Mass Readings for the Solemnity of Christ the King – A

First reading **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 23(22)**

Response: *The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

2. Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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 **Matthew 25:31-46**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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21st/22nd November – Solemnity of Christ the King – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 21st November		**5:30pm: Vigil Mass:** John Hughes	
Sunday 22nd November Christ the King – Solemnity	**11.00am: Mass:** People of the Parish		**9:30am: Mass:** Maureen & Gordon Hogg
Monday 23rd November			
Tuesday 24th November			**10:00am: Mass**: Pauline & Rodney Willits
Wednesday 25th November	**9.30am: Word & Communion**		
Thursday 26th November		**9.30am: Mass:** Storey & Kelly Family	
Friday 27th November	**7.00pm: Mass:**		
Saturday 28th November		**5:30pm: Vigil Mass:** People of the Parish	
Sunday 29th November First Sunday of Advent	**11.00am: Mass:**		**9:30am: Mass:** People of the Parish

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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, Jean Slater, Irene Keenaghan, Mary Quinn, Patricia Thompson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik, Peter Chester, Rebecca Cummings, Dorothy Falla, Bridget Geddes, James Llewellyn, Sr Zita and Stephen Davies and Pope Leo XIV.
Please pray for Paul Scott, Patricia Swaddle and all those who have died recently.

Feast of Christ the King

The 34th and last Sunday of the Church's Liturgical Year is the Feast of Christ King. This was introduced just under hundred years by Pope Pius XI at a time when autocratic leaders were emerging across Europe as reminded that Christ is the ultimate leader to whom we owe our allegiance. The feast is also an opportunity to celebrate the central feature of Christ's teaching, which is the Kingdom of God, that reign of God that has begun to emerge but not fully realised, as the preface make reference to as Kingdom of holiness, grace, truth, peace and love. Our allegiance to Christ our King is discovered in seeking to be instruments and signs of that kingdom in the quality of our relationships within and beyond the Church, in seeking peace, love and justice.
In the Gospel for today, Christ does not identify himself with the rich, powerful and famous as most government leaders are perceived, but with those who are hungry, vulnerable, a stranger, sick or in prison. Our way to the heavenly kingdom is through these, the outsider and disadvantaged.
We hope the shared concerns and share meal event after the 11am Mass at St Cuthbert's this week-end will be an opportunity to build and seek the Kingdom of God.

Christmas in the Parish

Sunday 12th December 6pm – Advent Carol Service at St Joseph's.

Thursday 24th December 5.30pm – Mass at St Joseph's, with carols and reflection from 5pm.

Friday 25th December: 9.30am – Mass at St Oswin's;
11am – Mass at St Cuthbert's.

Saturday 26th December: 11am – Mass at St Cuthbert's;
5.30pm – Mass at St Joseph's.

Sunday 27th December: 9.30am – Mass at St Oswin's;
11am – Mass at St Cuthbert's.

Friday 1st January 11am – Mass at St Cuthbert's.

Saturday 2nd January 5.30pm – Mass at St Joseph's.

Sunday 3rd January: 9.30am – Mass at St Oswin's;
11am – Mass at St Cuthbert's.

Tuesday 5th January Epiphany Vigil 7pm St Joseph's

Wednesday 6th January: 9.30am – Mass at St Cuthbert's;
7pm – Mass at St Oswin's.

Fr Binoy Mandapathil CSsR

Since Fr Binoy and I have shared responsibility for the parish of St Mary's Cullercoats and Our Lady's & St Oswin's Tynemouth, next week-end, 28th & 29th November Fr Binoy will preside at St Oswin's and St Cuthbert's and I will preside at St Edward's Whitley Bay and St Mary's Cullercoats.
I am sure the community at St Cuthbert's will make Fr Binoy very welcome.
Fr Sean Hall will preside at St Joseph's for the Vigil Mass.

Prayer During Advent

As we prepare for Advent, there will be plenty of opportunities to come together for prayer.
Tuesday: Christian Mediation at 7pm *St Cuthbert's*
Wednesday: Lectio Divina & Spiritual Conversation at 7pm *St Joseph's*
Thursday: Scripture Study at 7pm *St Cuthbert's*

Shared Meal, Shared Concerns.
Sunday 22nd November 12.15pm

Though we started planning for this event in July, the events on November 5th make me feel this event is spirit led and very relevant. All are welcome. Please keep this event in your prayers.
There will be a hub meeting on Wednesday 25th November at St Cuthbert's at 7pm to reflect on the event on the 22nd November and to explore next steps.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Last reminder for our Christmas Fayre at St Cuthbert's Church, next Saturday, 28th November, 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Admission £2.00 (tickets on sale now) includes Tea/Coffee, Mince Pie/Shortbread.

There's various stalls to start/finish your Christmas shopping.

Donations are still welcome. Please bring cakes etc. on the day.

Thank you for all your support.

Sick and Housebound in the Parish

Please inform Fr Chris whether you are aware of any parishioners who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

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

In this month of All Saints why not learn about those saints who have shown their appreciation of God's gift of nature and creations. For more information go to: https://laudatosimovement.org/news/10-saints-whose-care-for-creation-still-inspires-us-today/.
Here are two Saints who have focused on God's gift of creation

St. Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179
Kings and queens and bishops and popes sought St. Hildegard's counsel. But the Benedictine nun was perhaps most knowledgeable about admiring and appreciating every creature.
Among her most inspirational words:
"The Earth sustains humanity. It must not be injured; it must not be destroyed."
"Every creature is a glittering, glistening mirror of divinity."
"Creation is the song of God."
"Humankind is called to co-create, so that we might cultivate the earthly, and thereby create the heavenly."
"In Hildegard's worldview, a beam of sunlight, the fragrance of a flower, or the graceful movement of a swan were all participants in the holy chorus of creation," wrote Cynthia Overweg in a story titled, "Hildegard of Bingen: The Nun Who Loved the Earth."

New to the UK

This is a charity that is part of Churches Together North Shields, which supports refugees and asylum seekers. It meets every Wednesday from 11am to 1.30pm at Howard Street Baptist Church. More volunteers would be appreciated. Please contact Fr Chris or Peter Quin if you are interested.

Christmas Wreath Making

Christmas Wreath Making event will take place on Friday 4th December at St Cuthbert's Parish Hall. Join us for a festive afternoon to create your own decorative wreath. £15 per person. For more information and to sign up see notices at the back of both churches.

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 No.: 91146513

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