

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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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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2nd/3rd May 2020 – 4th Sunday of Easter - A

Masses, Devotions and Services

St Cuthbert's Church

St Joseph's Church

Saturday 2nd May

9:30am: Mass
No confessions

5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
No confessions

**Sunday 3rd May
4th Sunday of Easter- A**

11:00am: Mass: Vincent Donohoe
LIVE SCREENING AVAILABLE

Monday 4th May

9:30am: Mass:

Tuesday 5th May

9:30am: Mass:

Wednesday 6th May

9:30am: Mass:

Thursday 7th May

9:30am: Mass:

Friday 8th May

9:30am: Mass:

Saturday 9th May

9:30am: Mass
No confessions

5:30pm: Mass:
No confessions

**Sunday 10th May
5th Sunday of Easter- A**

11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish
LIVE SCREENING AVAILABLE

Closed to congregation

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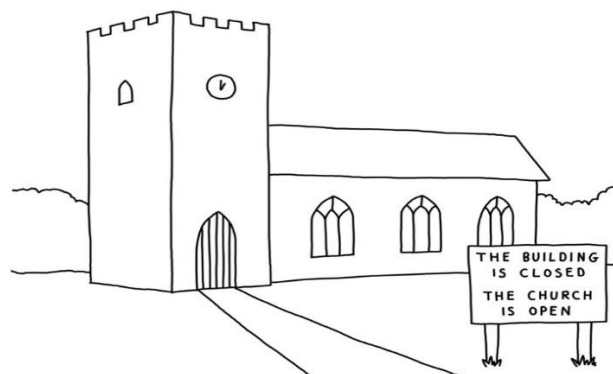
WhatsApp group: text your name and number to 07752009361 to be added to *StCuthStJosNshields* Group

Facebook: search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.

Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

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MASS READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14. 36-41

God has made him both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

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 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jenny Toscin, George Mathwin and Christine Black..

Please pray for Kath West, Tony Miles, Mary Howe, Norma Lewis and all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today the Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday.

We pray that we are all faithful to our vocation and pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

At a time when so many are giving such wonderful service in the fight of the virus, may it inspire us all to be generous and courageous in answering God's call.

There will be a video version of a service for a Holy Hour for Good Shepherd Sunday posted on the parish Face Book page. My thanks to Linda Shotton for preparing this

For more resources from the Diocesan Vocations Promotion team please go to:

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/vocations/pdf/2020/Rosary%20for%20Vocations.pdf>

Being a Lockdown Church

As the lockdown is extended for at least another three weeks and even when it is eased whether large public gatherings will be allowed that as a Community of Faith we need to reflect carefully as to how we can minister and live out our mission as Church despite the restrictions of lockdown. The live streaming of Holy Week and Sunday Masses have been important but as a parish we need to reflect on what else can be done. That is why I have e-mailed reps from the various parish groups and our schools to reflect on how their group or school could still contribute to the life of the parish. I appreciate that there could be very little that can be done but I sense there is no harm in asking the question and as from the live streaming of masses and other use of social media there can be creative solutions.

I appreciate that reps from the various parish group only represent a fraction of the community so if you yourself have any ideas as to how we as a parish can live out our mission please let me know.

There is a great sense of community and support despite that we cannot meet together. Please continue to pray for each other and support each other as best we can.

The parishioners are in my prayers when I say Mass on Sunday and in an empty chapel during the week-days

Mercy Associates and Lockdown

Although unable to meet Sr Patricia and the Mercy Associates continue to pray for the Parish and everyone affected by this terrible virus. A book of prayer intentions is kept in the Convent Chapel and are read out during the Daily Office. You are very welcome to submit any prayer requests you may have. You can do this either by telephoning Catherine Kelly on 0191 6801827 or email raygk@hotmail.co.uk We are also trying to look out for each other by keeping in touch via phone. If you would like to receive one of our telephone calls or a copy of our monthly prayer, please either let Fr Chris know or contact us as above.

ROSARY PRAYERS BY POPE FRANCIS DURING THE COVID-19 CRISES

Pope Francis has written two prayers as part of our praying the Rosary during the month of May. Please see below:

FIRST PRAYER

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,
but deliver us always from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

SECOND PRAYER

"We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God."

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes toward us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT- FOOD AND FINANCE URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to restrictions in supermarkets and limited attendance at churches, our food supplies are diminishing quickly. We would urge food collection co-ordinators in parishes to explore different ways of collecting the food items that you would normally provide and continue to get as much to the project as possible. Suggestions might include asking parishioners (via parish websites, bulletins and other means) to drop items at identified collection points such as parish offices and/or directly at the project. Collection from you may also be possible. We are very happy to receive any of the following: Biscuits, Coffee, Sugar, Chick Peas, Salt, Teabags, Cooking Oil, Tinned Fish, Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Spaghetti, Toothpaste and Soap.

There will be a basket in foyer to leave donations at St Cuthbert's, on a Sunday from 10.15am to 12 noon

Financial contributions are also very welcome too: Cheques to DH&N DESTITUTE ASYLUM FUND.

Address: Refugee Project, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle NE4 6EE
Bank transfers – HSBC Sort code: 40-34-18 Account number: 52854058

We will also be communicating this urgent request via the Diocesan Website and other means. Thank you so much for your ongoing support – it is vital at this time. God bless you.

May Devotions

May is the month devoted to The Blessed Virgin Mary. Beginning on the first Thursday of May there will be a time of devotion to the Rosary every Thursday afternoon at 2:15pm. Please join us on-line while in lockdown via the parish Facebook page for the hour, which will end with the Divine Mercy.

Please share this with those who do not have internet access who may join us in spirit at the same time. All prayers and readings for this can be posted or emailed out to anyone wishing to join us in their home whether online or not. Please contact [Ruth Corless](mailto:Ruth.Corless@btinternet.com) on 07752009361 or at ruthcorless@btinternet.com

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart -

<https://www.vaticansite.com/prayer-to-the-sacred-heart-of-jesus-2/>

First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady - <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion-explained/>

Linking to Parish through Facebook or Whatsapp -if you need help doing this please contact Fr Chris at 1191 2575801

Offers of Help

I am very grateful to those parishioners who have offered to help anyone who needs. You have not been forgotten and I have contact details for you if anyone should need help. If you need any help or support it is not a sign of weakness. These are stressful and challenging times and we are not alone and there are people who do wish to help. So please feel free to contact me if help is needed.

To whom shall we go?

A Seven Session Discernment Programme for Men Considering Priesthood in Hexham & Newcastle Diocese.

Could Jesus be calling you to be Catholic Priest? Our online course of reflection and discussion is an opportunity to ask that question. Gathering as an online group, we will discuss what it means to discern a vocation, learn a little about the path to priesthood and enjoy fellowship in the process!

The course will take place using ZOOM at 7:15pm on Mondays beginning **Monday 11th May**.

To express interest in joining our sessions, or to find out more, please contact Father Christopher Warren at vocations@rcdhn.org.uk

Divine Mercy Devotion

A framed picture of the Divine Mercy will make its way round the parish during this time. For parishioners not able to connect via internet or technology this is a blessed way of connecting and praying together. The framed picture will be delivered safely and hygienically to each home with prayers and guidance of how it may be used to pray for the parish and our world at this time.

If you would like to have this framed picture in your home or you know someone who would benefit from this, please contact Cely Ann on 07843076248.

Financial Offerings

I am reluctant to talk about money knowing that many people have lost jobs or have had incomes reduced during this crisis. But this will be the fifth weekend with no offerings taken and it could be some time before the Church re-opens. With about £700 taken each weekend the Church income is down by £3,500. Church income has also been reduced with the Church hall not being rented out and with the Trinity Charity shop having to close for the time being. Measures have been taken to reduce costs including the furloughing for at least three weeks of the parish administrator, Katherine Main.

I am grateful for some of you who have posted through your envelopes or asked to make standing orders. I am also aware that the offertory envelopes have now run out. We are exploring how we could get the envelopes to you though we would prefer it if you kept them to one side and gave them when church re-opened safer rather than risking coming out to put them through either presbytery letterbox.

The safest and most efficient way of giving to the Church at the moment is either to set up a standing order for your weekly contribution or a one-off payment. I appreciate that in these restricted times many will not be able to do this. If you are able to and would like to set up a standing order or a one-off payment the details of the parish account to enable you to do this are below. If your contributions are not gift aided I can arrange for you to receive the relevant form.

Please contact me if you have any queries

Name: DHN North Shields: St Cuthbert & St Joseph

Bank: HSBC

Sort code 40-34-45, account number 91146513

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