

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

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
Albion Road West  
North Shields

Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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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.

## Partnership Telephone Numbers

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**18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A**

### Masses, Devotions and Services

#### St Cuthbert's Church

#### St Joseph's Church

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

No Mass  
No confessions

No Mass  
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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A**

No Mass

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

No Mass

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

No Mass

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

No Mass

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

No Mass

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

7:00pm: Dec'd members of the Elsdon & Ferguson Family  
Attendance by prior booking

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July

5:30pm: Fr Michael Hickey  
Attendance by prior booking

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>July  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - A

11:00am: People of the Parish  
Attendance by prior booking

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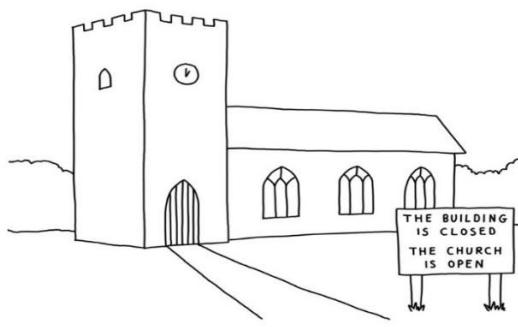
What'sApp group: text your name and number to 07752009361 to be added to **StCuthStJosNshields Group**

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

Please contact us for help needed or offered



**MASS READINGS****SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)****FIRST READING**

*After sin you will grant repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly; Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**Wisdom 12:13. 16-19****Responsorial Psalm**

Response: *O Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

**Psalm 85**

1. Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of love to all who call.  
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer  
and attend to the sound of my voice.
2. All the nations shall come to adore you  
and glorify your name, O Lord:  
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,  
you who alone are God.
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,  
slow to anger, O Lord,  
abounding in love and truth,  
turn and take pity on me.

**SECOND READING****Romans 8:26-27**

*The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words.*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL****Matthew 13:24-43**

*Let them both grow till the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, 'all victims of the pandemic; all health and care workers; a deeper understanding between Christian and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights, those suffering mental illness and seafarers' for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Veronica Owens, Alf McManus, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell and Anne Davis

Please pray for Fr Michael Hickey, Sheelagh Goodwin, Margaret Thewlis, Vera Owen and all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### **Reopening of St Cuthbert's from Friday - July 24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm**

#### **Telephone booking system for Masses at St. Cuthbert's**

The obligation to attend Sunday/Vigil Mass has been postponed. If you are able to attend one of the other Masses then you are encouraged to do so.

To book a place for one person per Mass per week at one of the following Masses.

- Wednesday 9.30am
- Friday 7.00pm
- Saturday 5.30pm
- Sunday 11.00 am

Please call **07506 176996** at the following times  
From Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

- Thursday – 10am-12 noon - 2pm-4pm - 6-8pm
- Friday – 10am-12 noon - 2pm-4pm.

By using this telephone booking system we will ask for your name and contact number/email. In this way we are able to operate a track and trace system. Following GDPR and safeguarding guidelines only your name will be provided to the door stewards and the list kept for 21 days before being destroyed.

Should you call and there are no available spaces then you will be offered a place the following week. Should there be availability at any Mass this will be announced via Facebook but you will still need to book.

Sunday Mass will continue to be Live Streamed on the parish Facebook page.

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

Did you know that you can join Facebook and only use it to access Mass? You don't need to use it for any other purpose. This will allow you to keep up to date as quickly as possible.

**In consultation with the Episcopal Vicar, Fr Lerche, Fr Chris agreed that the parish would look to September for exploring the possibility of re-opening St Joseph's**

#### **To Our Catholic Universe and Catholic Times Readers In The Parish:**

at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE.

Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange this for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :£18.00 or 12 Months:- £72.00

#### **Diocesan Vacancies**

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- **Property Surveyor** based in Newcastle with extensive travel throughout the Diocese. Full-time. Two year fixed term contract.
- **Department for Education, Administrator** (maternity cover) full time.
- **Justice and Peace Refugee Project Co-ordinator** based in Newcastle. 18 hours per week. 12 month fixed term contract.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us on 0191 243 3301

#### **TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP: RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES**

Bishop Robert Byrne recently announced that a further 10 churches around the Diocese are to be prepared to re-open for individual prayer only. Our Lady's and St Columba's in Wallsend is one of these churches. The date for re-opening will be announced soon. We are grateful to Fr David Smith and the parishioners of Our Lady's and St Columba's for inviting people from across our Partnership to visit their church for individual prayer. The church will be open at these times: Tuesday: 5.30pm - 7.30pm; Thursday: 5.30pm - 7.30pm; Saturday: 10.30am - 12.30pm; Sunday: 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

The Partnership Clergy are grateful to those parishioners who have so generously volunteered to help prepare the churches for re-opening, once they have received the Bishop's approval. The Partnership Development Group also recorded grateful thanks to the Clergy for their continued spiritual support during the lock-down. We are aware of the great solace people have found in being able to follow Mass and devotions online.

What does individual prayer mean under the new restrictions?

Individuals are expected to be able to "reflect and pray" whilst adhering to physical social distancing rules. Votive candles may still be lit but shared matches, tapers or lighters must not be used. Candles must be lit from existing lit candles. Statues and relics must not be touched or kissed. This instruction will be displayed on posters in church. Mass and all other public services, including praying together the Divine Office, the Rosary and other group devotional prayers, are still not presently permitted. Further information is available on the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk).

Tynemouth Priory Partnership Development Group, 23 June 2020

## Parish Groups

The parish council is reviewing current set up of parish groups to explore whether changes need to take place. We thought it would be helpful for all current groups to acknowledge their terms of reference. I have written to a representative of all the parish groups to ask them to e-mail members of their respective group to put together a small number of bullet points of how they see the nature and purpose of their group. So hopefully if you are in a group you should be hearing from a fellow member

## A Prayer from the Mercy Sisters USA

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need.

Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required,  
“Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8).

Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others.

Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities.

Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will.

Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity.

Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic – Church Response:

### Do you need to speak to someone for support?:

For those who are seeking a Priest with whom they can speak at this time, could you please contact the Parish Priest at your local Church. For this parish it is 0191 2575801.

Dedicated counsellors and listeners are also available at the Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and on the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

## 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.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](mailto:northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk)

and I will make sure it is e-mailed to you.

## DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT

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.

## 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 [rayqk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rayqk@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.

## Citizens UK's Living Wage for Care Workers Charter

Next Week, across the country, local Citizens UK chapters are undertaking actions to call on the government to provide the funding to do this, and we are no different. Tyne and Wear Citizens, the Safe and Equal Campaign and the Living Wage Foundation are holding a joint workshop next week, planned alongside the North of Tyne Mayor's office, which will bring together care workers, politicians and citizens to build relationships and hear testimony from the care workers who have worked throughout this epidemic to keep us safe.

Please invite colleagues, members of your community and people working in the care sector to this event – all welcome! After listening to each other – we'll share action that can be taken to organise for better conditions in the care sector - including and beyond the Living Wage. Please join us!

## Financial Offerings

I am very grateful to parishioners who have either posted envelopes or offerings through the door. I am also aware that many of you are now making your contributions through standing orders and/or bacs transfer. Your continued support is much appreciated at a time when many are facing financial difficulties. A big thank-you. If you would like to set up a standing order or make a transfer please see the details below

Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph

Bank: HSBC

Sort code 40-34-45, account number 91146513

## COVID Secure

Firstly, thanks to all who have contributed to making St Cuthbert's Covid Secure in line with Diocesan Policy and Protocol. In order to maintain this status it is vital that we all comply with the policy. This means that nobody should enter the Church Building unless authorised to do so by Fr Chris since today July 15<sup>th</sup> 2020.

This is vital so that we will be able to open for Public Worship. To that end, should any key holder need to go into church they should contact Clare Harvey, who will facilitate Covid Secure Access. Contact: 07958701235.

Thank you all, for your patience and understanding, our main goal is to maintain the ability to have church accessible to as many people as possible.