

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham,’ he called. ‘Here I am,’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’ When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham,’ he said. ‘I am here,’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy,’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 115

1. I trusted, even when I said:
‘I am sorely afflicted.’
precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
2. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
3. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord’s name.

SECOND READING

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:

‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!’ Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

This is my Son, the Beloved.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 25th February 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Lent B

| Masses, Devotions and Services | | |
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| | St Cuthbert’s Church | St Joseph’s Church |
| 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 |
| Monday 26 th February | 9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion | |
| Tuesday 27 th February | | 9:30am Mass: |
| Wednesday 28 th February | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: | |
| Thursday 1 st March | | 9:30am Mass: Gloria Gascon |
| Friday 2 nd March | 9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: | 7:00pm Mass: |
| Saturday 3 rd March | 4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: | NO MASS |
| Sunday 4 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent | 11:00am Mass: | 9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell 4:00pm Stations of the Cross |

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

18th February 2018 - £858.53

The Season of Lent.

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

- **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 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

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please return your envelopes this weekend or as soon as possible

General Meeting of the Parish

I have been asked to hold a General Meeting of the parish to discuss Mass times in the parish in the light of the Bishop's wish that there should be more than one Vigil Mass in the partnership area. The meeting will be chaired by the partnership dean, Mgr Andrew Faley. This meeting will take place on Thursday March 8th at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church.

Day of Recollection

The Lenten Day of recollection at the Franciscan Friary will be Saturday March 17th. Fr Chris will lead a reflection on John's Passion Narrative. Please sign the lists in the back of church. Including Fr Chris there are only 15 places available.

Parish Council Elections

It was agreed that Parish Council Elections will take place in April 14th/15th. There are 6 vacancies on the council. Fr Chris would like all parishioners to consider if they or someone else in the parish would be suitable to be in the parish. The council would like its membership to represent the broad diversity that exists within the parish.

Communications in the Parish

At the last parish council meeting it was discussed how the work of the various groups and committees is feedback at the parish council. It was agreed that the best forum for feedback of all the excellent work being done in the parish is not the parish council but through the parish newsletter. Therefore, it was agreed that the Parish Council asks all groups to agree at the end of a meeting which basic points or actions plans are to be forwarded to the newsletter team

Soup Sunday

A soup lunch will be served after the 11.00am Mass at St Cuthbert's this weekend in aid of Mary's Meals.

Northern Men's Pilgrimage

The above annual pilgrimage to our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham will this year take place on Friday and Saturday the 29th & 30th of June and Sunday the 1st of July. The cost which includes coach travel, bed breakfast and evening meals plus a traditional Sunday lunch before our return home is £150. A deposit of £50 to secure a place. For details contact John Ross Tel 0191 4404391 or John Robertson Tel 0191 4877790.

A Statement from CAFOD

At CAFOD all our policies and procedures are directed at ensuring we have zero tolerance of abuse of any kind. Poor and vulnerable people are the centre of our work and they often live in the most difficult and violent situations. Here, even the strongest of policies and practices may not stop abuses happening and in such cases we will act quickly and transparently, always with the welfare of vulnerable people coming first. In line with the worldwide Church we take safeguarding very seriously and share our skills with the Holy See, Bishops' Conferences and other Caritas agencies around the world, especially on child protection issues. Finally, can I ask you to keep in your prayers all those who have been affected by this situation especially those vulnerable individuals in Haiti and other countries around the world who have not been afforded the dignity and care they deserve.

Yours in Christ,
Chris Bain, CAFOD Director

North Tyneside General Hospital (Rake Lane)

Saturday Mass in the hospital Chaplaincy (10.30 am) will resume as from 17th March. New Chaplaincy volunteers are welcome; please contact Fr Stephen Watson or Fr Lee Barrett on 0191 2934268 (Chaplaincy office). Patients requiring a chaplaincy visit should ask the ward staff to contact the RC Chaplain, or relatives can ring the Chaplaincy office.

FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY a priest is on call 24/7.

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.

Coming up at Minsteracres:

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.

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.

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@ynt.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

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 at St Cuthberts. **ALL DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED. NO ELECTRICALS.**

St Joseph's R.C. Nursery

Children are eligible to attend nursery after their 3rd birthday. If you have children under 4 years old don't forget to apply for a place in our nursery – it's never too early to put their name on the list.

St Joseph's Nursery

Many thanks for the donations of toys we received following our appeal. They are greatly appreciated.

Trinity Charity Shop

St Joseph's are looking for volunteers to work on Thursday's between 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Please contact Michael Hanlon or Pat Campbell.