

MASS READINGS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - B

FIRST READING

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

Psalm 84

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| <p>1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.</p> | <p>2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Before the world was made, God chose us.

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we are claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it; and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

He began to send them out.

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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13th/14th July 2024 – 15th Sunday of the Year - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 13th July		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 14th July 15th Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: Stan Llewellyn Live stream	
Monday 15th July		
Tuesday 16th July		9.30am: Mass:
Wednesday 17th July	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Private Intention End of School Year Mass for St Cuthbert's	
Thursday 18th July	6.30pm Mass of Confirmation	9:30am: Mass: End of School Year St Joseph's School
Friday 19th July	6.15pm: Exposition 7.00pm: Word and Communion	
Saturday 20th July		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 21st July 16th 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

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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, and Antoni Kulik. Please pray for Stan Llewellyn, Jean Hain, Fr Cornelius O'Connor and for all those who have died recently.

15th Sunday of the Year

What are the implications of following God's call? This seems to be the theme of the readings for this week-end. It calls us to change, to let go, to be open and detached. We are asked to align our priorities to be focused on what matters. We called to ensure our gifts from God help our discipleship and not get in the way. How we use our gifts is question of discernment. This maybe between the good and the bad or even the good or the better. It needs space and time to discern well, not to be rushed or done when we are not in a good place. Discernment is always a process and often are decisions are provisional open to the shaping of the movement of the Spirit.

Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the prayer of praise. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus himself, in facing hostility and rejection, responds by praising God. He thanks the Father for who he is and for his love in revealing himself "to mere children" (Mt 11:25), to the poor and humble of our world. Jesus' example of praise calls us to respond as he did at times when we feel God is absent or evil seems victorious. In this way, we come to view things in a new and greater perspective, for – as the Catechism teaches – through praise we share "in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing him in glory" (No. 2639). We see this clearly in the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who composed his famous Canticle of the Creatures when he was troubled by sickness and impending blindness. In praising God for everything, even "Sister Death", Francis, together with all the saints, teaches us the importance, in all the circumstances of our lives, of praising God who is always faithful and whose love is eternal.

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: Appreciate nature around you. Discover the local nature reserves in the area at:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/579/local-nature-reserves> or at:
<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Local/Reserves.aspx>

Confirmations

On Thursday July 18th at 6.30pm, we welcome Bishop Stephen who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on about 30 candidates. We pray for the candidates. A big thank-you to those who are preparing them for this important day.

CAFOD

Public Speaking in Church. Join our online training, learn tips and build your confidence. CAFOD is offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. It'll be inviting, relaxed and fun! Register at: https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking_at_mass_training To receive the link or use the QR code below with your mobile phone camera. Date and time: Saturday 13th July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16th July, 7pm-8pm



Safeguarding in the Diocese and the Parish.

In the light of what happened in recent years in the Diocese, the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) is keenly working with the diocese to ensure that the Diocese is compliant with all regulations and guidance. Apart of the inspection process, Bishop Stephen has informed us at that at any time the CSSA could do a spot check on the Diocese and any parish within it. In the light of this I have asked our parish safeguarding representative, Clare Harvey, to ensure that as a parish we are up to date with all Diocesan Safeguarding requirements. In the light of this if you are approached by Clare to ensure diocesan compliance, I would be grateful if you assist her as much as possible

End of the Academic Year

In this last week of the School year for our schools I would like to express my thanks and respect to all the staff in St Thomas More High School, St Joseph's Primary and St Cuthbert's. Your sense of dedication and service to our young people is much appreciated St Cuthbert's School will have their end of term Mass on 17th July at 9.30am and St Joseph's will be on Thursday 18th July at 9.30am. Wishing all staff and students a very well deserved rest and happy holidays

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Director of Education. This role is crucial to the development and protection of Catholic Education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301. Closing date for applications: 22 July.

Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 16th July at 7pm.

Governor for St Thomas More

St Thomas More School are looking for another Foundation Governor. The person needs to be a practicing Catholic with experience of leadership and managing finances. If interested please contact Fr Chris.

Summer Fayre - Accidental donation

CAN YOU HELP? Do you know the person who bought a **SANCTUARY GIFT SET** at the Summer Fayre last Saturday? The donor was unaware that a sentimental piece of jewellery was put inside the packaging as a gift from a family member.

If you or someone you know bought this could you please contact Katherine Main in the office at St Cuthbert's 0191 2573408.

Invitation to Red Box Holders & Supporters

Fr Greg Price, Missio Diocesan Director, requests the pleasure of your company for a Hexham & Diocesan Mission Mass with Fr Anthony Chantry MHM National Director, Missio, England & Wales on Saturday 27th July at 11.130am at St Anne's Church, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington, DL1 2DR. Please join us for refreshments after Mass. To assist with planning if possible, please RSVP by 22nd July. E-mail: redbox@missio.org.uk or tel. 07593 544625

Creation Harvest 15th September

The Season of Creation is from September 1st to October 4th. The Fairtrade Fortnight is from September 9th to 22nd. To celebrate both these events and the time of harvest the Masses of that week-end will focus on Pope Francis to care for our Common Home and to hear the cries of the earth and the poor. Like our celebration for Pentecost and receiving the Live Simply award we will have a shared lunch with an international theme.

Spiritual Conversation and Diocesan Vision

As mentioned before I would like all parish groups to reflect on the diocesan vision statement issued by the Bishop at Pentecost. We are asked to reflect on the statement as a 'Spiritual Conversation'. If you would like to learn to more as to how Spiritual Conversations work in practice, I will be modelling the process on 31st July at St Cuthbert's at 7pm.

Proud Catholics

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th July, at 7.30pm. We will meet at St Andrew's RC Church to experience a prayer in the style of the Taizé community, followed by bring-and-share refreshments in the Chaplaincy room. 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/> and our Facebook and Instagram pages @proud Catholicsuk

Living Catholicism Today summer course, 1st – 4th August

How do we interpret the sources of Christian morality? Why is the Church 'obsessed' about human sexuality? What is the significance of the virtues? Part of the CHC's "Faith & Reason" series, this course will explore morality and the Christian life, with Dr Caroline Farey, Dr Andrew Beard and Stefan Kaminski.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason-series/>

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 Cuthbert's. Everyone welcome.

Dates for Diary

Trip to Holy Island - 31st August Bus leaves from St Cuthbert's at 9am

Anyone wishing to attend please put name and contact details on the lists available 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