

**MASS READINGS**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**  
**FIRST READING**

**Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46**

*The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 31**

**Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

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| <p>1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,<br/>         whose sin is remitted.<br/>         happy the man to whom the Lord<br/>         imputes no guilt,<br/>         in whose spirit is no guile.</p> | <p>2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;<br/>         My guilt I did not hide.<br/>         I said: 'I will confess<br/>         my offence to the Lord.'<br/>         And you, Lord, have forgiven<br/>         the guilt of my sin.</p> |
| <p>3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,<br/>         exult, you just!<br/>         come, ring out your joy,<br/>         all you upright of heart</p>   |   |

**SECOND READING**

**Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

*Take me for your model, as I take Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:40-45**

*He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

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**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> February	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Christine Arris	
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> February 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B	11:00am Mass:	9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell (Baby)
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> February		9:30am: Mass: Gloria Gascon (Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	7:00pm Mass: Peter Smith
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> February		9:30am Mass:
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	7:00pm Mass:
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> February	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	11:00am Mass:	9:30am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Bidding Prayers and our Partnership**

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

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

4<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - £787.38

#### The Season of Lent.

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

- **Ash Wednesday 14 February**  
Mass at St Cuthbert's at 9.30pm  
Mass at St Joseph's at 7.00pm  
*Fr Chris will be having a meeting of Special Ministers of the Eucharist after each Mass on Ash Wednesday, 9:30am at St Cuthbert's and 7:00pm at St Joseph's*
- **Prayer Stations at St Joseph's the week-end of 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 21<sup>st</sup> '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 28<sup>th</sup> '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 7<sup>th</sup> 'I thirst' 'Water, Development and our Common Home' by Rev David Cross, Regional Officer for CAFOD
- March 14<sup>th</sup> '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 21<sup>st</sup> 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me' Hearing the voices of victims of torture', Tony Wright
- March 28<sup>th</sup> '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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the Mercy Associates is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February in the convent, 17 Cartington Road, at 1pm.

#### Poverty Action Sunday

Sunday 11 February is Poverty Action Sunday. The ecumenical group Church Action on Poverty invites us to 'Give, Act and Pray'.

"For churches, Jesus initiated the act of making visible those who were overlooked." (Kathy Galloway).

Throughout his ministry, Jesus listened to people who were on the margins of his society. He made visible those who were overlooked, and gave them hope. Our churches are called to follow Jesus' example: to listen to voices from the margins and make them heard, so that things can change. That's what Church Action on Poverty's campaigns and projects are for. On Church Action on Poverty Sunday, we invite you to learn about them and lend your support. For more information go to their website: <http://www.church-poverty.org.uk/>

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#### Action Tutoring

Action Tutoring, an education charity that provides support to disadvantaged pupils through tutoring, delivered entirely by volunteers. They work with primary and secondary school pupils delivering tutoring programmes in Maths and English in Newcastle. They support those pupils who are at risk of not meeting national standards in their GCSEs or SATs and are facing socio-economic disadvantage, meaning they wouldn't otherwise have access to this kind of help. They want them to reach their potential and ensure that the circumstances they are born into do not affect their chances of success. They are looking for volunteers to support us by tutoring a pupil for just one hour a week, for approximately 8-10 weeks. Their tutoring takes place on the school premises and their volunteers work with the same pupils every week, meaning they can see first hand the impact they are having. They have a member of our team present at every session and provide training and specially designed workbooks for all of our tutors. They have many programmes running from Monday to Friday. They would love to get members of local faith communities involved with their volunteering. They have programmes running in Newcastle. Would you be able to share this opportunity with them? You can also find more information on our website: [www.actiontutoring.org.uk/](http://www.actiontutoring.org.uk/)

#### 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, 28<sup>th</sup> February at St Cuthbert's (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 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at [eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:eamonn.diffley@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone 0191 243 3313 to book or for more information.

#### Change of Mass Times

The voting was as follows

##### Option A 193 Votes

St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am  
St Cuthbert's Sunday 11.00am

##### Option B 156 Votes

St Cuthbert's Saturday 5.30pm  
St Joseph's Sunday 9.30am

##### Option C 136 Votes

St Joseph's Saturday 5.30pm  
St Cuthbert's Sunday at 11.00am.

As you will see, the most popular choice was to have the Masses on a morning. Having discussed this with the Bishop, it has been decided that to take another vigil Mass away from the deanery would not be helpful to those who wish to go to a Vigil Mass. He asked the partnership as a whole to discuss the times of Masses and decide as a partnership. Therefore, any decision will be deferred till later on in the year. The Bishop has asked for the priests and the partnership development group to discuss this and come to a decision.

#### Social Events

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Pancake Night and raffle at St Cuthbert's at 7:30pm. . £3 per ticket Tickets available after Mass.  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Soup Sunday - Soup with bun plus raffle. £2.50. Money to be donated to Mary's Meals.  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Jumble Sale. All donations gratefully received. No electricals.

#### Harry Rutherford

Harry Rutherford's funeral will take place at Tynemouth Crematorium on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2.15pm.