

MASS READINGS
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – A
FIRST READING

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

Psalm 32

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| <p>1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.</p> | <p>2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.</p> |
| <p>3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.</p> | |

SECOND READING

God calls and enlightens us.

Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

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

His face shone like the sun.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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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.

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Sunday, 8th March 2020 – Second Sunday in Lent - A

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 7 th March	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: No Mass	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 8 th March 2 nd Sunday in Lent - A	11:00am: Mass: Peter Walsh (RIP)	4:00pm: Stations of the Cross
Monday 9 th March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 10 th March		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 11 th March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Monica Knights	
Thursday 12 th March		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Ellen Hughes
Friday 13 th March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Ellen Hazelgrave	7:00pm: Mass:
Saturday 14 th March	9:00am: Confessions 9:30am: Mass	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Special Intention
Sunday 15 th March 3 rd Sunday in Lent - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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

In the Cycle of Prayer for Lent Pope Francis invites us to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Veronica Owens, Sheelagh Goodwin, Alf McManus, Barbara & Tony Hicks and 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment'. Please pray for all those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This weekend we have the Rite of Election for our First Holy Communion Candidates. We continue to pray for them and their families as this important time in their Journey of Faith.

A Note from St Thomas More Student Angela Pascua

The total from my cake stall on February 22nd was £133. I honestly couldn't believe it. But I wholeheartedly thank the parish for supporting me that much. I can't wait to go to Lourdes to be a helper and having that encouragement from our congregation was very helpful and considerate. So I would like to say thanks again. Angela

Stations of the Cross with North Shields Churches Together

Churches across North Shields Churches Together are being asked to host an act of worship that shares an aspect of their respective tradition. In the light of this on Thursday March 12th at St Joseph's at 10.30am there will be Stations of the Cross which will be open to all Churches in North Shields Churches Together. Fr Chris has to take part in ongoing formation with diocesan clergy that day so he is very grateful to Mercy Associates who will lead the Stations of the Cross that morning and offer light refreshments afterwards. All the parish are welcome

Job Vacancy

South Tyneside Prison Matters is supported by local churches and offers personal and practical support to ex-offenders. We are appointing a p.t. worker initially for 6 months, but it is hoped the post will continue. Closing date March 23rd. For more information:

southtynesideprisonmatters@yahoo.com

Carers Connecting

Do you have a family member or friend who depends on you? Do you struggle to find time to care for yourself? YES - then please join us at our free sessions at LINSKILL CENTRE Bede Room, North Shields, NE30 2AY All sessions will take place from 10:30am to 12:30pm Session One - Connecting - Wednesday 18th March 2020. Carers often become isolated because of the demands of their caring role, in this session you will meet with other carers and take that first step towards caring for your own well-being.

Invitation from the Filipino Community

This Sunday, March 8th, at St Cuthbert's from 2pm there will be an afternoon of recollection, finishing with Mass at 5pm. All members of the parish are welcome.

Sporting Memories Cafe

Are you or do you know anyone who lives with dementia, depression, memory problems or loneliness and loves talking about sport? If so our Sporting Memories Cafe hosted monthly on every second Wednesday of the month is an ideal event to bring people together through the power of sports reminiscence. Our March event promises to be another excellent opportunity to chat, share memories and meet other older sports fans with a special VIP visit from the award winning journalist and The Evening Chronicle's John Gibson, football columnist who writes about Newcastle United.

Gibbo has been a 'voice of the Toon' for the Chronicle since 1966 and has spent his 54 year old career talking to football stars and has a reputation for being a 'brilliant storyteller'.

Former Newcastle striker Malcolm 'Supermac' Macdonald called Gibson "one of the best writers' he has ever come across. He said: "John doesn't just write a story, he feels it. He doesn't interview people, he becomes their friend. "He has an amazingly passionate love of Newcastle United, but he doesn't allow it to interfere with what he's writing." The event will take place at The Northumberland Club, North Jesmond Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 3JU Diarise this FREE event and let Clare Haddon know if you or someone you know plan to attend on clare@northumberlandclub.org.

Voices of Faith

Have organised one of three talks on Wednesday 11th March at 5.45pm, focusing on 'Rites of Passage'. The first talk focuses on 'Birth, Initiation and Ceremony'. This will be held at the Sikh Gurdwara in Cottenham Street, Newcastle upon Tyne. An invitation has been extended to all attendees to observe the 'Sukhaasan Ceremony'. Sukhaasan means 'easy pose' or posture of rest, peace and tranquillity. The ritual is performed every evening at sunset, when the Sikh Holy Book, the Guru Granth Sahib is ceremoniously closed and put to rest. For more information or to confirm attendance, please contact tel: 0191 270 4100 or email: info@newcastle.anglican.org.

Visit the Diocesan website for more information on all these events and the latest news from the Department for Interreligious Relations.

Live Simply

The following is an extract from Laudato Si', the encyclical that inspired the Live Simply initiative, and Pope Francis' invitation to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded. Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening in the world into our own personal suffering and thus discover what each of us can do about it.

Talk at the Newman Association Tyneside Circle

Wed. 25th March at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Mary's Cullercoats, Dr. Gregory Ryan, "Pope Francis, ARCIC III, and Learning How to Do Whole-Church Catholic Conversation".

Might the Catholic Church change through learning from other Christian traditions? Dr Gregory Ryan (Durham University) shows how 'Receptive Ecumenism' is at the heart of the latest ARCIC agreement and explores what this means for putting Pope Francis's vision of a "synodal" church into practice .

Coronavirus. Advice from Bishop's conference

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP – PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

At their meeting on 4 March 2020, the Partnership Development Group discussed the Coronavirus outbreak, including independent medical advice. It was agreed that, until further notice, the following precautions should be taken from this weekend in all the churches in our Partnership:

- The distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds is suspended.
- Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand only.
- Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are to wash their hands in hot soapy water or use sanitised gel before and after they distribute Holy Communion.
- The Sign of Peace is suspended.
- Holy Water stoups are to be emptied and/or removed.
- Everyone attending Mass is asked to sanitise their hands as they come into church using sanitised gel dispensers available in church porches and entrances.
- Everyone is asked to maintain good personal hygiene, especially at Mass and parish gatherings.
- Bishop Byrne has approved these arrangements. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to your parish priest.

Tyne and Wear Citizens Issues Workshop

This will be at this Tuesday, 10th March. St. Edmund's Chapel, High Street, Gateshead, NE8 1DL, from 6-7.30pm. I will be sharing from the listening we did a few weeks ago in the parish where the biggest issues were health and social care provision. Copies of what the parish talked about are at the back of Church.

Confirmations

Confirmations this year will take place on Wednesday May 20th presided by Bishop Robert. If you or your child are in year 9 or above and would like to be confirmed please contact Fr Chris or if you are a pupil at St Thomas More Academy please contact the Chaplain, Michael Thompson.

Lenten Alms for St Cuthbert's Care

All retiring collections during Lent are for St Cuthbert's Care.

Lent 2020

Lent is an opportunity for us all to acknowledge where we are in our relationship with God and to deepen our relationship with God, walking with Christ in his journey to his death and resurrection. This 'space for grace' is a time of renewal and development as individual and as a community of faith. Please see below events taking place in the parish may help us in being open to this 'space for grace'

Parish Lenten Group

Since this year is the Year of the Word, Fr Chris thought it would be good to explore the scriptures we use for the Sundays in Lent. He is very grateful to the Scripture Study Group that meet regularly on a Thursday night to allow this meeting to be the platform for our Parish Lenten Group. It will meet each Thursday during Lent at 7.30 in the Chapel at St Cuthbert's.

The dates and themes of the evenings will be as follows:

- Thursday 12th March - 'Christ: The Living Water of Life' - The Woman at the Well (*John 4: 5-42*)
- Thursday 19 March - 'Christ: The Light of the World' - The Man Born Blind (*John 9: 1-41*)
- Thursday 26th March - 'Christ: Our Resurrection and Our Life' - The Raising of Lazarus (*John 11:1-45*)
- Thursday 2nd April - 'My God, My God, why have you deserted me'. The Passion of Christ in Matthew's Gospel (*Matthew 26:14-27:66*)

Stations of the Cross

The second of these will be on **Sunday 8th March** at 4.00pm at St Joseph's will be the alternate venue every other week.

On **Palm Sunday, April 5th**, at 3.00pm there will be a 'Moving Stations' starting at St Joseph's finishing at St Cuthbert's followed by light refreshments in the hall.

On **Thursday, 12th March** at 10.30am at St Joseph's - The Mercy Associates will lead a Stations of the Cross that will be open to all members of Churches Together North Shields. Light refreshments will follow.

Charity Auction and Musical Evening for the Kabuyanda Health Project

There is a charity auction and musical evening in the parish centre at the Church of the Holy Name (North Jesmond Avenue, Jesmond NE2 3JX) on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm to help to raise funds to complete the Kabuyanda Health Project. Tickets cost £5 and include a glass of wine, great music from Gerry and the Pacemaker, good fund an amazing auction items, raising money for a fantastic project. Every penny raised funds the health centre.

Please support the project by buying a ticket and coming along to the auction and/or by donating, for example, an item, your time, skill or an experience that can be auctioned. For more information please go to:

<http://www.sacredheartng.org.uk/auction.htm>

Social Committee

Other Social Events for Your Diary

- Soup Sunday 15th March after 11:00am Mass
- Friday 20th March 7.30pm Social evening to celebrate Patronal Feasts.