

MASS READINGS

First reading **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

'I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.'

Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 25(24):4-5b. 8-9. 10, 14. R 1b**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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| <p>1. Lord make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.</p> | <p>2. Good and upright is the Lord
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.</p> |
| <p>3. All the Lord's paths are mercy and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and commands.
The Lord's secret is for those who fear him;
to them he reveals his covenant.</p> | |

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

'May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.'

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation **Psalm 85(84):8**


Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia

Gospel **Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

'Your redemption is drawing near.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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First Sunday of Advent - C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 30 th November		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 1 st December First Sunday of Advent - C	11:00am: Mass: Bob Dunn Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Sylvia Reay
Monday 2 nd December			
Tuesday 3 rd December			10:00am: Mass: Priest's Intention
Wednesday 4 th December	9:30am: Mass: Margaret, David & Philip Howells	:	
Thursday 5 th December	2:00pm: Requiem Mass for Terri Lewis	9:30am: Mass: Maurice Black	
Friday 6 th December	7:00pm: Mass The McCann Family		
Saturday 7 th December		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: 60 th Anniversary of the Wedding of David & Kathleen Quinn	
Sunday 8 th December Second Sunday of Advent - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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.

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Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Advent Expectant Mothers, Refugees and Migrants, those with Mental Health Issues. Peace in the Holy Land 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, Tom Wright, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik and Baby San born 2 months early on August 12th and now home with mum and dad. Please pray for Terri Lewis and for all those who have died recently

First Sunday of Advent

Happy New Year!

The Liturgical cycle starts again this weekend as the Church begins the journey to Christmas. This weekend also brings the new translation of the scriptures from the new lectionaries. Advent means 'approaching'. In year C the Gospel for most Sundays will be from St Luke's Gospel. St Luke places emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit and the compassion and mercy of God

We gather as a people of joyful hope, attentive to the God who approaches us. Up till the 16th December, the focus is on the second 'approaching' or 'coming' of God in Christ at the end of history. The Kingdom of God is emerging from the moment Mary said yes at the Annunciation, but we wait for it to be completed. The main virtue of this season is hope, a vision of the gap that what is and what should be will closed. God's plan is for our world and for our hearts to be transformed. We do not deny the struggles and ills of our present time but keep our focus on God's plan for his love, peace, joy and hope to be established. We gather in Advent in joyful and hopeful expectation-God is approaching!

Some Advent Reflections

Hope: Waiting And Watching

Waiting is essential to the spiritual life. But waiting as a disciple of Jesus is not empty waiting. It is waiting with a promise in our hearts that makes already present what we are waiting for. We are always waiting, but it is waiting in the conviction that we have already seen God's footsteps. As we wait, we remember him for whom we are waiting, and as we remember Him we create a community ready to welcome him when he comes.

Henri Nouwen, from Bread for the Journey.

God with Us

A God who draws near out of love walks with His people, and this walk comes to an unimaginable point. We could never have imagined that the same Lord would become one of us and walk with us, be present with us, present in His Church, present in the Eucharist, present in His Word, present in the poor. He is present, walking with us. And this is closeness: the shepherd close to his flock, close to his sheep, whom he knows, one by one.

Pope Francis

Welcoming Christ Into Our Hearts

As we prepare to open our hearts anew to Christ this Christmas, let us hold a deep sense of the infinite and unconditional love that God is offering to each of us and everyone else in the human family everyone. May we also come to understand

better that accepting the love of God calls us to see his face in everyone we meet and to love them as God loves them.

Loving is always risky, because we cannot enter into it without being changed. Altered. Transformed. In the face of this, we might well ask, Do I really want this? Loving is never just about opening our heart. It is about being willing to have our heart become larger as we make room for people and stories and experiences we never imagined holding. It is about being willing to have our heart become deeper as we move beyond the surface layers of our assumptions, prejudices, and habits in order to truly see and receive what – and who – is before us. It is about being willing to have our heart continually shattered and remade as we take in not only the brokenness of the world but also the beauty of it, the astounding wonder that will not allow us to remain the same.

Jan Richardson

Advent Prayer

Lord, as we wait during this Advent season, let us remember the one who is full of patience, who is not afraid of silence, who does not jostle for attention. Who slipped into Bethlehem one night, mostly unnoticed; who lived thirty years without headlines or hurry; who frequently took time alone with his patient father; who waited for the right time to become the suffering servant; who stood quietly before the noise of his accusers; whose silence overpowered their words; who died, then rose again on a quiet Sunday morning. Who patiently waits for us and who longs for us to do the same. Amen.

Author unknown

Advent and Christmas

There will be three services of Advent Reflection and Prayer.

- Advent Service of Readings and Hymns at 7:00pm on Thursday 5th December at Immaculate Heart
- Service of Advent Reflection at St Cuthbert's on Saturday, 14th December 10.00am
- Advent Carol Service at St Joseph's on Sunday December 22nd at 6pm

For Christmas Day, the pattern will be that of a weekend:

- Tuesday 24th December St Joseph's at 5.30pm with Carols and readings at 5pm
- Wednesday 25th December St Oswin's at 9.30am
- Wednesday 25th December St Cuthbert's at 11.00am

Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Terri Lewis will on Thursday 5th December at 2.00pm at St Cuthberts. Her burial will be with her mother's grave in Epsom, Surrey. May she rest in peace.

Jubilee Celebrations

I am very grateful to the 16 parishioners who came to St Joseph's on Wednesday. The key themes from the discussions was building up a sense of cohesion and unity especially with the worshipping communities of St Joseph's and St Cuthberts. Therefore, from the second Sunday of Advent, the first part of the Mass till the offertory will be a combination of silent reflection but also an opportunity to share with those around you on the pews. I appreciate for some talking to others

especially you do not know may not come easy, but in getting to know others, all united in faith, is an important way of building our parish. I will explain more next week. Another important theme was building up the relationship with the pupils and parents of the children in our schools

New Translation of the Lectionary

This week we will have the new translation of the Lectionary. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The translation is a more literal translation than a previous one, so understanding the text may be more difficult.

St Joseph's R.C Primary School

- There will be an opportunity to look around the Early Years Provision at St. Joseph's during two open mornings which will take place on: Monday, 2nd December at 9:30am
- Tuesday 3rd December at 9:30am. During the visit, you will be able to see the Nursery and Reception provision in action, meet the staff and find out about our Early Years Curriculum. If you would like to take up the opportunity to visit, please contact the school office to book a place. (0191) 2573097

Volunteer Census

As mentioned by our parish safeguarding rep, Clare Harvey, the diocese wants a census of all parish. My thanks to those who have completed the form, either the paper or online version. If you have any role in the parish, the diocese is asking you to complete the form. If you have any queries please contact Clare on the number above.

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: Final negotiations are currently underway to sign a global treaty to end plastic pollution by 2040. Single-use items such as plastic cutlery, packaging, and microplastics, are a particular problem and 14 million tons of plastic waste ends up in our oceans each year. There is a lot of information online on reducing your plastic consumption, including on the WWF website at <https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/top-tips-reduce-your-plastic-footprint>

DEC Appeal for the Middle East

The Disaster Emergency Committee, which CAFOD is a partner, is running an appeal to help those impacted by the upheaval in the Middle East. For more information please go to: <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>.

Christian Mediation Group

Last meeting before Christmas 03/12/2024 7pm.

First meeting after New Year 07/01/2025 7pm

Missio Boxes (APF Red Box)

Please could all box holders bring their box, to either St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's Church, for emptying. If you would like to have them emptied at home please contact either Pauline 2581456 or Kath 2577041.

Nite Bite Christmas Dinner

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 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

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

Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass

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

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