

**Mass Readings
Feast of Christ the King – C**

First reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 122 (121)

Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

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| <p>1. I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.</p> | <p>2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.</p> |
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Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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22nd/23rd November 2025 – Feast of Christ the King – C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 22nd November		5:30pm: Vigil Mass James Black	
Sunday 23rd November Feast of Christ the King – C	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH)
Monday 24th November			
Tuesday 25th November			10:00am: Mass: Maureen Hugg (birthday)
Wednesday 26th November	9:30am: Mass: Philip, Margaret and David Howells		
Thursday 27th November		9:30am: Mass: Ada Storey	
Friday 28th November	7.00pm: Mass: Kathleen and John Whitley		
Saturday 29th November		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent – C	11.00am: Mass: Irene and Bob Wallis Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Maurice Cairns

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Prayer Intentions for Autumn: Students and Teachers; the Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Sarah Harrison, Jean Slater, Irene Keenaghan, Mary Quinn, Patricia Thompson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik, Peter Chester, Rebecca Cummings, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Falla, Bridget Geddes, Sr Zita Stephen Davies.

Please pray for Ann Gemmel, Maurice Cairns, Thomas Smith, Sheila Wheatcroft, Sheilas Chaplin, Malcolm Boyle, and for all those who have died recently.

Feast of Christ the King

The last Sunday of the Liturgical Year is the Feast of Christ the King. This feast is less than a hundred years old in the Church. It was initiated by Pope Pius XI at a time of the rise of autocratic rulers throughout Europe. As people were encouraged to give their acclaim to political leaders, the Pope was keen for people to perceive that their ultimate ruler and moral teacher as Christ, our King. Some would say that echoes of the 1930s are becoming increasingly stronger in our current times. There is certainly a sense of un-ease in our nation and people feeling fragile and febrile. The Gospel focuses on Jesus in the Cross in Luke's Gospel. This is the model of servant kingship, self giving. We hear about the conversation with Jesus and the two thieves crucified with him. Even in the last moments he is showing compassion and mercy – 'Truly I say to you today you will be with me in paradise'. We all share in the Kingly role of Christ, this is the source of our baptismal dignity. I pray you are all made deeply aware of that profound dignity that is God given, so you may share this with others. In this we will imitate the profound servant leadership of Christ our King.

Youth Sunday

This week-end is Youth Sunday. I am very willing to give young people the opportunity to share their hope and wishes as members of the Church. There will also be a retiring collection for the Youth Ministry Team.

Cake and Indian Snacks Stall

After the 11am Mass at St Cuthbert's this Sunday one of the parish teenagers, Caroline Luke, with some help from the Syro-Malabar Community and Social Committee, will be holding a cake and Indian snack stall as fund raiser for her HCPT pilgrimage to Lourdes next year.

Christmas Crib Festival

As part of the celebrations for St Cuthbert's Church being 50 years old, we are hoping to have Christmas Crib festival for Advent and Christmas. If you have any cribs, you are welcome to display them at St Cuthbert's. The festival will be officially opened at the 11am Mass on November 29th.

Parish Christmas Coffee Morning

This will be next Saturday 29th November. Donations for various stalls will be much appreciated.

Christmas Gifts

Via Churches Together we support the provision of small gifts to local homeless and asylum seekers – both sexes, all ages. If you can help – child's book/toy, confectionary, toiletries – please leave at back of church. Donations by w/e 6/7 December to allow volunteers time to sort, wrap & distribute. Thank You.

Lectio and Lager

The group will be meeting this Thursday, 27th November at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. All are welcome.

Missio Boxes

If you have a Missio red box, can you please bring them in as soon as possible. If you would like your box counted at home, please contact

Pauline Rogers on 0191 2581456 or 07443653380

St Mary's Cullercoats & Our Lady's & St Oswin's, Tynemouth

At a general meeting of the Parish of St Mary's Cullercoats and Our Lady's and St Oswin's Tynemouth on the 29th October, the parish had a review of the current situation now that Mgr Faley and I have pastoral responsibility for over a year. It was agreed that the parish would begin to explore a reconfiguration that would involve neighbouring parishes. There would be two instead of three parishes. One would consist of St Edward's, Mary Immaculate and St Mary's Cullercoats. The other would consist of St Oswin's, St Joseph's and St Cuthbert's. Any comments would be appreciated.

It should be stated that no closure of churches, change of clergy or altering Mass times are envisaged in what is being proposed.

Diocesan Vacancy

Administrator – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Salary Scale – £30,000 to £31,855 FTE

Supporting Father Shaun Purdy, our Lourdes Pilgrimage Director, we are looking for our first permanent Lourdes Administrator and as such the successful applicant will play a pivotal role in setting the standard and enabling us to support the delivery of a high-quality pilgrimage.

For further information see: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

For an Applicant Pack please email Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources: annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

CAFOD World Gifts

Copies of CAFOD's Catalogue for their Christmas World Gifts scheme are available at the back of Church if you would like to buy a gift for loved ones that helps some of the poorest and vulnerable in our world.

Holy Island Term Time Volunteer Opportunity

Are you retired, semi-retired or just enjoying life and would like to give something back to the children of the North East? If so, this could be for you. Holy Island SVP Vinnie's Camp are looking for volunteers to help in their Kitchen or with caretaking at our centre on Holy Island. Commitment time would vary from a weekend, to half a week, a full week or maybe more if you would like to, and you get to stay in our very comfortable Lindisfarne House accommodation. Without more term time volunteers our Summer SVP Vinnies Camps would not be possible and many schools in the North East would not have access to reasonably priced residential holidays for their children.

Applications open in December on our website: <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>

If you are interested or want more information please email barbart@svp.org.uk

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camps Summer 2026 Volunteering Opportunities

We would love to have more volunteers help out at our weekly SVP Summer Camps on Lindisfarne. Helping is a really great thing to do and you will need to be prepared to give a week of your time over the Summer holidays, have high levels of energy, patience, a sense of humour, be a team player, flexible and good at communicating with adults and children. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would be great please look at our website – applications for volunteering in 2026, open in December. <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp>

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: Response to the Cry of the Earth Sustainable Living: Conserve water by fixing leaks, using dishwashers and washing machines fully, and using rainwater for gardens.

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Concert

The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor), Newcastle on Saturday 6th December 2025 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home.

Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home (0191 273 1279).

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

November 21st – Social Fund Raiser for 'Nitebite'

November 22nd – Morning of Reflection for Welcomers 10-11.30pm

November 29th – Christmas Coffee Morning

December 20th and 21st – Celebrations for the 50th

anniversary of St Cuthbert's 'new' Church

Bishop Stephen to preside at the 11am Mass on the 21st December

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