

FIRST READING**Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7***The creation and sin of our first parents.*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." 'Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm (to be read by the whole congregation together)**Psalm 50****Response:** *Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

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| <p>1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.</p> | <p>2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned:
what is evil in your sight I have done.</p> |
| <p>3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.</p> | <p>4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.</p> |

SECOND READING**Romans 5:12-19***However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

GOSPEL**Matthew 4:1-11***Jesus fasted for forty days and the tempter came.*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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Sunday, 5th March 2017 - 1st Sunday of Lent - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 4 th March	9:30am Mass: 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass:	
Sunday 5 th March 1 st Sunday of Lent	11:00am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: George Storey
Monday 6 th March Sts Perpetua and Felicity	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 7 th March		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday 8 th March	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Special Intention (FH)	
Thursday 9 th March		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday 10 th March	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	7:00am Mass:
Saturday 11 th March	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Irene Fatkin	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 12 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent	11:00am Mass: Ellen Hughes, RIP	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Frederick & Grace Hood 4:00pm Stations of the Cross

Forward Together In Hope

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.
Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.
Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.

Parish Mission Statement

"You send forth your spirit they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)

We are a community who meet Jesus in His words and in His Sacraments.

Filled then, with the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community of faith, hope, love and hospitality.

As the Gospel is proclaimed, celebrated and lived out in our daily lives, we are sent out to renew the face of the earth."

Lent 2017

We begin our annual journey of faith to Easter, starting with Ash Wednesday, with Lent being seen as a time of grace for our relationship with God and discipleship of Christ being renewed.

Festival of Prayer

Thanks to all to who taken part in the Festival of Prayer this weekend. The festival will finish with Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm. Fr Chris on behalf of the parish would like to thank Kathryn Turner, the head of the Diocesan Department of Spirituality for her advice and the loan of a great array of resources for the weekend

Lenten Course

This week we will be starting our Lenten Course, called 'Sharing our Gifts'. We will be exploring the variety of ministries that are needed for a community to be a flourishing parish. I am delighted that all the input will be led by parishioners which shows the depth and range of gifts we have. The talks will be taking place at St Cuthbert's and will start at 7.00pm

March 8 th	Evangelism & Witness - Ruth Corless
March 15 th	Pastoral Care - Tony Wright
March 22 nd	Prayer and Worship - Barbara Davies
March 29 th	Formation and Teaching - Tim O'Grady
April 5 th	Administration - David Leane & Sheila Hall
April 12 th	Seeking Justice and Social Outreach - Peter Quinn and Fr Chris.

This week we will start with a reflection on Evangelism and Witness lead by Ruth Corless. Ruth has been involved in shaping and developing Youth Ministry in both the Hexham & Newcastle and Lancaster Dioceses, with a passion for people to know, love and serve the Lord.

Ruth will help us to reflect on what God has done in our lives gives us courage to share with others. Ruth will invite us to listen, reflect and consider the ways in which we can and do witness for Christ in our daily lives. "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony" Revelations.

I hope the variety of issues will show the diversity of parish ministry but all aspects are needed and we are all called to reflect on how we can contribute to this variety of ministries to enable our parish and partnership to be sustainable and flourishing.

Worship in Lent

Every Sunday will have Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm. This week Stations will be at St Cuthbert's. There will be an evening Mass on a Friday evenings at 7.00pm, from March 10th to April 7th at St Joseph's

Lenten Groups in North Shields Churches Together

The following Churches will be hosting a Lenten Group based on a DVD based on the Gospel of John:
Mondays 7-7.30pm Fishermen's Mission, North Shields
Wednesdays 2pm at St John's, Percy Main
Thursdays 7-7.30 at St Columba's Northumberland Square

Please pray for ... A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews: Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, Human Life and Seafarers. Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Jackie Kelly, Joseph Ackerley, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Armbuster, baby Eliana Carter and David McManus. We pray for all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

CAFOD Speaker

We offer a warm welcome to Brigid Duffy this weekend. Brigid is a member of YMT and has taken part in in CAFOD's 'Step into the Gap' Programme, which involves young people in their gap years spending some time with CAFOD partners overseas. At the end of Masses this weekend, Brigid will give a brief reflection about her experience. CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast day on Friday March 10th. Brigid will be handing out CAFOD Family Fast envelopes as you leave the Church.

Memorial Mass for Mr Barry Jennings

As mentioned before, St Cuthbert's Primary School were saddened and shocked to hear of the sudden and tragic death of the School Business Manager, Mr Barry Jennings. We will have a memorial Mass for Barry at St Cuthbert's on Friday 10th March at 9.30. The whole school will be there as well as some members of Barry's friends and family. They are very welcome to St Cuthbert's as we give thanks for Barry's life and for his much appreciated contribution to the life of the school

Parish Administrator

Our new administrator, Katherine Maine, started this week and has been 'learning the ropes' with help from Sheila Hall. Katherine will be in the office Tuesday to Friday from 9am-1pm. Katherine looks forward to meeting as many of the parish as possible.

Volunteers for North Tyneside General Mass

On Saturday mornings, Mass is celebrated at North Tyneside General Hospital, with special ministers taking communion to patients on the wards. More special ministers are needed. If any of the special ministers would like to be on the rota please let Fr Chris know.

JPII Awards

Congratulations to Sam Burwood who received her Gold John Paul II award at a ceremony in Newcastle last week. If any young people in the parish aged at least 16 would like to do the award please contact Fr Chris or the Parish JP II rep, Linda Shotton.

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the Mercy Associates will be at the Convent, 17 Cartington Terrace at 1.00pm on Monday 6th March. New members are welcome

APF

The annual collection from our parish for the 'APF' Red Boxes, to help with the Church's missionary work across the world came to £950.84p. Congratulations to all who donate and help with the collection of the boxes and counting of monies.

Youth Group

The parish youth group will be meeting this Sunday, March 5th, at St Cuthbert's at 6.00pm. All young people are welcome.

Flame Event March 11th

Flame meeting for all participants will be held on Thursday 9th March, 7pm at St Thomas More School.

Parish Pancake Night

A big thank-you to all who contributed to ensure that the Parish Pancake Night was a very successful event. £441 was raised for parish funds. The hard work, commitment and generosity of the Social Committee is very much appreciated.

Trinity Charity Shop

The parish has just received the latest quarterly share from the Trinity Charity Shop. It came to £1200.82p. This another great total and thanks to all who contribute and volunteer in the shop for their commitment and hard work.

The Cedarwood Centre

As many of you know, the Cedarwood Centre in the Meadow Well Estate, moved premises in December across the road to a former local authority building just across the road in Avon Avenue. One of the projects is to build a 'street gym', which is raising costs by crowd funding. Can you please have a look to see whether this is something that you'd like to support and/or pass the link to your contacts please? The link is <https://www.spacehive.com/cedarwood-streetgym>.

Coming up at Minsteracres:

Quiet days of reflection during Lent
Wednesday 15 March – Sr. Rosarie Spence RSM
Wednesday 22 March – Sr. Anne McCarthy RSCJ
Wednesday 29 March – Kathryn Turner
Wednesday 5 April – Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ

Day of Recollection

There is to be a Lenten Day of Reflection at the Franciscan Friary, Alnmouth on Saturday 1st April. The day will be led by Fr Chris and will give us an opportunity to 'pause and reflect' on our Lenten Journey. All parishioners are most welcome. The theme will be – 'Christ: Our Servant and Teacher'. The cost will be approximately £15, a packed lunch will be required; tea and fruit juice will be provided. Please sign up in the church porch if you would like to attend.

Children's Liturgy St Joseph's

The Children Liturgy needs more people to help with this. Even if you are DBS covered, just being present in the chapel would be helpful. Please see either Fr Chris or Sheila Hall, Joanna Waggot or Maria Robson.

Appeal from St Joseph's Nursery

St Joseph's Nursery would be most grateful for any of the following:
Toy Cars, Fairy Tale story books, Wellies to fit up to size 12, old cordless telephones, Small World Toys (e.g animals & Playpeople).
Please put in the box at St Joseph's Church. Many thanks.

Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball money for March is due today, £4.00.

Social Calendar

Future events are as follows:
18th March - Ceilidh at St Cuthberts
25th March - Jumble Sale at St Cuthberts
23rd April - Afternoon Tea at St Josephs
27th May - Polish Night (food etc more info later)
10th June - Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts
Goods needed for the Jumble Sale, no electricals please