

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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16th/17th May 2020 – 6th Sunday of Easter - A

Masses, Devotions and Services

St Cuthbert's Church

St Joseph's Church

Saturday 16th May

9:30am: Mass
No confessions

5:30pm: Mass:
No confessions

**Sunday 17th May
6th Sunday of Easter- A**

Closed to congregation

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

Monday 18th May

9:30am: Mass:

Tuesday 19th May

9:30am: Mass:

Wednesday 20th May

9:30am: Mass:

**Thursday 21st May
Ascension of the Lord**

10:00am: Mass:
LIVE SCREENING AVAILABLE

Friday 22nd May

9:30am: Mass:

Saturday 23rd May

9:30am: Mass
No confessions

5:30pm: Mass:
No confessions

**Sunday 24th May
7th Sunday of Easter- A**

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

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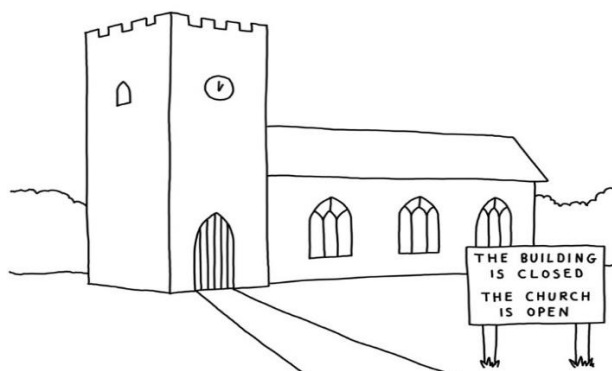
WhatsApp group: text your name and number to 07752009361 to be added to *StCuthStJosNshields* Group

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

Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Please contact us for help needed or offered



MASS READINGS
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

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| 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! | 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. |
| 3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. | 4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. |

SECOND READING

Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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 Campbell.
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.

Feast of the Ascension

This coming Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension. Mass will be live streamed from St Cuthbert's Church at 10.00am

Communications in the Parish

The Mass on Sunday is live streamed through the parish Face Book page and can be found at:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/The-Parish-of-Saint-Cuthbert-and-Saint-Joseph-North-Shields-798826703506481/videos/?ref=page_internal

The Parish newsletter is on the partnership website:

<http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk/>

If you know of parishioners who are not online please print out the newsletter and put through their letter box. If people would like the newsletter e-mailed, please e-mail:

northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk and I will make sure it is e-mailed to you.

Fifth Anniversary of Laudato Si

Bishop Robert has stated:

"It is now five years since the promulgation of Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter Laudato Si'. It is a prophetic document that has given a theological and spiritual framework to the environmental crisis facing our world which already effects our daily lives and will continue to do so in the future. The Holy Father coined the now familiar phrase "our common home" which places the responsibility of the care of the environment on everyone. It is a responsibility we cannot avoid. He has been clear, in his 'Urbi et Orbi' blessing on Easter Day concerning the coronavirus, that we must wake up to the damage being done to the natural world which is God's creation and to the response of nature that we are now witnessing."

Please see site below for various live streaming of events. The week will culminate with the Mass from St Cuthbert's on the 24th where I will be focusing on Laudato Si and the Diocesan Policy on Social and Environmental Justice

http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/social_concerns/laudato%20si.php

Webinar on Laudato Si

The Faith for the Climate network is hosting a webinar about what people of faith can uniquely contribute to solve the crises of our time. On the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si the event is called Laudato Si, COP26 and multi-faith climate action.

Wednesday 20th May 2-3pm. The speakers are Christine Allen, director of CAFOD, and Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.

The event is free but you need to sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laudato-si-cop26-and-multi-faith-climate-action-tickets-104309490494>

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Starting Friday 22nd May - the day after Ascension Thursday. As the disciples prayed and waited for Jesus to send the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, we too can pray in preparation for Pentecost. Resources on line.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>

From the Diocesan Refugee Project

The Management Group of the Diocesan Justice and Peace Refugee Project wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the generosity being shown towards the work of the project at present. Your individual contributions – at a time of hardship for many of us - show a kindness and humanity that is truly humbling. Be assured that your donations are making a huge difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable members of our community. God bless you.

A Note of Thanks from Doreen Hull

To Father Chris, Father Michael and all my friends I want to say a huge vote of thanks for all the prayers, support and good wishes that have been sent to me from you all. It has been a wonderful help at a very difficult time. I found out today that those prayers have been answered. Thank you all again and I hope it won't be too long until we can see each other again. God bless us all. Doreen.

Diamond Wedding Congratulations

On behalf of the parish and our wider online community I would like to offer warm and heartfelt congratulations to Robert and Margaret Dunn who on May 14th celebrated sixty years of marriage. They were married in the old St Cuthbert's. Margaret and Robert- We hope that you were able to celebrate even if it was through social media. Much love, prayers and thanks to you both for your contribution to our parish community.

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 21st May – Bishop Mark Davies at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Thursday 28th May – Bishop Terence Draine at Middlesbrough Cathedral. The link to these masses can be found on the Bishops' Conference website.

Bishop Byrne celebrated 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 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 were made available on the Diocesan website in the near future.

The Diocesan day of prayer began 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

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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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