

**FIRST READING***Give us water to drink.*

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

**Exodus 17:3-7****Responsorial Psalm**Response: *O that today you would listen to him voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'***Psalm 94**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before that God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

**SECOND READING***The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.***Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world;  
give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

**GOSPEL (Short version in bold)***A spring welling up to eternal life.***John 4:5-42**

**Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' **Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'****

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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, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – Third Sunday in Lent - A****Masses, Devotions and Services****St Cuthbert's Church****St Joseph's Church**

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:30am: Mass</b> <b>10:00am: Confessions</b>	<b>4:45-5:15pm: Confessions</b> <b>5:30pm: Mass: Special Intention</b>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent - A	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>4:00pm: Stations of the Cross</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9:30am: Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9:30am: Mass: Holy Souls</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9:30am: Mass: Margaret &amp; David Howells</b>	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March St Joseph		<b>9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March St Cuthbert	<b>9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9:30am: Mass:</b>	<b>7:00pm: Mass:</b>
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>9:30am: Mass</b> <b>10:00am: Confessions</b>	<b>4:45-5:15pm: Confessions</b> <b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent - A	<b>11:00am: Mass: Anne Berry</b>	<b>4:00pm: Stations of the Cross</b>

**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

**The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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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.

### SVP Holy Island Summer Camps

Weekly summer camps for school year 5 & 6 girls and year 5, 6 & 7 boys are available this summer. "Campers" stay in dormitories, get 3 meals a day and spend a fun week away from phones, computers & TV. A donation of £115 is requested but alternative funding is available to parents in need. Full details are displayed on the church notice boards. Please ask any SVP member or ask at the child's school if further detail is required

### Baptism

This Sunday at St Cuthbert's at 12.30, there will be the baptism of Willow Darling. We pray for her and family as she is united with Christ and welcomed in our community of faith.

### Penitential Services in the Partnership

There will be two partnership Penitential Services during Lent.  
• Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00 pm - St. Aidans, Wallsend  
• Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 at 7.00 pm - St. Cuthberts, North Shields  
All are welcome.

### Patronal Feasts

This week we have our patronal feasts. Both our schools will be joining us this week. On Thursday at 9.30, we will have the Mass of St Joseph and St Joseph's school will be with us. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, the Mass for St Cuthbert will be at 9.30 at St Cuthbert's, St Cuthbert's school will be present.

There will be a parish social, on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at St Cuthbert's, starting at 7:30pm Please bring some food and a bottle to celebrate our patrons

### Lenten Aims for St Cuthbert's Care

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

### Mercy Associates - Coffee Morning.

The Mercy Associates will hold a Coffee Morning with Hot Cross Bun, in aid of the Little Sisters of the Poor, on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:15am in St Joseph's Church. Prize bingo and raffle. Tickets £1.00. Everyone welcome.

### Year of the Word Roadshow at Ushaw College, 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May

The Year of the God Who Speaks is a wonderful opportunity for us as a diocese to grow in Christ. He speaks to us throughout the Scriptures as he spoke with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. As they listened to him their hearts burned within them; this was the power that impelled them from their fear and isolation to go to all the world with the good news that Christ is risen. The same can happen here and now if we will open ourselves to his life in the Word and the Eucharist. Please encourage people to come to the Roadshow. My hope and prayer is that it will encourage everyone to be inspired by the Bible and as you see from the programme there's something for everyone. Fr Chris Jackson. (Please see posters at back of Church for more information.)

### PeerTalk

PeerTalk, a national charity offering support to people facing depression, anxiety, or similar distress, is recruiting volunteer facilitators for its peer support groups which run weekly in Gateshead, Whitley Bay and Sunderland. Full training on 28<sup>th</sup> March and ongoing support is offered. Please contact enquiries@peertalk.org.uk for further information or see www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/volunteer.

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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-

Collection for 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - £542.97

### Talk at the Newman Association Tyneside Circle

Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Confirmations

Confirmations this year will take place on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Live Simply

North Korea is the most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian, where followers of any faith are in danger of being killed or imprisoned as political criminals. Please pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

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 19 March - 'Christ: The Light of the World' - The Man Born Blind (*John 9: 1-41*)
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 'Christ: Our Resurrection and Our Life' - The Raising of Lazarus (*John 11:1-45*)
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 third of these will be on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 4.00pm at St Cuthberts which will be the alternate venue every other week.

On **Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

### Social Committee

#### Other Social Events for Your Diary

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Social evening to celebrate Patronal Feasts.

### Urgent Appeal from Charity Shop

Volunteers urgently needed to help staff on Thursday at the Trinity Charity Shop, time to be arranged. Anyone interested please see either Bill Skelly or call in and see one of the current Thursday staff.