

MASS READINGS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B
FIRST READING

Let us condemn him to a shameful death.

The godless say to themselves: ‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. ‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord upholds my life.

Psalm 53

1.

God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.
2.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.
3.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

SECOND READING

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The Son of Man will be delivered. Is anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

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21st/22nd September 2024 – 25th Sunday of the Year – B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 21 st September		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 22 nd September 25 th Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: Patsy O’Callaghan Live stream		9:30am: Hugh Stephenson
Monday 23 rd September			
Tuesday 24 th September			10:00am: Mass Priest’s Intention
Wednesday 25 th September	9:30am: Mass Health of Anne Cassidy	:	
Thursday 26 th September		9:30am: Mass: Stan Storer	
Friday 27 th September	7:00pm: Mass:		
Saturday 28 th September		5:30pm: Mass: Elsie Lumbania	
Sunday 29 th September 26 th Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Joan Walton

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

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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time- Autumn: Students & Teachers the Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the fruits of human work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace throughout the world; All Victims of War; Young People; People in Prison and their families

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 and now home with mum and dad Please pray for Mary Storey, Sarah Cain, Dot Thompson (The Lollipop Lady outside St Joseph's for 50 years) and for all those who have died recently.

25th Sunday of the Year

Now that that we have the proclamation from St Peter that Jesus is the Messiah, the 'cat is not only out the bag, the Messianic age is now upon us. We are on a journey with the apostles to begin to come to terms what this new age we are now in means for us all. The remainder of St Mark's Gospel is outlining what this new messianic age means and it also relates how this is a very steep learning curve for his followers where there are steps forward and steps.

So what do we learn about this messianic age and the apostles response. The messianic age will cost, the losing of your life to gain it, a truth that is key to Mark's understanding of discipleship is, will be embodied in his own life. Also, the present status quo will be turned upside down. Those seemed to be worthless and powerless, symbolised in children are the one who speak of Christ and the Father. The currency of power and status that was so prevalent in political and religious authority is no longer relevant. The apostles fail to understand but eventually they did. What is it that God wants to be turned upside down in our lives and in our world.

Pope Francis on Prayer

Good morning, Let us continue the catechesis on prayer, by meditating on the mystery of Creation. Life, the simple fact that we exist, opens mankind's heart to prayer. The first page of the Bible resembles a great hymn of thanksgiving. The narrative of Creation has a rhythm with refrains, where the goodness and beauty of every living thing is continually emphasized. The beauty and mystery of Creation create in the human heart the first impulse that evokes prayer (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2566). The eighth Psalm which we heard earlier states: "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" (vv. 3-4). The one praying contemplates the mystery of the life around him; he sees the starry sky that lies above him — and that astrophysics shows us today in all its immensity — and asks himself what loving plan must there be behind such ponderous work!.... And, in this boundless expanse, what is man? 'Almost nothing', another Psalm states (cf. 89:48): a

being that is born, a being that dies, an extremely fragile creature. Yet, in all the universe, the human being is the only creature aware of the great profusion of beauty. A small being who is born, who dies; he is here today and gone tomorrow. He is the only one who is aware of this beauty. We are aware of this beauty!

Mankind's prayer is closely linked to the sentiment of wonder. The greatness of man is infinitesimal when compared to the dimensions of the universe. His greatest conquests seem quite small... However, man is not nothing. In prayer a sentiment of mercy is powerfully confirmed. Nothing exists by chance: the secret of the universe lies in a benevolent gaze that someone meets in our eyes. The Psalm states that we are made little less than God; we are crowned with glory and honour (cf. 8:6). The relationship with God is man's greatness, his enthronement. By nature, we are almost nothing, small, but by vocation, by calling, we are the children of the great King!

Baptism

This Sunday 22nd September at 12.30 at St Cuthbert's, we will have the baptism of Willow Lee- Cooper. We pray for her and her parents, as she he is united in Christ and becomes a member of this community of disciples.

First Holy Communions 2024-25

The session for parents who are think of having their children make their First Holy Communion next year, will be on Wednesday 2nd October at St Cuthbert's at 6pm. The First Liturgy at Mass will be the weekend of the 5th and 6th of October with the first catechetical session on October 9th at 6pm. Your child will need to be in Yr 4 or higher. St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Schools will be in touch with parents of Children in Yr 4.

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: in the Season of Creation, take time to enjoy and appreciate nature.

. Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is from September the 1st till October 4th. Pope Francis invites us to appreciate of God 's creation and to explore how we can care for our Common Home. 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 begun this Tuesday 17th September at St Edward's meeting room at 7pm. The sessions will last for c 90 minutes.. 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.

Harvest and Creation Celebration

Thank-you to all who contributed to the Harvest and Creation Soup Lunch. 11 different types of soup was impressive. Over £160 was raised for CAFOD. Well done to all involved.

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 or call at their office-The Bradbury Centre, 13 Saville Street, North Shields, NE29 6QP.

The Sanctity of Life

On Saturday 28th September, the Vigil of the Feast of St Michael, we are be asked to pray and fast so that the dignity and sacredness of all life is respected, from the womb to the death bed and all places between.

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint to the following vacancies:
Deputy Director of Education – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 1st October.
Property Surveyor – Full-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 23rd September.
Youth Safeguarding Adviser – Full-time, 2-year fixed-term contract.
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Country Evening for Mary's Meal

This is the next event being organised by the Parish Social Committee. Gerry Beldon and Friends will lead us in a music and dance night in Aid of Mary's Meals

Inter- Faith Event

As part of their celebrations for the Year of Prayer, the Interreligious Relations Team warmly invite you to an evening of Faith & Fellowship. This event is an opportunity to bring together speakers from different faiths to share how prayer and faith affect their daily lives.
Date: Wednesday 25th September 2024, Time: 7.00pm.
Location: English Martyrs' Parish Hall, Stamfordham Road,

Newcastle upon Tyne, NEJ To register e: mail: interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or call 0191 2433316

Christian Meditation

A new opportunity for an introductory course on Christian Meditation we will be running at St Paul's Church in Whitley Bay starting on the afternoon of 11 October at 2.30pm. The course builds on the teaching of John Main giving practical guidance on Christian Meditation

Little Sisters of the Poor – Pie & Pea Supper

The Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle having a pie, pea and chip supper (vegetarians will be catered for) with bingo and raffle at St Joseph's Home on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7.00pm in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home. Tickets are £7, available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 2731279.

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 9 1146513

Buildings Facilitators

Please contact Linda Shotton or Charlie Tynan at St Cuthbert's and Allan Badenhope and Jim McLearie 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

Parish General Meeting - September 29th
Country Evening for Mary's Meals- October 12th
Christmas Coffee Morning - November 30th

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