

## MASS READINGS

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

#### FIRST READING

*Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Isaiah 60:1-6

#### Responsorial Psalm

Response: *All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

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| <p>1. O God, give your judgement to the king,<br/>to a king's son your justice,<br/>that he may judge your people in justice<br/>and your poor in right judgement.</p>   | <p>2. In his days justice shall flourish<br/>and peace till the moon fails.<br/>He shall rule from sea to sea,<br/>from the Great River to earth's bounds.</p> |
| <p>3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts<br/>shall pay him tribute.<br/>The kings of Sheba and Seba<br/>shall bring him gifts.<br/>Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,<br/>all nations shall serve him.</p> | <p>4. For he shall save the poor when they cry<br/>and the needy who are helpless.<br/>He will have pity on the weak<br/>and save the lives of the poor.</p>   |

Psalm 71

#### SECOND READING

*It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just described it very shortly. This that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel. The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

*We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Matthew 2:1-12

## 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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## 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Epiphany of the Lord

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany of the Lord	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of the Lord	9.30: Mass Joan Gray	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January		9.30: Word and Communion
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am Exposition 9.30am: Mass: Ada Story	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January		9.30am: Mass:
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	7:00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> January		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B	11:00am: Mass: Monica Knight 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 Advent & Christmas- Migrants and Refugees, expectant mothers, peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land. 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, Fr John Gibbons and all those who have died recently.

### Happy New Year

For this first week-end of the New Year I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and all those you love, a grace-filled and joyous 2024. I would also like to wish all pupils and staff in our schools every best wish and success as a new term begins. I am very grateful to the inspiring contribution all our Catholic Schools in North Shields give to the life of our parish.

### Feasts of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas period comes to an end this week-end with the Feasts of the Epiphany for the Sunday and the Feast of the Baptism. Since these are both great Solemnities, I will say Mass for the Baptism of the Lord on the Monday Morning (taking the Tuesday off). Epiphany and Incarnation are the great themes of Christmas. Incarnation acknowledges that Christ is human and divine. Epiphany celebrates that the true significance of Christ is revealed by signs and wonders that people experienced in their encounters with him. Now we may wish that we too saw such signs and wonders, would that not help our faith! However, like the Magi we are on a journey. This is a journey of discernment and reflection. We all have the responsibility to discern what God's call for us. Likewise, the process that the significance of the Christ event of reach one of is a process, times when we gradually appreciate aspects of his life that relate to our own or there are moments' when the 'penny drops'. So, although there maybe not be spectacular signs and wonder if your life, the journey of discernment and reflection is one we are all called to make and in being called to be open to the Spirit and signs of the times as individuals and as a community, we can have our personal epiphanies that lead us closer to the true significance of Christ our Saviour for us.

### 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/>

### Mercy Associates

The Mercy Associates and St Joseph's School would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Mercy Christmas Parcel Appeal. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you and we wish you a happy and peaceful New Year.

### Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of 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.

### Liturgy and Formation Group

This group will meet at St Joseph's on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of January at 7pm. Our main focus will be on preparing for Lent! Just five weeks away All are welcome

### Music Ministry at St Joseph's & St Cuthbert's

I am very grateful for the wonderful contributions made by both music groups. They help to show that our parish is lively and joyful. Along with the strong welcoming aspect of our community it helps new parishioners and visitors feel quickly that they belong.

The group at St Joseph's have in recent months lost some of their key personnel and so they have informed me that they can only now commit to playing once a month, which will be the first Sunday of the Month. Like all contributions to parish life, I am very grateful for any contributions you as parishioners can make appreciating the limitation on time, resources and energies that people face.

I will reflect on what is possible for the vigil Mass. It maybe a combination of some Masses being quiet and contemplative and others using the CD backing tracks. I am also aware that there maybe others who are keeping their musical light under a bushel so to speak. So, if you think you could offer something for the musical ministry for the Vigil Mass, please let me know. I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to the African members of St Cuthbert's who will lead an 'African Choir' the third Sunday of each month. If there are other groups who would like to offer a contribution to the Liturgy at either Church, please contact me.

### Proclaimers

Our outreach group will be meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of January at St Joseph's at 7pm. Please note change of usual venue. The Regional SVP group are meeting at St Cuthbert's that evening. Our main focus will be preparing for the CAFOD assessment for our application to become a Live Simply Parish. Please note change of venue since the chapel and upper room are being used that evening.

### 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: Avoid excessive food packaging by buying loose fruit and vegetables when you can.

### 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

### 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 gather 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.

### DHN Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council AGM

Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 11am to 3.30 pm (welcome and refreshments from 10.30am) At St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle In the conference room (formerly the Mercy Hub) Theme: Integrity in Church and Public Life. Keynote speaker: Sir John Battle, former Labour MP and chair of the Leeds RC diocese commission for Justice and Peace. A light vegetarian lunch will be provided. All are welcome! Book your place by email to [lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com) by January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please let them know of any sensory, physical or communication access needs which we need to take into consideration to allow your full participation.

Sir John Battle, is a former seminarian, founder of Church Action on Poverty, an MP from 1987 to 2010 and was a minister in the Blair Government. I genuinely cannot think of anyone else in this country who has the depth of understanding and experience of applying Catholic Social Teaching than he has. Worth listening to

### Proud Catholics

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> 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/>

### 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 Anne, Darlington – part-time. Closing date 11<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.

### 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.

### Northern Catholic Calendar

Copies of the 2024 Edition are now available. 'Flat' version £3.00 and Ring bound £3.50.

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This week's tip: Buy Fairtrade where you can. Traidcraft stock a wide range of Fairtrade products from coffee and biscuits to cleaning products and homeware. Available from <https://www.wearefairtrade.com>. Supermarkets also stock a wide range of Fairtrade goods.

### 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