

# The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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**Parish website information at: <http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk>**

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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**23rd/24th May 2020 – 7th Sunday of Easter - A**

## Masses, Devotions and Services

### St Cuthbert's Church

### St Joseph's Church

**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

**Monday 25th May**

9:30am: Mass:

**Tuesday 26th May**

9:30am: Mass:

**Wednesday 27th May**

9:30am: Mass:

**Thursday 28th May**

9:30am: Mass:

**Friday 29th May**

9:30am: Mass:

**Saturday 30th May**

9:30am: Mass  
No confessions

5:30pm: Mass:  
No confessions

**Sunday 21st May  
Pentecost Sunday- A**

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

Closed to congregation

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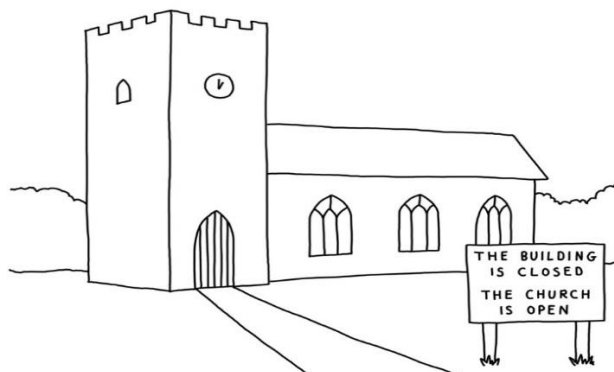
**WhatsApp group:** text your name and number to 07752009361 to be added to StCuthStJosNshields Group

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

**Website:** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

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**MASS READINGS**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**  
**FIRST READING**

**Acts 1:12-14**

*All joined in continuous prayer*

After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mount of Olives, as it is called to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Phillip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 26**

**Response: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help,  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink?
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple.
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken;  
"Seek his face."

**SECOND READING**

**Peter 4:13-16**

*It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.*

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**John 17:1-14**

*Father, glorify your Son.*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you; all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you."

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.

### **Celebrating Laudato Si**

This weekend at the live streaming of Mass we as a community here at North Shields will be also united with people across the diocese as we finish Eight days as a diocese celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Laudato Si. The parish is grateful to the contribution from St Cuthbert's Primary School for this Mass. Pope Francis calls us to care for our Common Home. To do that we must hear the cries of the earth and the poor. This at the heart of the 'integral ecology' we are as followers of Christ called to live

### **Preparing for Pentecost**

At this time of crisis we are all in need of the Holy Spirit. We pray in the coming week that we are aware of our need of the Spirit and that we will be sustained by the Spirit at this time

### **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](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.northyntesidecatholic.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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/social_concerns/laudato%20si.php)

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> April. They will take place every Thursday at 7.00pm, as follows; Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Bishop Mark Davies at Shrewsbury Cathedral, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Bishop Terence Drainey 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 14<sup>th</sup> May in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne. The Bishop also made 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal),

CAFOD have also released a number of online resources during lockdown: [cafod.org.uk/parishes](http://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](http://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.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:Ruth Corless on 07752009361) or at [ruthcorless@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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