

MASS READINGS

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A FIRST READING

A perfect wife – who can find her?

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *O blest are those who fear the Lord.*

Psalm 127

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| <p>1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.</p> | <p>2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.</p> |
| <p>3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!</p> | |

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

SECOND READING

Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made."

His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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We are three Roman Catholic Parishes in the eastern half of the borough of North Tyneside, within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Our website gives an overview of our three parishes and seven churches, as well as mass times, and details of parish ministries and groups.

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18th/19th November 2023 – 33rd Sunday of the Year– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 18th November		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 19th November 33rd Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Anne Baker Live stream	
Monday 20 th November		
Tuesday 21 st November		9.00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: John Hughes
Wednesday 22 nd November	9:30am: Mass: Stan Storer	
Thursday 23 rd November		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 24 th November	6.15pm Exposition 7:00pm: Mass: Holy Souls	
Saturday 25th November		5:30pm: Mass: Aileen Ashton
Sunday 26th November Christ the King - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

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.

Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time- Autumn: Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; For a fruitful Harvest; All Workers; Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of war and violence. Young People; People in Prison and their Families.

We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Jim Campbell, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley and Antoni Kulik

Please pray for Agnes Fan, Les Bagnall, John O'Dowd and all those who have died recently.

World Day of Prayer for the Poor

Sunday 19th November 2023 is the seventh World Day of the Poor, with the theme of not turning away. Pope Francis takes his inspiration from the elderly Tobit, who says to his son, "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobit 4:7). Whenever we turn away from those who are poor, we turn away from Jesus himself, who is forever associated with the most vulnerable in society (Matthew 25: 31-46). Pope Francis goes on to celebrate the next-door neighbours, "ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor. They do more than give alms: they listen, they engage, they try to understand and deal with difficult situations and their causes." An important theme throughout the papacy of Pope Francis has been the need to do more than just relieve suffering (compassion), but to work to challenge the causes of suffering and do what we can to ensure it does not happen in the first place. We give thanks as a parish for the great work is done at Nite Bite, the SVP, Mercy Associates and as a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens. We are helping those in need and addressing the causes. Please pray for the work that is being done and for all those struggling to make end meet.

Sunday 26th November, the Feast of Christ the King

Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. YMT have taken the opportunity to share some Youth Ministry highlights since the last Youth Sunday, many of which would not be possible without the support of such wonderful chaplains, school staff and parishes, so on behalf of all of us at YMT, thank you. The "Youth Sunday News" is posted on our notice board. The retiring collection on Youth Sunday will go towards the work of YMT. Gift aid envelopes are available.

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict & CAFOD Appeal

We continue to pray for peace at this time of conflict and immense suffering for Israelis and Palestinians. Pope Francis has stated: "Terrorism and extremism do not help to reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, and revenge, causing suffering to both sides. The Middle East does not need war but peace, a peace built on justice, dialogue, and the courage of fraternity." You are able to donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers."

Christmas Coffee Morning

This will be on Saturday 2nd December at 10.00am.

Requests please for items for both chocolate and general tombola. Prizes for the raffle, any unwanted gifts for jewellery and gift stalls and Toys in good conditions. Donations are accepted up to the morning of the event.

Youth Sunday and Young People in the Parish

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the Youth Ministry Team. In the light of consultation with the parish it is clearly a desire to have more young people in our parish community. In making progress with this I would like to meet those who are secondary school or who have just left for your ideas to make the parish more welcoming. So, Pizzas will be made available after Sunday Mass on 3rd December. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you would like to take part. Your ideas will be much appreciated.

International Synod

The full synthesis of the Synod Report can be found at: <https://www.synod.va.../2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report.pdf>.

There are 3 main parts making up twenty sections. Each of the Sections consist of 'Convergences', 'Matters for Consideration', and Proposals. The 3 main parts are: The Face of a Synodal Church, All Disciples, All Missionaries' and 'Weaving Bonds and Building Communities'. As Christopher Lamb in the Tablet has said that there will be a major shake-up in the Church, with women having more roles in ministry, an overhaul of seminary training, mandatory parish councils and lay involvement in decision making and a revision of Canon Law. The issue of women ordained as deacons has been keenly discussed with no agreement as yet reached.

When I receive some helpful summaries, I will make them available. Please keep this process in your prayers.

Mercy Associates

Mercy Associates Christmas Food Parcel Appeal will run between 11th November and 3rd December. The parcels, given to needy families in St Joseph's School, will be needed as much as ever this year. The Mercy Associates are therefore appealing to your generosity once again and would be incredibly grateful for any donations of non-perishable food. Any items can be left in the bags provided at both St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Churches. Thank you for your kindness.

Feedback from Meeting of Liturgy and Formation Group

At the meeting of the group the following was agreed:

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from c.6.20pm to 6.55 before the 7.00pm Friday Mass, to pray for peace.
- Special Ministers are asked to stay behind at Mass for a brief meeting on November 25th & 26th to discuss a couple aspects of this ministry.
- From the First Sunday of Advent, we will have various cribs displayed in both churches.. Please feel free to bring a crib.

A Light in the Darkness

The Diocesan Liturgical Team are inviting all who have suffered the loss of a child to service of Remembrance and Consolation on Sunday 19th November 2023, 3:00pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead. Please see poster at back for more details.

Wreath Making

This will take place at St Cuthbert's on Friday 8th December from 1pm. Cost approx.. £15. All are welcome.

CAFOD World Gifts

As Christmas is approaching CAFOD invite you to spend your money in sharing gifts with loved ones with gifts that will benefit those most in need in terms of education, food, refugees, emergencies, protecting the climate. There are catalogues available at the back of Church.

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: find a way to help or support a cause you care about.

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre

The Little Sisters of the Poor are having a Christmas Fayre at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle at 1pm-4pm on Saturday 25th November. All are welcome to attend.

Newman Association

St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats On Wednesday 29 November At 7.30pm. The speaker is Emma Wells speaking about her book Heaven on Earth: The Lives and Legacies of the World's Greatest Cathedrals

Showing of the Old Oak

The Cedarwood on Avon Avenue, Meadow Well, NE29 7QT have been given permission by the makers of the film the Old Oak to put on a showing of the film for free. This will take place on Tuesday 28th November at 10.00am. there are about 35 seats so door open at 9:30. There will be a discussion about the film from c.11:45. All are welcome. The film is about the response from local people in a former mining village in County Durham when Syrian refugees arrived in 2016. It is a powerful film.

Proud Catholics

Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st November, at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Worswick Street, Newcastle. We will examine some of the Biblical texts which are used against LGBTQ+ people, considering whether alternative interpretations are possible. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. This will be followed by our usual social time and bring-and-share refreshments.

For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

Tyne and Wear Citizens Delegates Assembly

This will be this Wednesday at Newcastle Civic Centre for the parish to have a vote at the Delegates Assembly, there needs to be at least five from the parish taking part in the assembly on November 22nd at the Civic Centre from 6-8pm. You can sign up at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly>.

North Tyneside Carers Rights Day

All carers in the parish opportunity to find out more about your rights as a carer and come along to North Shields Library: Northumberland Square, North Shields NE30 1QU, at 10am to 3pm on Thursday the 23rd November.

You will be able to access advice, information and support at the carer drop ins, a free buffet lunch, and free winter gifts to help you through the cold months. Maybe best of all, come along and hear the Centre's Training Officer Steve Casburn give his vital talk on Grants, Discounts, and Entitlements for Carers. There will be lots of information about benefits you or the person you care for might be missing out on, plus opportunities like cinema tickets and reduced travel costs, waiting for you to take up.

SVP Christmas Parcels

The SVP along with St. Thomas More will be hoping to provide Christmas parcels/gifts to parishioners in need.

If you know of any parishioners – single or families – who could benefit please pass on detail to Fr. Hughes or any SVP member.

Clergy Training Fund

This appeal closes this weekend.

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

Save Dates for Diary

Wednesday 22nd November 6-8pm Civic Centre Newcastle

Delegates Assembly of Tyne and Wear Citizens 6-8pm Civic Centre.

Saturday 2nd December 10:00.am Parish Christmas Coffee Morning at St Cuthberts.

Friday 8th December, 1:00pm Wreath Making afternoon, approx., £15. At St. Cuthberts.

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