

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - B
FIRST READING

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33

Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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24th/25th August 2024 – 21st Sunday of the Year – B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 24 th August		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th August 21 st Sunday of the Year – B	11:00am: Mass: Stan Llewellyn Live stream	
Monday 26 th August		
Tuesday 27 th August		9.30am: Mass:
Wednesday 28 th August	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Stan Llewellyn	
Thursday 29 th August		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 30 th August	6.15pm: Exposition 7.00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 31 st August		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 1 st September 22 nd Sunday of the Year – B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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

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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, Antoni Kulik and Baby San born 2 months early on August 12th. Please pray for Joan Walton, Josephine Wilcock and for all those who have died recently.

21st Sunday of the Year

We come to the end of our interlude with St John's Gospel as we finish Chapter 6, next week we will continue with St Mark's Gospel. This passage and the whole of the chapter is constructed to conclude with the final proclamation we hear from St Peter at the end of the Gospel. When Jesus invites the apostles to walk away as others have done since they cannot accept his message St Peter speaks on behalf of all followers of Christ when he says "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe, we know that you are Holy One of God" The 'eternal life' is not a future event but the presence of God irrupting into our present world. In my homily I will be reflecting on the dynamic relationship of the past, present and future of our tradition. They are not a simple linear process. As an example of this dynamic aspect of our tradition I will mention the Saints we will celebrate in the coming week which are:

Monday August 26 th	St Ninian
Tuesday August 27 th	St Monica
Wednesday August 28 th	St Augustine
Thursday August 29 th	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Friday August 30 th	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward
Saturday August 31 st	St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne

I will be asking you focus on one of these feast day's and pray to that saint to explore how their embodiment of Christ's offer of 'eternal life' can inspire you.

Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the Church herself as a great school of prayer. Our parents, who first taught us to pray, planted within us a seed that matures through our experience of the Christian life. Through the example of other men and women of faith, through our sharing in the life of our parishes and above all through the sacred liturgy, we not only develop our prayer life as individuals, but gradually come to appreciate the richness of the Church's patrimony of prayer and spirituality. Particularly at difficult moments in life, we come to realize the importance of prayer in strengthening our faith and hope. History shows the importance of communities

of prayer – monasteries and religious congregations – for the spiritual renewal of the Church and of society as a whole. Prayer remains the wellspring of the Church's life and the true source of her strength in bearing witness to the risen Lord. For this reason, Jesus insists on the need of his disciples to pray tirelessly and without ceasing. To pray and to teach others to pray, then, is essential for the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel, serving Christ in our brothers and sisters, and drawing all people into the unity of his kingdom.

St Mary's Cullercoats & Our Lady's & St Oswin's Tynemouth

Canon Martin Stempczyk will preside at his last Mass in this parish on Sunday 8th September. I will preside at St Oswin's for the first time in my new role in having pastoral responsibility for this Church on Tuesday 10th September at 10.00am. My first Sunday Mass at this Church will be on September 15th at 9.30am. The last time Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's on a Tuesday morning at 9.30am will be September 3rd. We remember Canon Martin as he leaves after 11 years in that parish and we keep all the local parishes in our prayers at this time of transition.

Civil Unrest

Please reach out to those who may have felt threatened or vulnerable after the recent civil unrest. Even though there is peace and order on our streets again, the sense of fear and insecurity it has created, will take longer to heal.

Annual Missionary Appeal

Thank-you to all who donated the annual Missionary Appeal last Sunday, which for this year was for the Comboni Fathers, given by Fr Melaku Tafesse Amente I will keep the appeal open for this week. We pray for all missionaries.

Congratulations

Well done to all students who have received their exam results. We wish you every blessings and success for the next stage of your studies or training.

Adoremus 2024,

Adoremus is the title for the annual The National Eucharistic Congress, which for this year at St Mary's Oscott on Saturday the 14th September 2024.

A bus has been arranged to take the diocesan contingent with pick-up points at English Martyrs, Fenham, and tentative pickup points at Sunderland and Stockton depending on the number of people booking and agreeing to join us. We are hoping to start the trip from English Martyrs at about 4am-4.30am.

Costs are: Adult £25, Young person (age 16-24) £15, Family (1 adult, up to 3 children) £30, Family (2 adults, up to 3 children) £45. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Rev Alison Robello at: alisonrebello@yahoo.co.uk

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: Considering the impact of our food choices. The bishops of England and Wales have encouraged Catholics to continue the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays. Could you do this every week and perhaps choose to eat more plant-based foods on other days too, knowing that these contribute fewer emissions than meat production? As the Season of Creation approaches, what practice could adopt in terms of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, that would make our world a better place. For example, eat less meat or use public transport more often.

Season of Creation and Creation Harvest Sunday – September 15th

From next Sunday, September the 1st till October 4th, we will start the Season of Creation, where Pope Francis invites us to appreciate of God 's creation and to explore how we can care for our Common Home. On Sunday 15th September, we will have a celebration of Harvest with soup and bread available after the 11am Mass. Throughout the Season of Creation you can bring any donations of food, which will be shared with Nite Bite and New to the UK. For more information regarding the Season of Creation go to: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/the-season-of-creation-1-september-4-october-2024/> and <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Journey of Faith

The Journey of Faith programme will begin once again in the autumn. The sessions usually take place at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay from September/October until the following Easter season. Sessions run every other week with each session lasting approximately an hour and a half. Anyone interested in joining the Catholic Faith Community is most welcome to attend the course, as are those who may wish to share their faith or develop deeper understanding and knowledge about their faith. A number of topics are covered ie the Church, Sacraments, the Mass, Old and New Testaments as well as reflections and discussions about the weekly Sunday Gospel. If you or anyone you know who may be interested please contact Fr Chris.

St Thomas More High School

An exciting opportunity has become available to contribute to the success of St Thomas More as a Foundation Governor. Are you a practising Catholic who has a background in Finance or Management? Being a Foundation Governor in a Catholic school is very rewarding and a great way to live out your faith and serve your community. Foundation Governors work closely with the Headteacher as part of the Local Governing Committee and help to implement the strategic direction of the school and promoting

high standards of educational achievement, along with monitoring budgets and staff structures. Foundation Governors are appointed for a term of four years. Criteria to become a Foundation Governor: are a practising Catholic,, able to obtain a reference from the Priest in the Parish where you regularly worship, be able to meet three times a term for a couple hours on an evening and review all documentation prior to the meeting, an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Check (DBS). We will support you with: comprehensive training and induction. For further information or to arrange a meeting with the Chair of Governors please email governance@stmacademy.org.uk by Friday 6th September.

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

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
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Buildings Facilitators

Please contact Linda Shotton or Charlie Tynan at St Cuthbert's and Allan Badenhope and Jim McLearn at St Joseph's if there is an issue or query with the buildings and grounds at the respective Churches.

Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass

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

**Dates for Diary
Trip to Holy Island - 31st 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. Cost £18pp.

**Creation Harvest Sunday – September 15th
Parish General Meeting - September 29th**

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