

## MASS READINGS

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - B

#### FIRST READING

*The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

#### SECOND READING

*God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

#### Alleluia

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

#### GOSPEL

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**Isaiah 35:4-7**

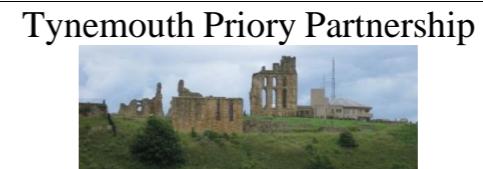
**Psalm 145**

**James 2:1-5**

**Mark 7:31-37**

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

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#### Parish Schools

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

St Cuthbert's Primary School: <https://www.stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk/>

St Joseph's Primary School: <https://www.stjosephsrc-primary.co.uk/>

#### Partnership Telephone Numbers

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## 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – B

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year – B	11:00am: Mass: Stan Llewellyn Live stream		9:30am: Mass:
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September			
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September			10:00am: Mass Jenny Cawood
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	9:30am: Mass 10.30 :Funeral Service for Audrey Lewis	:	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September		9:30am: Mass:	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	7:00pm: Mass:		
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September		5:30pm: Mass: Alma Fox	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Maureen & Gordon Hogg

#### 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.northynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

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 12<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Audrey Lewis, Sarah (Sally) Webster, Sarah Cain, Josephine Wilcock and for all those who have died recently.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year

I think it is not an accident that those who have constructed the lectionary have decided to place the Gospel story of the man born deaf and dumb being healed, of his senses being made open to the reality of the world and to hear and respond to Jesus, before the key moment in next week's Gospel of Jesus being proclaimed the Christ by St Peter. It is not just the man in the gospel who is called to respond to the cry of 'Be opened', it addressed to us as his followers as well. Openness to Christ but also open to our world, so we can hear and see the cries of people and the earth. Openness to grace and open to our world is a transformation that is for us all.

### Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider its essential characteristics. Prayer involves our entire being yearning for some "other" beyond ourselves. Specifically Christian prayer is born from the realization that the "other" we are seeking has been revealed in the tender face of Jesus, who teaches us to call God "Father", and wants personally to enter into relationship with us. In his farewell discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus no longer calls his disciples servants but friends. When we commune with God in prayer, we need not be fearful, for he is a friend, a trusted ally. Whatever our situation, or however poorly we may think of ourselves, God is always faithful, and willing to embrace us in mercy. We see this unconditional love on Calvary, for the Lord never stops loving, even to the end. Let us seek to pray by entering into this mystery of God's unending Covenant with us. This is the burning heart of every Christian prayer: entrusting ourselves to the loving and merciful arms of our heavenly Father.

### Canon Martin Stempczyk.

This week-end Canon Martin leaves St Mary's Cullercoats & Our Lady's & St Oswin's Tynemouth having been parish priest for eleven years to take up his new role as Parish Priest of St Patrick's Felling and St Alban's Pelaw. We wish him every grace and blessings as he takes up new role

### Our Lady's & St Oswin's Tynemouth

With Canon Martin leaving this week-end, the new arrangement will regarding the pastoral care for St Mary's and St Oswin's will begin this week. Mgr. Faley will be the Parochial Administrator of the parish, celebrating the Sacraments at Cullercoats and I will do likewise at Tynemouth. I will be presiding at St Oswin's every Tuesday at 10.00am and every Sunday at 9.30am, starting this week. Thank-you for your prayers and best wishes for this new arrangement.

### Baptism

This Sunday at 1pm at St Joseph's we will have the baptism of Kevin Reci. We pray for him and his family as he is united in Christ and becomes a member of this community of disciples.

### Funeral Service

The Funeral service for Audrey Lewis will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am. May she rest in peace. We pray for her and her family.

### Parish Council

The Parish Council will be meeting this Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Cuthbert's.

### Liturgy and Formation Group

This group which explores how to develop the liturgy and adult formation in the parish will meet at St Joseph's Presbytery on Tuesday 10th September. All are welcome.

### Week of Prayer for Peace in Israel/Palestine

16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> of September is the annual week of Prayer for Peace in Israel/Palestine. Our prayers are very much needed. We will have a Holy Hour at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am

### North Shields Hub of Tyne and Wear Citizens

The next meeting of the hub will be at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. Our main focus will be to discuss the follow up meeting with Sir Alan Campbell that he promised would take place within 100 days of his election.

### 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: Be an ethical shopper. Look out for Fairtrade and cruelty-free labels, avoid products containing palm oil, buy local and second-hand products. Ethical brand ratings and reviews are available on various websites such statista.com and ethicalconsumer.org.

### Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass

Coffee is available after 9.30am Mass every Wednesday morning at St Cuthberts. Everyone welcome.

### Season of Creation and Creation Harvest Sunday – September 15<sup>th</sup>

The Season of Creation is from September the 1<sup>st</sup> till October 4<sup>th</sup>. Pope Francis invites us to appreciate of God 's creation and to explore how we can care for our Common Home. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Winter Fuel Allowance

North Tyneside Council is working with Citizens Advice and Age UK North Tyneside so that, now the Winter Fuel Allowance will not be a universal benefit for all pensioners, all who are entitled to help can receive it. If you wish to check your eligibility, you can call Age UK on 0191 2808484 or e-mail: [enquiries@ageuknorthtyneside.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageuknorthtyneside.org.uk) or call at their office-The Bradbury Centre, 13 Saville Street, North Shields, NE29 6QP.

### Newman Tyneside Circle

invites you to come and hear Fr Dermot Preston SJ speak about Heart speaks to Heart: the Life and Significance of St John Henrry Newman. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Wednesday 11 September at 7.30pm.

### Job Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancy: Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Old Elvet, Durham – 10 hours a week. Closing date: 9 September. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 07789 885 118.

### Buildings Facilitators

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

### 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](mailto: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](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

### Dates for Diary

**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