating his mission, Jesus places himself at the forefront of a people of penitents, as if charging himself with opening a breach through which all of us, after him, must have the courage to pass. However, the road, the journey, is difficult; but he goes ahead, opening the way. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that this is the newness of the fullness of time. It says: “his filial prayer, which the Father awaits from his children, is finally going to be lived out by the only Son in his humanity, with and for men” (no. 2599). Jesus prays with us. Let us keep this clear in our mind and in our heart: Jesus prays with us.

On that day, on the bank of the River Jordan, there is therefore all of humanity, with its unexpressed yearning for prayer. There is, above all, the population of sinners: those who thought they could not be loved by God, those who did not dare cross the threshold of the temple, those who did not pray because they did not consider themselves worthy. Jesus came for everyone, even for them, and he begins precisely by joining them. At the forefront.

### Third Sunday of the Year

It is only now that we begin to go through St Mark's Gospel. We have the call of the first disciples. I note how those early disciples were going about their ordinary work when grace came suddenly into their lives in the form of our lives.

Whether it is for payment or voluntary work or housework, a lot of time is spent on work. Where does grace suddenly come through in our work?

For those whose work is unrewarding we remember them in our prayers.

Today is Word of God Sunday, so we will spend some time reflecting quietly on the Gospel passage.

The Bible in a year Resource with daily reflection on YouTube. This can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeXS0cAkuTPqFMTZQ379qdEmcfxO1SvXc>.

### White Flower Appeal & Peace Sunday

These two appeals from last week are being kept open for this week.

Pope Francis himself recently linked both issues in his recent address on the Feast of Holy Innocents on 28<sup>th</sup> December 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/>

### The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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.

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

### Sick and Retired Priests

Please see a note from Fr Peter Stott in his role as superior of the Northern Brethren Fund

“I wish to record my thanks to you and to your parishioners for yours and their generosity in both promoting and collecting for the Sick and Retired Priests Collection last April.

The Collection raised £38,152.33 and we also received a further £24,300 in Private Donations from people around the diocese sent directly to us, some with Gift Aid, or via BACS.

So we received in total £62,452.33 which is an increase in the previous year which is wonderful.

I would be very grateful if at some stage you are able to thank the parishioners for their generosity.

With very many thanks and appreciation in what you do to support the NBF and Sick and Retired Priests Fund.”

### Live Simply Award

The parish is going to be assessed for the Live Simply Award at the end of February. Our parish link Anne Greaves, will say a few words at the end of Mass on Sunday Morning

### 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: Combat food waste by freezing or composting surplus vegetables, or make them into soups, chutneys or cake.

### 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

Thank-you to one of our parishioners, Amede Nnorom, who took part in this training. She says she found it insightful.

### Teas and Coffee on a Wednesday Morning

I would like to offer my thanks to members of the social group who have kindly offered to re-start offering teas and coffees in the upstairs room after the 9.30 Mass on a Wednesday morning. The hope is to have a rota for people to take turns to make the teas and coffees. All volunteers are welcome.

### 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)”

### Music Ministry at St Joseph's

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

### 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

### Rosary group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom.

Day: Thursday - Time: 7:30pm

For more information contact Ruth Corless at:

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### 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

### DATE FOR DIARY

Shrove Tuesday – 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00pm

Pancake Night at St Cuthbert's

Quiz & Raffle

### 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*