

MASS READINGS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - B  
FIRST READING

I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: ‘The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!’ See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 125

Response: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

2. The heathens themselves said:  
'What marvels the Lord worked for them.'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying the seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

Mark 10:46-52

Master, let me see again.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, ‘Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.’ And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, ‘Son of David, have pity on me.’ Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him here.’ So they called the blind man. ‘Courage,’ they said ‘get up; he is calling you.’ So throwing off his so cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Rabbuni,’ the blind man said to him ‘Master, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has saved you.’ And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.


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


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26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October		5:30pm: Mass: Alma Fox	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Michael King (SK)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October			
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October			10:00am: Mass: Catherine Hudson-Storey (SS)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	9:30am: Mass: Paul Black	:	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October		9:30am: Mass: Jordan Simpson	7:00pm: Vigil Mass:
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November All Saints	7:00pm: Mass: 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of John & Ann Merchant	9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	10:00am: Mass for All Souls	5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: Brian Stobbs Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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 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 12<sup>th</sup> and now home with mum and dad.  
Please pray for all those who have died recently.

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Sometimes the Holy Spirit is called the paraclete. It means ‘the one who calls out to our cries’. In the gospel we have the blind beggar crying out. ‘Son of David have pity on me’. The Lord then calls him to himself. The Jesus says to the blind man ‘What is it that you want me to do for you?’ The question can be the staring point of our prayer. ‘What is it you want me to do for you. It calls for. It calls for an awareness of where we are in our lives and what we need. It also asks us to go toward Jesus as the blind man in darkness, to walk toward him in trust. How vulnerable must man have felt. But his trust is rewarded. May we cry out to the one who will cry out to us in love.

**Pope Francis on Prayer**

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we begin a new series of catechesis on prayer. Prayer is the breath of faith, a cry arising from the hearts of those who trust in God. We see this in the story of Bartimaeus, the beggar from Jericho. Though blind, he is aware that Jesus is approaching, and perseveres in calling out: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Mk 10:47). By using the phrase “Son of David”, he makes a profession of faith in Jesus the Messiah. In response the Lord invites Bartimaeus to express his desire, which is to be able to see again. Christ then tells him: “Go; your faith has saved you” (v. 52). This indicates that faith is a cry for salvation attracting God’s mercy and power. It is not only Christians who pray but all men and women who search for meaning on their earthly journey. As we continue on our pilgrimage of faith, may we, like Bartimaeus, always persevere in prayer, especially in our darkest moments, and ask the Lord with confidence: “Jesus have mercy on me. Jesus, have mercy on us!”.

**Feast of All Saints and All Souls**

This week we have the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. I will be saying Mass for these two important feast days  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October: 7:00pm Vigil Mass St Oswin’s  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: 9.30am Mass St Joseph’s  
7:00pm Mass St Cuthbert’s  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 10:00am Mass for All Souls-  
St Cuthbert’s

**Oppose Assisted Suicide**

"Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted

suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops’ Conference website together with materials explaining the Church’s grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>  
Thank you for your prayers and action. Bishop Stephen."

As Bishop Stephen has stated that the Right to Life have created an online mechanism where you can write a letter with the facts to your MP.  
However, if you can, please draft your own letter, expressing your own views and post it to him or her at: The House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA  
I am informed it will have bigger impact if letters are sent in the post.  
If you want to learn more about the deep concerns those with disabilities have regarding Assisted Suicide, please watch on BBC I Player, a documentary featuring the actor and campaigner Liz Carr called ‘Better off Dead’  
Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant will explain why changing the law would be harmful to patients, doctors and society. This will be at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle, NE1 5DH on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30--9pm.

**Jubilee Celebrations Group**

The first meeting of the Jubilee Celebration Group to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Joseph’s and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Cuthbert’s in 2025 will meet on Wednesday 30th October at St Joseph’s Presbytery at 7pm.

**Pastoral Carers**

The Pastoral Carers Group which included the Funeral Ministry Team will be meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at St Joseph’s Presbytery at 7pm.

**Little Sister Christmas Fayre**

The Little Sisters of the Poor, Newcastle are having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 12pm to 3pm. Lots of stalls, home baking, Santa’s Grotto, and Arts & Crafts. All are welcome.

**Newman Tyneside Circle**

invites you to come and hear Veronica Whitty speak about Driving Mother Teresa. The meeting will be at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Thursday 14 November at 2.30pm..

**World Mission Sunday**

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the work of Missio.

**International Synod**

The four-year process of the exploration of what it means to be a synodal Church is now complete. Please keep the process in your prayers. Congratulations to the English Dominican Priest, Fr Timoth Radcliffe OP, who is speaking at the synod who will be made a Cardinal on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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: glass is often thought to be a better choice than plastic when it comes to the environment, but studies have shown that the environmental impact of single-use glass bottles surpasses that of plastics and aluminium cans significantly. So reusing and refilling containers whenever possible is always the best choice.

**Prison Week**

As this years' Prisons Week begins, we pray for all those connected with prisons and probation in our diocese. That prisoners are treated with the same dignity and compassion that every human being deserves. That those released are able to be supported by their families and communities and are able to start anew in a positive way. That prison staff and chaplains find reward in such a challenging environment. We pray in thanksgiving, too, for all charities and volunteers who work with those in prison or their families.

**Training Day for Reader & the New Lectionary**

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at St Aloysius, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents) or please let Katherine in the office know you would like to take part at: [northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk)

**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)

**Thank you from Social Committee**

A big thank you to all those that supported the Coffee Morning at St Cuhbert’s in aid of Macmillan Nurses, more than £300 was raised.

**Nite Bite Christmas Dinner**

Whilst it is only October, Advent is just six weeks away. Via Churches together our Parish participates in the provision of a small Christmas celebration for some of our town's residents in need of help..  
A festive meal will be provided prior to Christmas when (if they are available) guests are given gifts. Volunteers start sorting/wrapping gifts early in December hence this early advert.  
So an appeal: If you can donate something suitable (guests are both male and female), e.g. toiletries, socks - please leave them at the back of either church. Generally, there is a donation of selection boxes but confectionary is always popular.  
*Thank-you on behalf of Nite Bite*

**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 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Christmas Coffee Morning –  
Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at St Cuthberts**

Stalls include: Craft, Chocolate tombola, Cakes, Irish Coffee, Gifts, Chutneys/Jams, Toys and a Christmas raffle. Christmas based donations are very welcome.  
**Tickets (on sale now): £2 includes coffee/tea & Mince Pie.**

**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