

Readings at Mass
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

First reading
'The Lord delights in you.'

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96(95)

Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

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| <p>1. O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
O sing to the LORD; bless his name.</p> | <p>2. Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.</p> |
| <p>3. Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.</p> | <p>4. Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.</p> |

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

'The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.'

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia. God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Gospel


John 2:1-11

'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.'

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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18th/19th January 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 18th January		5:30pm: Mass:	
Sunday 19th January 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH)
Monday 20th January			
Tuesday 21st January			10:00am: Mass: Pat Douga (MM)
Wednesday 22nd January	9.30am: Mass:		
Thursday 23rd January		9:30am: Mass:	
Friday 24th January	7:00pm: Mass:		
Saturday 25th January		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 26th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - C	11:00am: Mass: Cecil & Joseph Mulgrove Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Advent and Christmastide'. Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity; the Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who combat it; the Unemployed; Elderly in Poverty
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.
Please pray for Maria Mason, Mavis Rennolds and for all those who have died recently.

2nd Sunday of the Year

Although we are now in Ordinary time, a lot is being signified on this Sunday of the Year. It is Peace Sunday, and we have our White Flower Appeal for SPUC AND THE Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has just begun. Please see excerpts from Pope Francis message for Peace Sunday where he places the focus on Jubilee with concrete proposal to promote peace and justice.

In terms of the readings, well they are still focusing on the theme of the Epiphany. In the early Church, Epiphany focused on three events. The Magi meeting Jesus, the Baptism of the Lord and the Miracle at Cana. These events acknowledged 'firsts'. The first appearance to the gentile, the first public act of Jesus and his first miracle. In this story of the wedding at Cana, we have a great celebration, a love feast, being transformed by the presence of Christ. The Good news is not about replacing but it is about renewal and transformation. St John sees this event as being one of the first signs performed by Jesus. What signs speak to us of the presence and transforming power of God.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year the ecumenical celebration has been prepared by the community of Bose, an ecumenical monastery of brothers and sisters in northern Italy. In Bose, community life is shaped by the rhythm of regular prayer. As the bells call the sisters, brothers and guests to prayer, they all assemble at the church. As we celebrate 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, the reflections has at its heart, the Nicene Creed.

Reflecting this, the scripture readings for this year focus on belief. We are invited to reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus as narrated in John 11:17-27. Each is called to sit with Jesus' provocative question to Martha: "Do you believe this?" For more information please go to: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>

Pope Francis' Message for Peace Sunday

"First, I renew the appeal launched by Saint John Paul II on the occasion of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 to consider "reducing substantially, if not cancelling outright, the international debt which seriously threatens the future of many nations". In recognition of their ecological debt, the more prosperous countries ought to feel called to do everything possible to forgive the debts of those countries that are in no condition to repay the amount they owe. Naturally, lest this prove merely an isolated act of charity that simply reboots the vicious cycle of financing and indebtedness, a new financial framework must be devised, leading to the creation of a global financial Charter based on solidarity and harmony between peoples.

I also ask for a firm commitment to respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, so that each person can cherish his or her own life and all may look with hope to a future of prosperity and happiness for themselves and for their children. Without hope for the future, it becomes hard for the young to look forward to bringing new lives into the world. Here I would like once more to propose a concrete gesture that can help foster the culture of life, namely the elimination of the death penalty in all nations. This penalty not only compromises the inviolability of life but eliminates every human hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. In addition, following in the footsteps of Saint Paul VI and Benedict XVI, I do not hesitate to make yet another appeal, for the sake of future generations. In this time marked by wars, let us use at least a fixed percentage of the money earmarked for armaments to establish a global Fund to eradicate hunger and facilitate in the poorer countries educational activities aimed at promoting sustainable development and combating climate change. We need to work at eliminating every pretext that encourages young people to regard their future as hopeless or dominated by the thirst to avenge the blood of their dear ones. The future is a gift meant to enable us to go beyond past failures and to pave new paths of peace.

White Flower Appeal

The annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will be this weekend.

Mass of Healing

The World Day of Prayer for the Sick is February 11th. There will be a Mass of Healing with Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 8th February at St Joseph's at 2pm. All are welcome.

The Back Garden at St Joseph's

There is a group who seeking to develop the back garden at St Joseph's. On Saturday 25th January from 10am, parishioners will be pruning and tidying before more extensive work is carried out. Any volunteers will be most appreciated.

Dates for Parish Group Meetings in January

Every Tuesday (next session 21st January) at 7.00pm

Christian Mediation: St Cuthbert's

Tuesday January 21st 7.00pm

Social Group: St Cuthbert's

Wednesday January 22nd 7.00pm

Jubilee Group: St Joseph's

Wednesday January 29th 7.00pm

Parish Council St Cuthbert's

Volunteers Needed

My sincere thanks to all who responded to my request for help. I have had offers of help with a parish database and helping with the newsletter and two offers to help with the Welcome Ministry but more people to carry this ministry would be good. I wonder if the two areas mentioned below would be of interest.

If there were at least two more teams of two, that would make life easier for the other counting teams

Life in the Spirit Seminars

As pilgrims of hope the first of the Life in the Spirit Seminar 2025 is taking place in St Aidan's Benton starting from 16th January and running consecutively every Thursday until the 27th February. The last of this talk series will end with a session on Transformation led by Bishop Stephen Wright. These talks will start at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30pm. Please spread the word around and share it with your email list, social media handles and other promotional tools that are available at your end.

Tyne and Wear Citizens AGM

AGM on Thursday 23rd January 6.30pm to 8.30pm at ReCoCo 1 Clarlol Square, Newcastle, NE1 6UF.

Since the parish is a member, all are welcome. If you would like to attend, please sign up at:

https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-and-wear-citizens-agm?source=direct_link&

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: As mentioned above by Pope Francis above servicing debt making poor countries poorer. To support the campaign for debt relief go to: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/161357/petition/1>

Proud Catholics

Their next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January, at 7.30pm. We will come together with representatives of other Christian denominations to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and share updates on our experiences of LGBTQ+ inclusion in our churches.

Holocaust Memorial Day

'For a Better Future' is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2025. 2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian genocide. This annual event will be held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025, from 7.00pm in St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7PE. The guest speakers are Mr David Gold and Mr Smajo Bešo OBE.

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

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

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