

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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9th/10th May 2020 – 5th Sunday of Easter - A

Masses, Devotions and Services

St Cuthbert's Church

St Joseph's Church

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

Monday 11th May

9:30am: Mass:

Tuesday 12th May

9:30am: Mass:

Wednesday 13th May

9:30am: Mass:

Thursday 14th May

9:30am: Mass:

Friday 15th May

9:30am: Mass:

Saturday 16th May

9:30am: Mass
No confessions

5:30pm: Mass:
No confessions

Sunday 17th May
6th Sunday of Easter- A

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

Closed to congregation

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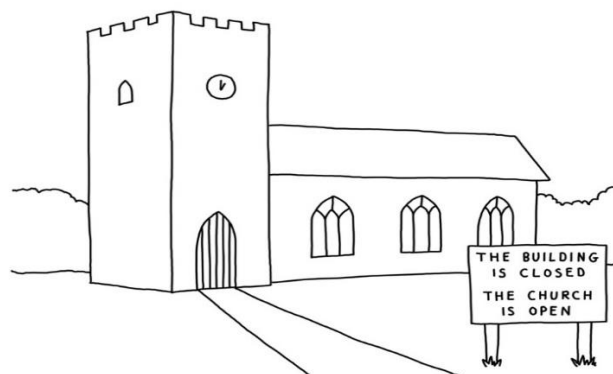
WhatsApp group: text your name and number to 07752009361 to be added to *StCuthStJosNshields* Group

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32

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

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
2. For 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.
3. 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.

SECOND READING

Peter 2:4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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

CAFOD Emergency Appeal

CAFOD, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30th April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases, will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty.

CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal,

CAFOD have also released a number of online resources during lockdown: cafod.org.uk/parishes has a two-minute video message from me about the appeal – please consider sharing this with your congregations however you are in touch – whether in online Masses or gatherings you're doing, or just by putting the link in an email. Also at cafod.org.uk/parishes you'll find tips for gathering virtually, prayer resources, children's activities and our step-by-step guide to set up a parish collection page online. There are ideas from parishes around the country about getting online as a parish community. We also have a programme of online talks about our response work as well as a weekly live-streamed Mass and Sunday Children's Liturgy.

UK National Marriage Week -11th-17th May

This week is National Marriage Week For more information go to: <https://marriage-week.org.uk/>

We pray for all whose call to holiness is in the Sacrament of Marriage. No doubt the pressure of lockdown is putting pressure on many families so we remember them in their prayers. For more resources to help marriages to flourish and be sustained go to:

<https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/>

National and Diocesan Support for NHS and Care Staff and Key Workers

We are living through one of the global events that will shape humanity, and our response can only be the response of the heart of God. We need to be his hands and feet – we cannot do otherwise. Mass for the Sick and their Families, NHS Front-line, Social Care Workers and other Key Workers:

In order to show spiritual solidarity with the sick and their families and NHS and social care workers, a Catholic Bishop will celebrate a live-streamed Mass in his Cathedral for people to join. Cardinal Nichols celebrated the first of these masses in Westminster Cathedral on 23rd April. They will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm, as follows; Thursday 14th May – Bishop Robert Byrne CO at Newcastle Cathedral, Thursday 21st May – Bishop Mark Davies at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Thursday 28th May – Bishop Terence Draney at Middlesbrough Cathedral. The link to these masses can be found on the Bishops' Conference website.

Bishop Byrne will celebrate Mass for the sick and their families, and for NHS front-line and social care workers at 7.00pm on Thursday 14th May in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne. The Bishop has also made 14th May a Diocesan Day of Prayer for the sick and their families, and all who support them. Further information including liturgical and prayer resources will be made available on the Diocesan website in the near future.

The Diocesan day of prayer will begin at 10.00am with an online stream of Divine Office at St. Mary's Cathedral, led by Fr. Michael McCoy. Streams can be found via our website, Facebook or Twitter #DayOfPrayerDHN

Being a Lockdown Church

As the lockdown is extended for at least another two 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.

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. During 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 on 07752009361 or at ruthcorless@btinternet.com

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

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.

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 reopened 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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