Mass Readings for the First Sunday of Advent – B

First reading **Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8**

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.
O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not?
Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.
O that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence.
You came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 80(79)**

Response: *Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
   enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
   Rouse up your might and come to save us.

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
   look down from heaven and see.
   Visit this vine and protect it,
   the stock your right hand has planted,
   the son you have claimed for yourself.

3. May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
   the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
   And we shall never forsake you again;
   give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge — even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel **Mark 13:33-37**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning — lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.'

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28th / 29th November – First Sunday of Advent – B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
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
Monday 30th November			
Tuesday 1st December			**10:00am: Mass**: Ada Storey
Wednesday 2nd December	**9.30am:** Word & Communion		
Thursday 3rd December		**9.30am: Mass:** Word & Communion	
Friday 4th December	**7.00pm: Mass:**		
Saturday 5th December		**5:30pm: Vigil Mass:**	
Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent	**11.00am: Mass:** People of the Parish		**9:30am: Mass:** People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Advent and Christmastide:
Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.
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, David Judge and all those who have died recently.

First Sunday of Advent

Happy New (Liturgical) Year. We start a new year of the Liturgical cycle. On Sundays we are on year 'B' where we focus on the Gospel of St Mark.
Advent is a time of hopeful expectation. We are a community waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled. If you are waiting for a late train or bus, waiting can be very challenging. This waiting became challenging in the early church, with some people's initial enthusiasm quickly waning.
The word 'enthusiasm' means 'in God'. As a waiting people for God's promised to be fulfilled, we are called to acknowledge that we are already 'in God,' enfolded into grace. May this grace enable us to keep on doing what is right, attentive to God and attentive to others. We need God's grace for sustaining our pilgrim journey of waiting and hope.

Christmas in the Parish

Sunday 13th 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*

First Holy Communion

This weekend we have our next First Holy Communion liturgy. The theme is God's forgiveness. There will be a session for the children on Wednesday 2nd December at 6pm but the session for parents will be on January 27th. We continue to pray for our candidates.

Shared Meal, Shared Concerns

A huge thank-you to all who contributed in anyway to making the Shared Meal and Shared Concern such a great success. Our vision of people coming into a room that was full (120?) and had a great diversity of ages, backgrounds, cultures, with people sharing with each other certainly happened. There was a great atmosphere and mountains of food! My huge thank-you to all parishioners who contributed in anyway. My special thanks to the Social Committee who were so helpful in working with member of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Today is only a start or another step on the way. But I hope it is movement in the right direction in developing a sense of community cohesion and transformation in North Shields. Two local councillors were present so we will develop the relationship with them.
Huge respect to the parish for the great witness that you and other manifested today at this event.
At meeting on November 25th, we agreed on the following action:

- Explore the possibility of Street Pastors in the town centre
- Work with the two councillors who were there
- Help to establish a 'Friends of Scott Park Group'
- Explore with local secondary schools the needs of young people
- Continue dialogue with other community groups

With respect and gratitude to the parish to the wonderful witness you are giving to the wider community.
Fr Chris

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/.
In this last week-end of November here is our last saint who acknowledged God's creation.
St. Kateri Tekakwitha was 20 before she was baptized, yet her life lights the way for all those who seek to live in greater communion with creation.
In July 1677, Tekakwitha was being treated as an outcast in her community and receiving threats because of her faith. So she travelled for two months and more than 200 miles of woods and rivers to the Catholic mission of St. Francis of Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis in Canada.

There, Tekakwitha lived with other Indigenous Catholics and continued devoting her life to God. Her legacy is honoured today by many organizations, including the Saint Kateri Conservation Centre, which helps organizations and families convert their plots of land or yards into healthy habitats that honour the life of the patron saint of Native American and First Nations People, ecology, and the environment.

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

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for wreath making on Friday 4th December. We're starting from 12pm. Just bring anything you particularly want to add to your wreath, everything else provided. A pair of secateurs and wire cutters would be useful if you have them and gloves for handling greenery. Just pay on the day. Light refreshments available.

Parish Finance – Standing Orders & Card Machine

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
Please note we have a card machine at the back of both churches.

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