

MASS READINGS
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)
FIRST READING

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Psalms 24

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour.</p> | <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor.</p> | |

SECOND READING

The water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 18th February 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent B

Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	17 th February	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	
Sunday	18 th February 1 st Sunday of Lent	11:00am Mass: Nancy Healy	9:30am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday	19 th February	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	20 th February		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday	21 st February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Jane Turner	
Thursday	22 nd February		9:30am Mass: Pauline Smith
Friday	23 rd February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Noel Henri	7:00pm Mass:
Saturday	24 th February	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Christina Arris	NO MASS
Sunday	25 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	11:00am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross	9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell

Mark 1:12-15

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

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| Holy Mary, Mother of God. | Pray for us |
| St Joseph | Pray for us |
| St Columba | Pray for us |
| St Aidan | Pray for us |
| St Oswin | Pray for us |
| St Cuthbert | Pray for us |
| St Edmund | Pray for us |
| St Edward | Pray for us |
| St Bernadette | Pray for us |
| Lord, in your mercy | Hear our prayer |

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, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Mel Mitchell, Father Bill Bellamy, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Armbuster, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater and Katie McVay. Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Collections

4th February 2018 - £669.34

The Season of Lent.

This special time of grace starts on Wednesday 14th February. The following will take place

- **Prayer Stations at St Joseph's this weekend February 16-18th**
- **Stations of the Cross. Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm, starting at St Joseph's**
- **Friday evening Mass at St Joseph's at 7.00pm**

Lenten Talks based on the Seven sayings of Christ on the Cross

These will take place at St Cuthbert's starting at 7.00pm

- February 21st 'This is your son, this is your mother' L'Arche as a model of Creating Community in times of pain and suffering by Fr Chris
- February 28th 'Into your hands I commend my spirit and 'It is accomplished' Death, Dying and Wisdom in an Age of Denial by Dr Kathryn Mannix
- March 7th 'I thirst' 'Water, Development and our Common Home' by Rev David Cross, Regional Officer for CAFOD
- March 14th 'Today, you will be with me in paradise' God's offer of salvation to the criminal with Alan Hasting and members of South Tyneside Prison Matters
- March 21st 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me' Hearing the voices of victims of torture', Tony Wright
- March 28th 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do'. Though not in person we shall show video clips of Richard Moore, blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British officer with his powerful story of forgiveness

Revive the Passion for Relationship with Christ

You are invited to a day on Saturday 3rd March 10am – 4pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields with Fr Michael Hickey and Michael and Hilda Hedley to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Tea & coffee will be provided but bring your own lunch. To book a place please phone Fr. Michael on 07912 060628.

Soup Sunday

As part of CAFOD'S family fast day, a soup lunch will be served after the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's next week

Day of Recollection

As happened last year we will have a day of recollection at the Anglican Franciscans Friary in Alnmouth. This year it will be on March 17th. The Friary have informed that Fr Chris that there will only be 15 places available. So there will be a list of seven places at both St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's. The 15th place goes to Fr Chris, who will lead a reflection on the Passion Narrative in John's Gospel

Coming up at Minsteracres:

Walking retreat on Wednesday 21 February.

Quiet days of reflection during Lent, all from 10.00am – 4.00pm, with lunch provided:

- Wednesday 28 February – Sr. Rosarie Spence RSM
- Wednesday 7 March – Kathryn Turner
- Wednesday 14 March – Sr. Anne McCarthy RSCJ
- Wednesday 21 March – Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ

For our full 2018 programme visit our website: <http://www.minsteracres.org/> or call us on 01434 673248.

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

On behalf of the Board of Directors Bishop Seamus is delighted to announce that Fiona Standfield has been appointed to the post of Chief Operating Officer and she will commence her role on 1 June 2018.

The recruitment process has been substantial and robust and included engagement with Ashmore Consulting Ltd. and recruitment firm, NRG.

Educated at the Universities of Leeds, Caen and Oxford, Fiona began her career as a Civil Servant in Whitehall, subsequently teaching Modern Foreign Languages and working in the House of Commons, before joining Royal Mail plc. Fiona enjoyed a thirteen-year career with Royal Mail plc, undertaking operational, training and management posts both at home and abroad. Since returning to the North East Fiona has developed a portfolio career, which has included her own consultancy practice – providing language services, project management and business development support to businesses across all three sectors – and interim change leadership roles as Director, Newcastle Science City and North East Programme Director for Safe Families for Children. She is currently working with Social Enterprises across the region and lecturing at the Universities of Sunderland and Durham. A former chair of an NHS Mental Health and Learning Disability Trust, Fiona is also employed by the Ministry of Justice as a Specialist (mental health) Lay Tribunal Member and as a Non-Executive Director of Together for Children - Sunderland. Fiona enjoys voluntary positions as the North East Institute of Directors Ambassador for Skills, a Trustee of Vindolanda, Chair of Northumberland based theatre company November Club, a member of the Common Purpose North East Advisory Panel, Chair of the North East Advisory Panel for the charity Safe Families for Children, a member of Newcastle University Business School International Advisory Board and a member of the Local Governing Body of Northumberland College.

Parish Council

The rearranged parish council meeting will be at St Cuthbert's this Tuesday, 20th February at 7.30pm

Parish Proclaimers

The inaugural meeting of the parish group to explore how we evangelise and proclaim our faith to the wider community.

It was a fruitful meeting with some good energy and lots of creative ideas

There were 6 of us present. We agreed to do the following:

- Explore if the Crucifix on the grounds of St Joseph's could have some form of lighting in the evening.
- The group to make some banners for the outside of both churches for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.
- Cards to be made up informing people of the Lenten Course and times of Holy Week Liturgies and to be given to children and parents at St Joseph's and St Cuthbert's Primary School.

The next meeting will be 5.45, 28th February at St Cuthberts (This will be taking place before the Lenten Course session at 7pm)

Pastoral Care for the Bereaved

We have a group of parishioners who are willing to spend time with anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one. They can be contacted on the Pastoral Carers phone line on: 07526080729.

CCRS Specialist Parish Catechesis module

Saturday 17th and 24th March 2018, 9.30am – 3.30pm, Venue: St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY Buffet lunch is provided both days. Cost: £120.00 (waged) and £60.00 (unwaged). Applicants intending to engage, or already engaged, in local parish ministry may find their parish willing to assist with the course fee. Please contact your parish priest for further information.

The purpose of this module is to enable participants to gain an understanding of parish catechesis and to develop approaches to working within a parish setting. It offers an introduction to the theology, principles and goals of parish catechesis. Please contact Eamonn Diffley no later than Friday 2nd March 2018 at eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3313 to book or for more information.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

The Holy Father has announced that Friday 23rd February – the Friday of the First Week of Lent – has been designated as a Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World. This is also the CaFOD Family Lent Fast day and so could dovetail into this annual work too, especially as CaFOD has projects in both DRC and South Sudan.

Pope Francis says: Faced with the tragic continuation of conflict in several parts of the world, I invite all faithful to a special Day of prayer and fasting for peace on this coming 23 February, Friday of the First Week of Lent. We will offer this in particular to the populations of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and of South Sudan. As on other similar occasions, I also invite non-Catholic and non-Christian brothers and sisters to participate in this initiative in the ways they consider most appropriate, but all together.

Finance Committee

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee this Thursday, 22nd February at St Joseph's at 7.00pm

Pancake Night

Thanks to all involved with this very enjoyable evening. Over £366 was raised. Well done!

John Paul II Award

Congratulations to Lewis Hall who last week received the John Paul II Gold Award. Well done Lewis!

Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting on February 25th

All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Village on Sunday February 25th at 3.00pm. (Tea, coffee and cake served from 2.15pm). There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org

Parish Administrator

Our parish administrator Katherine Main has been with us for nearly a year. Those in the parish who have worked with her, including Fr Chris, are delighted with her contribution to parish life and are keen for her to stay in her post. Her initial contract was for 12 months. Fr Chris has asked the diocese to extend her contract. The diocese has decided to extend her contract for a further 10 months. The diocese is waiting to see if administration in the partnership can be co-ordinated on a partnership level before making any further decisions regarding administrative staff in the partnership

'Divine Renovation, From Maintenance to Mission'

When: Sat, February 24, 9:30am – 1:00pm

Where: St. John Vianney, West Denton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 1DP. (map)

Description: 'Divine Renovation, From Maintenance to Mission' Alpha course led by Michael Roche and Amy Cameron. Saturday 24 February 2018 from 9.30am until 1.00pm at St. John Vianney, West Denton, Newcastle upon Tyne NE5 1DP. All enquiries by email to adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk.

Novena to St Joseph for Mill Hill Missionaries

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10-18 March 2018 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask God's blessing for their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer.

Please write to Fr Liam Cummins MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email: novenahm@gmail.com

Social Events

Saturday 24th March – Jumble Sale. All donations gratefully received. No electricals.