

MASS READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants.' Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

Psalm 26

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| <p>1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?</p> | <p>2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'</p> |
| <p>3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.</p> | <p>4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!</p> |

SECOND READING

Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of him face was changed.

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

<p>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church <i>Albion Road West North Shields</i></p>	<p>Tynemouth Priory Partnership </p>	<p>Saint Joseph Catholic Church <i>Wallsend Road North Shields</i></p>
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<p>Parish website information at: http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk We are three Roman Catholic Parishes in the eastern half of the borough of North Tyneside, within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Our website gives an overview of our three parishes and seven churches, as well as mass times, and details of parish ministries and groups.</p>		
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Sunday, 17th March 2019 – 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 16 th March		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Valentin Sutacio Jr
Sunday 17 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent – Year C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 18 th March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 19 th March St Joseph. Husband of Mary		7:00pm Mass:
Wednesday 20 th March St Cuthbert	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Dan McCormack	
Thursday 21 st March		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 22 nd March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Ethan McFarlane	
Saturday 23 rd March		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 24 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent – Year C	11:00am Mass:	

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 Patricia Conlon, Father Bill Bellamy, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Chiho Smith and Maurice McVay. Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Lent 2019

Now that Lent has started here below are the regular events that will be taking place during Lent.

- Sundays at 4.00pm Stations of the Cross. This week will be at St Joseph's on March 17th Alternate Sundays at St Cuthbert's.

In our readings for the Second Sunday of Lent we have the story of the Transfiguration. This story comes between Christ's prediction of his death and resurrection and a father pleading for his son to be healed. Aware of our following of Christ and that it calls us to embrace a troubled world we need to know that we share in Christ's power and glory. We need this to be faithful disciples.

Because there is a Mass in the evening of March 19th to celebrate St Joseph, the next session of the course on the Mass will be next week.

- Wednesdays at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's March 20th for the Churches Together Lenten course called 'Embracing the Cross: A Lenten Course on the possibility of peace, grace and hope in Christ when we accept the certainty of death and dying, we will have a session reflection on Dr Lucy Tierney's input.
- Fridays at 7.00pm, starting on March 22nd, at St Joseph's: Evening Mass.

As you will see there is plenty happening that should give you an opportunity to deepen your faith and understanding of the mysteries we will be celebrating in the Lent & Easter Period.

Baptism

On Saturday March 9th Olivia Mishner was baptised into the Church at St Joseph's. On 17th March Mia Robson will be baptised at 12.30 at St Cuthbert's. We pray for Olivia and Mia and their respective families as they are united in Christ.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Last Friday was CAFOD family fast day. Please donate any money you saved from any fasting or abstinence from that day.

Decoration of Parish Property

When the property survey took place, it acknowledged that quite a bit of decoration needs to take place on parish properties. If anyone can recommend a good decorator to carry out this work, please inform Fr Chris.

Car Parking at St Joseph's

Since no-one expressed a willingness to be a steward on the school car park nor has there any interest been shown in using the school for car parking, I have informed the school that the parish is not interested in using the school car park for the Vigil Mass.

Cedarwood Project

Due to the financial situation, there has been sadly a number of redundancies at the project. Volunteers are needed for administration, helping in the thrift shop and offering support. More information can be gained from visiting the project or asking Fr Chris.

Patronal Feasts

This week we hit the 'pause button' on Lent to celebrate our two Parton Saints, Ss Joseph and Cuthbert. Tuesday 19th March of is the Feast of St Joseph and Wednesday 20th March is the Feast of St Cuthbert. There will be Mass on Tuesday 19th March at St Joseph's at 7.00pm followed by a glass of wine. Mass for Feast day of St Cuthbert, Wednesday 20th March, will be at St Cuthbert's at 9.30am. There will be a celebration for St Cuthbert after the 11:00am Mass on 24th March.

Mercy Associates

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning. We raised a wonderful £291. This will be sent to help Sr Barbara Dooley's work with the street children of Nairobi.

A Note of Thanks

For over twenty years Michael Hanlon has volunteered in the Trinity Charity Shop on a Thursday. Michael worked in retail so he was able to bring his considerable experience to assist in the work of the shop. Michael has decided to step down as a volunteer. On behalf of all the parish I would like to thank Michael for the dedication and commitment Michael has given to the shop and for the benefits the parish has received through the shop.

Services for Bishop Robert's Installation (all held at St Mary's Cathedral)

Sunday 24 th March	4.30 pm Solemn Vespers Everybody in the Diocese is invited to attend.
Monday 25 th March	12 noon Episcopal Installation Mass Entry by invitation only, you will not be permitted without a ticket.
Tuesday 26 th March	2.00 pm Diocesan Schools Event Diocesan schools will welcome Bishop Robert.

Newman Association Tyneside Circle

Sister Michael "Newman Revised" Wednesday March 27th, in the Church Hall at St Mary's Cullercoats. A chance to discover more about the most recent English saint. All welcome.

Tyne and Wear Citizens North of Tyne Mayoral Assembly

As you may know a new combined authority of North of Tyne is being established. This will bring together the local councils of Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. There will be an elected Mayor for this authority, with elections taking place on May 2nd. Tyne & Wear Citizens are organising an assembly where key 'asks' on areas such as food poverty, mental health provision, hate crime and rural issues will be put to the candidates. The assembly will be taking place on Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm at the Tyne Opera House on the West Road. If you want to see the candidates and hear the promises they will be making you are very welcome to attend and encourage others to do so. The event will also give you an opportunity to learn more as to how Community Organisation enables grass roots groups such as churches to use their power to bring about the common good. For more information contact Fr Chris at: chris1707hughes@live.co.uk. You have to register for the event. You can do so at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mayoral-assembly-tickets-56500739232.

New to the UK

The Refugee and Asylum Seeker service for Churches Together in the North Shields, New to the UK, has seen a marked increase in demands for its services over the last few months. Therefore, we now need more volunteers to help on Wednesdays between 11am and 1pm at North Shields Baptist Church.

Whilst this is not the place for overt evangelism, we are keen that volunteers should understand and exhibit the Christian values of compassion, understanding and humility that underpin our work as Christians together. These values are essential for the support that we offer our Project users. As the team is often under pressure during the hours of opening, those same values are needed for us to work well together as a team.

Additionally, volunteers should understand that the role can be quite physical at times, as there are many occasions when bundles of clothes and household goods have to be moved to and from the upstairs storage area. Also, if you have any experience or interest in Teaching English as a Second Language and are free on Wednesdays, we'd like to meet you! Finally, if you are qualified to PAT test electrical goods and willing to use that ability for this work (not necessarily on a Wednesday), then please get in touch. For more information, or to offer yourself as a volunteer, please contact Rev Liz Edwards on 0191 257 6389 or liz@nsb.org.uk

Farewell Collection for Bishop Seamus

There are envelopes as you leave Church for any contribution you may wish to make for the Diocesan Farewell gift to Bishop Seamus.

St. Columba's Pilgrimage to Lisieux and Lourdes in July, 2019 from St Columba's

Here are some details we will be leaving St. Columba's on the morning of Wednesday 24th of July and arriving in Lisieux early evening in time for dinner. Travelling by luxury coach and ferry. We will spend two nights in Lisieux and on Thursday 25th will take in all of the places associated with the life of St. Therese of Lisieux. On Friday morning 26th of July we will leave Lisieux at approximately 8.30 am and arrive in Lourdes at approximately 6.00 pm with plenty of comfort stops en route. We will then be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage in Lourdes led this year by our new Bishop - Bishop Robert Byrne. On Thursday 1st August we will leave Lourdes after breakfast and travel to a hotel in Le Mams arriving in time for dinner, bed and breakfast before setting off on Friday 2nd of August for Calais and our ferry back to Dover and final leg of our trip home to Wallsend arriving in the evening.

The price of approximately £700 is based on full board, sharing as we currently have no single rooms available. For more details or to request a booking form to book one of the eight places left on our coach contact Father David Smith at Our Lady & St. Columba's. Father David Smith

Ministry of Consolation Day

On Saturday 23rd March, the diocese will welcome Bishop John Wilson from Westminster who will be our key speaker at our second Ministry of Consolation Day. The theme is 'Spirituality in Times of Trauma' and the day will be held at Ushaw College and will run from 10.00am - 3.30pm. Bishop John Wilson who will be sharing insights from his time of supporting people in the aftermaths of the murder of Ann Maguire at Corpus Christi School, Leeds and the Grenfell Tower. There will be workshops and spaces for reflection as well as a market place offering useful resources. The diocese anticipates a high demand for the day so please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. The day, including refreshments and lunch is free, though donations to cover the Diocese's costs would be most welcome! For more information and to book, please contact the Spirituality Department by email or Tel: 0191 2433302.

Parish Social Group

Over many years the parish social group has done great work in organising a wide range of social activities. More members representing the cross diversity of the parish would be much appreciated. Please contact Nora Pearson or Fr Chris if interested.

Coffee after Sunday Mass at St Cuthberts

At present there is a rota of 3 teams of 2/3 people serving Coffee on Sunday morning, if anyone would like to help with this please have a word with anyone in the kitchen after Mass. Thank you.

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