

**MASS READINGS**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**FIRST READING**

*Come and eat.*

**Isaiah 55: 1-3**

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me, listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.**

**Psalm 144**

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| <p>1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow o anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, Compassionate to all his creatures..</p> | <p>2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.</p>           |   |

**SECOND READING**

*No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.*

**Romans 8:35,37-39**

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*They all ate as much as they wanted.*

**Matthew 14:13-21**

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, he disciples went to him and said. "This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "There is no need for them to go, give them something to eat yourselves." But they answered, "All we have with us is five loaves and two fish." "Bring them here to me," he said. He gae orders that the people were to sit down on the grass, then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crows. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

**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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 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.

**Partnership Telephone Numbers**

Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021  
 Father Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770  
 St Cuthbert's Church ☎ 0191 257 3408

**Partnership Telephone Numbers**

Father John McElhone ☎ 0191 262 3820  
 Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Stephen Watson ☎ 07815 702089  
 Father David Smith: ☎ 0191 262 3882

1st/2nd August 2020 – 18th Sunday of the Year - A		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 1st August</b>	5:30pm: Mass: Dulcie (RIP) Attendance by prior booking	No Mass No confessions
<b>Sunday 2nd August</b> <b>18th Sunday of the Year - A</b>	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming	
Monday 3rd August	Attendance by prior booking	No Mass
Tuesday 4th August		9:30am: Mass: Sarah O'Callaghan No Congregation
Wednesday 5th August		9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey Attendance by prior booking
Thursday 6th August		9:30am: Mass: Eileen Beldon No Congregation
Friday 7th August		7:00pm: Mass: Eileen Beldon Attendance by prior booking
<b>Saturday 8th August</b>	5:30pm: Mass: Margaret Thewlis Attendance by prior booking	
<b>Sunday 9th August</b> <b>19th Sunday of the Year - A</b>	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live Streaming	

**The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields**

**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

Please contact us for help needed or offered

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

**Mass Booking line: 07506 176996** at the following times

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

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, Alf McManus, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell and Anne Davis Please pray for Vera Owens, Susan Hewitson, Edward Rouse and all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Re-Opening of St Cuthbert's

Sincere thanks to who ensured that we could celebrate Mass from July 24<sup>th</sup>. It was lovely to see you some of you. We appreciate your patience. We are learning as we go along. If you have any comments please let me know.

### Fr Michael's Funerals

Please see below some of an e-mail to Mgr Faley from Fr Johnny Docherty, a good friend of Fr Michael who wrote the sermon for Fr Michael's funeral. I thought you would appreciate it.

Dear Andrew,

Thank you so much for the wonderful way you and Fr. Chris honoured Michael last week at the reception of his remains and at his funeral Mass. And thank you for giving me the privilege of writing the homily for his funeral and for the way you read it at the Mass. It was a very fitting farewell for a really good man and priest.

Please pass on my thanks to Fr. Chris and to everyone else who was involved on those days. I was sorry that I could not be there but it was so good to be able to participate online. I miss Michael very much. I am very grateful to have known him as a friend for so much of my life.

Sincerely,  
Johnny

### Registering a place for Mass

In talking with people it appears that many of you thought that with only 53 places available, Mass would be over-subscribed, and so did not apply for a place. In fact all Masses had places to spare, the Saturday vigil Mass was the most popular and the total including stewards was just 32. So people are encouraged to book.

If you would like to go to two Masses a week, you will be put on a reserve list. If you have not been contacted by the morning of the Mass then your place is still available.

We are learning as we go along with this, please be patient but also do not be reticent in booking.

### Requiem Mass for Veronica Owen

Veronica's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 10.15, followed by Cremation at Preston Crematorium at 11.15.

### St Cuthbert's re-opened on 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 9.30 am
- Friday 7.00pm
- Saturday 5.30pm
- Sunday 11.00 am

Please call **07506 176996** at the following times

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

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

For more information about re re-opening of other Churches in the Partnership, please go to the partnership website at: <http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk/>. Mass will be celebrated at St Edwards, Whitley Bay on a Saturday night at 6.00pm and a Sunday Morning at 10.00am from August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 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 [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 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 from 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 nobody should enter the Church Building unless authorised to do so by Fr Chris.

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.