

# MASS READINGS

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - B

### FIRST READING

*The remnant of my flock I will gather and I will raise up shepherds to look after them.*

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 22**

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

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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.<br/>Near restful waters he leads me,<br/>to revive my drooping spirit.</p> | <p>2. He guides me along the right path;<br/>he is true to his name.<br/>If I should walk in the valley of darkness<br/>no evil would I fear.<br/>You are there with your crook and your staff;<br/>with these you give me comfort.</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>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>  |

### SECOND READING

*Christ Jesus is the peace between us, and has made the two into one.*

**Ephesians 2:13-18**

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

*They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

**Mark 6:30-34**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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### Parish Schools

**St Thomas More High School:** <https://stmacademy.org.uk/>

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## 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - B

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: Brian Stobbs</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream</b>	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>		
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass:</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Philip Howells</b>	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>1.30pm: Funeral Service for Jean Hain</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>12.30 Requiem Mass for Stan Llewelyn 6.15pm: Exposition 7.00pm: Mass:</b>	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Mary Elizabeth Baker 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:**

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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time-Summer - A Deeper Understanding between Christian and Jews; those suffering Persecution, Oppression or Denial of Human Rights; The People of Europe; the Sanctity of Human Life; Seafarers. We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Jean Slater, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Mary Quinn, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, and Antoni Kulik. Please pray for Stan Llewellyn, Jean Hain, Brian Stobbs, Edward Golightly, Peter Horn, Fr Cornelius O'Connor and for all those who have died recently.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

This the last time we have a passage from Mark's Gospel for over a month. In the passage that immediately follows this one we have the miracle of the loaves and fishes. In the following week we will have John's version of that story before we have Jesus's reflection on 'the bread of life'. But for this week the predominant image is not bread or any type of food but on the common image of that time, that of sheep and shepherd. What is striking is Jesus being so attentive to the needs of those around him. He is conscious on the needs of the apostles and for their need for space and quiet as they seek to escape the crowd, but when faced with the chasing crowds we see Jesus visibly moved. The translation 'he took pity on them' is a poor translation for a word I would translate 'he had a gut reaction' when saw them as sheep without a shepherd. Here is a call to be attentive and responsive to those around us. It is also a reminder of a God who is attentive and responsive to us. What would Jesus' reaction be to our own situation today and the situation of the world.

### Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider the prayer of David. Called by God to become King of Israel, David was deeply formed by his early experiences as a shepherd, which he would draw upon in leading his people. The young David was also a lover of music and poetry, and it was from his lyrical appreciation for the wonder of God's creation that his prayer was born. We see this reflected in the many psalms traditionally attributed to his authorship. David – as pastor and king – prefigures Jesus the Good Shepherd and universal King, whose prayerful relationship with his heavenly Father sustained his whole life. David, for his part, was both saint and sinner, full of contradictions, yet in his vocation of leadership he was constant in prayerful dialogue with God. Our lives too are often marked by contradictory forces and incoherent impulses, but if, like David, we persevere in prayer – whatever our own vocation and the difficulties we may face – we will come to know the closeness of the Lord and be able to share this joy with others.

### Funerals

The funeral service of Jean Hain will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm at St Cuthbert's. The Reception of Stan Llewellyn will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm at St Cuthbert's. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's

### 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:** From the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, to SPUC & other pro-life groups to various anti-poverty groups, there are calls for the new government to scrap the limit of child benefit to two children. To take part in this campaign go to: <https://www.povertyalliance.org/campaigns-projects/scrap-the-cap-campaign/>

### Safeguarding in the Diocese and the Parish.

In the light of what happened in recent years in the Diocese, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is keenly working with the diocese to ensure that the Diocese is compliant with all regulations and guidance. Apart of the inspection process, Bishop Stephen has informed us at that at any time the CSSA could do a spot check on the Diocese and any parish within it. In the light of this I have asked our parish safeguarding representative, Clare Harvey, to ensure that as a parish we are up to date with all Diocesan Safeguarding requirements. If you are approached by Clare to ensure diocesan compliance, I would be grateful if you assist her as much as possible.

### Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Director of Education. This role is crucial to the development and protection of Catholic Education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301. Closing date for applications: 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### Governor for St Thomas More

St Thomas More School are looking for another Foundation Governor. The person needs to be a practicing Catholic with experience of leadership and managing finances. If interested please contact Fr Chris.

### Invitation to Red Box Holders & Supporters

Fr Greg Price, Missio Diocesan Director, requests the pleasure of your company for a Hexham & Diocesan Mission Mass with Fr Anthony Chantry MHM National Director, Missio, England & Wales on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 11.130am at St Anne's Church, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington, DL1 2DR. Please join us for refreshments after Mass. To assist with planning if possible, please RSVP by 22<sup>nd</sup> July. E-mail: [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) or tel. 07593 544625.

### Spiritual Conversation and Diocesan Vision

As mentioned before I would like all parish groups to reflect on the diocesan vision statement issued by the Bishop at Pentecost. We are asked to reflect on the statement as a 'Spiritual Conversation'. If you would like to learn to more as to how Spiritual Conversations work in practice, I will be modelling the process on 31st July at St Cuthbert's at 7pm.

### Newman Tyneside Circle

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to a guided tour of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle (with particular attention to the stained-glass windows, including the new Kevin Nichols window). The tour will take place on Tuesday 6 August, at 2pm and will be followed by discussion, refreshments and an extraordinary general meeting of the circle.

### New to the UK

This ecumenical group support provided support to refugees and asylum seekers. It meets every Wednesday lunch time. One of our parishioners, Peter Quinn is the new leader to this project. If you would like to volunteer, I am sure Peter would love to hear from you.

### Working Document for October Synod

I mentioned in my sermon last week the Working Document for the Synod in October has been published. Here are some relevant quotes on the 3 main areas

#### Relations

Throughout the synodal process and from all regions of the globe, the request emerged for a Church less focused on bureaucracy and more capable of nurturing relationships with the Lord, between men and women, in the family, in the community, and between social groups. Only a web of relationships that weaves together the multiplicity of belongings can sustain individuals and communities, offering them points of reference and orientation and showing them the beauty of life according to the Gospel. It is in relationships - with Christ, with others, in the community - that faith is transmitted.

#### Pathways

Part II highlights the processes that ensure the care and development of relationships, especially union with Christ, oriented towards mission and the harmony of community life through the ability to face conflicts and difficulties together. This part focuses on four distinct but profoundly intertwined areas in the life of the missionary synodal Church:

Shared and Integral Formation, Ecclesial Discernment for Mission, Decision Making & Transparency, Accountability and Evaluation.

#### Places

The missionary synodal life of the Church, the vital relationships of which it is composed, and the pathways that enable its development should not overlook the concreteness and specificity of "place", that is, the Church placed within a given context and culture. Part III invites us to overcome a static vision of places that orders them by successive levels or degrees according to a pyramidal model (i.e. Parish, deanery, Diocese or Eparchy, ecclesiastical province, Episcopal Conference or Eastern hierarchical structure, and universal

Church). This has never been our vision. The network of relationships and the exchange of gifts between the Churches have always been interwoven as a web of relations rather than conceived as linear in form.

### Living Catholicism Today summer course,

How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

### 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: [ruthcorless@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthcorless@btinternet.com)

### 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

### Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass

Coffee is available after 9:30am Mass every Wednesday morning at St Cuthbert's. Everyone welcome.

### Dates for Diary

#### Trip to Holy Island - 31<sup>st</sup> August Bus leaves from St Cuthbert's at 9am

Anyone wishing to attend please put name and contact details on the lists available at both churches.

#### Creation Harvest Sunday – September 15<sup>th</sup> Parish General Meeting - September 29<sup>th</sup>

### 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