

MASS READINGS

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

FIRST READING

I make low trees grow.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Psalm 91

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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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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15th/16th June 2024 – 11th Sunday of the Year - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 15 th June		10.00 First Holy Communion Mass 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th June 11 th Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: Ann Wilson Live stream	
Monday 17 th June		
Tuesday 18 th June		9.30am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Redpath Family
Wednesday 19 th June	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Fr Graham Williams	
Thursday 20 th June		9:30am: Mass: Rosa Teo
Friday 21 st June	6.15pm: Exposition 7.00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 22 nd June	10.00am First Holy Communion Mass	5:30pm: Mass: Ann Wilson
Sunday 23 rd June 12 th Sunday of the Year - B	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-Summer - A Deeper Understanding between Christian and Jews; those suffering Persecution, Oppression or Denial of Human Rights; The People of Europe; the Sanctity of Human Life; Seafarers. 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, Mary Rowley, Stan Llewellyn and Antoni Kulik. Please pray for Fr Graham Williams and Joan Faley and all those who have died recently.

11th Sunday of the Year

When I first started studying the Gospel of Matthew, Mark and Luke, known as the 'Synoptic Gospels', I was surprised how little Jesus spoke about himself and the significance of who he was. It is also surprise that he does not even say great deal about God, though he uses the famous and important image of 'Abba' which means 'Dad'. When you start studying these scriptures, you appreciate that at the heart of his teaching and what clearly informed his actions is this image of the Kingdom (or reign) of God. It is a vision of God's reign love and justice that has already begun but not yet completed that seeks to confront and transforms those powers and authorities that are so destructive, replacing them with a new reality that transforms our present age with love, peace, justice, hope and reconciliation. The images we have in the Gospel for this week-end Jesus taken from nature, images of seeds invisible in the ground but growing to full growth with a sense of life and abundance. I sense there may have been the question 'Oh where is this all-powerful Kingdom of God What has changed?'

Jesus' answer is that a process pr journey has begun. Like a small seed it is invisible, but development, growth and transformation does take place. Seeing how the Church was so small in the face of great imperial and religious powers, the small seed has grown and is still living.

Confronted by so much violence, injustice and poverty in our world we may ask where is the Kingdom of God. May we look for the seeds, seeds where violence has ended, where poverty a famine has been ended, places where the dignity and worth of others is now recognised. In looking at recent history we face that steps have gone backward and forward, but whatever movements in our world that are destructive, people of goodwill are seeking to respect others, bring reconciliation, meeting those in need, caring for our common home and wishing to promote the common good. All such actions are seeds of the Kingdom. What seeds of the Kingdome can be plant?

Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the Church herself as a great school of prayer. Our parents, who first taught us to pray, planted within us a seed that matures through our experience of the Christian life. Through the example of other men and women of faith, through our sharing in the life of our parishes and above all through the sacred liturgy, we not only develop our prayer life as individuals, but gradually come to appreciate the richness of the Church's patrimony of prayer and spirituality. Particularly at difficult moments in life, we come to realize the importance of prayer in strengthening our faith and hope. History shows the importance of communities of prayer – monasteries and religious

congregations – for the spiritual renewal of the Church and of society as a whole. Prayer remains the wellspring of the Church's life and the true source of her strength in bearing witness to the risen Lord. For this reason, Jesus insists on the need of his disciples to pray tirelessly and without ceasing. To pray and to teach others to pray, then, is essential for the Church's mission of proclaiming the Gospel, serving Christ in our brothers and sisters, and drawing all people into the unity of his kingdom.

Funeral Details for Fr Graham Williams

Fr Graham Williams was Parish Priest at St Cuthberts from 1998-2002. He died on 31st May aged 75 years. Fr Graham's body will be received into St Robert's Church, Fenham on Thursday 27th June with Mass at 6.30pm. His Requiem Mass is also at St Robert's Church, Fenham at 10.30am on Friday 28th June. May he rest in peace. We pray for his widow Marie and all the family.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to those who made their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's this weekend. Next Saturday, June 22nd at 10.00am there will be the First Holy Communion Mass at St Cuthbert's. We pray for our children

Father's Day

Happy Father's day to all our dads! Hope you are having a great day. For those whose dads are no longer with us, we give thanks for any blessings we received from them. For those whose experience of fathers has been a source of sadness or pain, we pray for you.

Day for Life 16th June

This weekend is the Annual Day for Life. There will be a retiring collection. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 16 June. The theme is The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives.

Christian Meditation Group

"A Christian Meditation group runs every Tuesday evening at 7pm at St Cuthbert's, Albion Road, North Shields. We have just completed our first year and are well established with a substantial group of meditators. As we enter our second year we are going to spend some time going back to basics by using the teachings of how to meditate by the founder of Christian Meditation, Fr. John Main OSB. We would invite anyone who is interested or just curious to come and join us."

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: Take some time to appreciate nature and God's creation. When we acknowledge how beautiful it is we maybe more inspired to look after God's gift of Creation

Parish Council

Over the next few weeks parish councillors will introduce themselves at the end of the Mass, so that you are aware who the parish councillors are. This week Gary Leece will introduce himself at the St Joseph's Mass. Barbara Davies will do likewise at St Cuthbert's.

Holy Island Children's Camp

Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>.

The General Election

Sir Alan Campbell, the Labour Party Candidate has agreed to a private meeting where he will meet representatives from the institutions of Tyne and Wear Citizens based in his constituency at St Cuthbert's Hall on Thursday 27th June at 10.30am. Since the parish is a member of TWC, parishioners are welcome to the meeting. We will be mentioning some of the ask in Citizens UK manifesto, that can be found at: <https://www.citizensuk.org/campaigns/citizens-manifesto/>

After the 11.am Mass this weekend, a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens, Faith Lydiard, will be around with a laptop to help anyone who has yet to register for a vote. You just need your address and be able to state you are a British National. Though you will need ID to vote it is not needed to register As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see www.cafod.org.uk/encounter or www.svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Proud Catholics

Their next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th June, at 7.30pm. We will write down questions uppermost in our minds that we wish to share and discuss regarding faith and sexuality. These will be put in a bag and our host will draw them out so we can share our reflections on them. Zoom link available. Please get in touch if interested.

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

Feast Of St. Thomas More

You are warmly invited to join us for Mass at Our Lady & St. Columba Church, Wallsend to celebrate the life and work of our school community. The Mass will take place at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 and will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet students and see how they are bringing about God's kingdom here on earth. The Mass will be followed with food and celebration - fun for the whole family... all are invited.

Driving for Parishes Purposes

Our Parish Health & Safety Officers have reminded me that if you use you use your car for a parish purpose, e.g. Driving your car to take Holy Communion or bank the parish collection, you need to inform your car insurance company

Refugee Week event at St Mary's Cathedral.

Our Home: "stretch your tents curtains wide" Isaiah 54: 2
An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on Tuesday 18th June at 6.30pm.. This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England. We will have the opportunity to listen to people's stories, celebrate their talents and recognise that we are better off when we welcome the strangers and make them our friends. We will hear what the Diocese has to offer and also see the gifts and talents of our new neighbours.

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

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

Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass
Coffee is available after 9:30am Mass every Wednesday morning at St Cuthberts. Everyone welcome.

Summer Fayre at St Cuthbert's Church
on Saturday, 29th June at 12 noon
Donations for all stalls are welcome, see notice at 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