MASS READINGS
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
FIRST READING **Isaiah 22:19-23**
I place the key of the House of David in his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 137**
Response: ***Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.***

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

3. The Lord is high yet he look son the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING **Romans 11:33-36**
All that exists comes from him; all is by him and from him.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen!

ALLELUIA
Alleluia, alleluia!
God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,
and he has entrusted to us the news that they were reconciled. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 16:13-20**
You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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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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22nd/23rd August 2020 – 21st Sunday of the Year - A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 22nd August	**5:30pm: Mass: Ernie Taelon** **Attendance by prior booking**	**No Mass** **No confessions**
Sunday 23rd August **21st Sunday of the Year - A**	**11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish** **Attendance by prior booking** **Live Streaming**	
Monday 24th August	**No Mass**	
Tuesday 25th August		**9:30am: Mass: Eileen Beldon** **No Congregation**
Wednesday 26th August	**9:30am: Mass: Karen Southall**	
Thursday 27th August		**9:30am: Mass Eileen Beldon** **No Congregation**
Friday 28th August	**7:00pm: Mass: Eileen Beldon** **Attendance by prior booking**	
Saturday 29th August	**5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish** **Attendance by prior booking**	
Sunday 30th August **22nd Sunday of the Year - A**	**11:00am: Mass: Abraham Elias Sir** **Attendance by prior booking** **Live Streaming**	

Attendance by prior booking

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields
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
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 Arthur McGlade and Fr Tony Duffy and all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Re-Opening of St Joseph's

St Joseph's will be reopened in September.
I am grateful to Ian Pearson, Clare Harvey and Alan Badenhope who took part in the risk assessment for St Joseph's. Since I had presumed that we could only have two on each alternate pew, capacity would be lower than St Cuthbert's hence my statement last week that both Masses at the week-end would continue from St Cuthbert's.
On carrying out the risk assessment it was clear that some of the pews can have three on them using the two metre rule. This means that the capacity for St Josephs is 54, just one more than the capacity of 53 at St Cuthbert's.
In the light of this I have decided to keep the format proposed last week with the exception that the Vigil Mass will be at St Joseph's.
Please see below the new weekly timetable for Masses. This will start on Sunday September 6th, with the first Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday September 8th. The first Saturday Vigil Mass will at St Joseph's will be on Saturday September 12th

• Sunday	11.00 am	St Cuthbert's (*Live Streamed*)
• Monday:	No Mass	
• Tuesday:	9.30am	St Joseph's
• Wednesday:	9.30am	St Cuthbert's
• Thursday:	No Mass	
• Friday	7.00pm	St Joseph's
• Saturday	5.30pm Vigil	St Joseph's

Volunteers for stewards and cleaners for St Joseph's would be most appreciated.
Please note that with this new timetable from September 6th, there will be five Masses a week giving the parish a weekly capacity of 268

Preparation for the Reopening of St Joseph's

In order that St Joseph's is in able to reopen and be Covid secure, there will be a deep clean of St Joseph's on **Saturday 5th September starting at 10.00a**m. The church has not been cleaned since March, so there will be a lot of work but more hands will make light work. The diocese has provided us with the resources to ensure that the Church is compliant with the Diocesan guidance. Please help if you can
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Booking for Mass

If you wish to attend the Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning please call 07506 176996 at the following times.

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

If you come to the Masses on Tuesday Wednesday or Friday, you will be asked to leave your name and a contact detail:

Please note that since the Parish Administrator Katherine Maine will resume from furlough on August 25th therefore from September 1st to book for Mass for September 5th and 6th, the booking times will be

- Tuesday 11am-1pm, 6pm-8pm
- Wednesday 11am-1pm
- Thursday 11am-1pm
- Friday 11am-1pm

The phone number will continue to be: 07506 176996

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.

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

Live Streaming in the Parish

The parish is very grateful for the efforts of Gerry Beldon in ensuring that Sunday Mass and some funeral liturgies can be live streamed. If anyone would like to help Gerry in this important role, any offers of help would be most appreciated. Please let Fr Chris or Gerry know if you would like to help with this important aspect of parish communications

Face Coverings

Face coverings in places of worship are now a legal requirement. The stewards and I are aware that there are exemptions, including if you have breathing problems. Face masks will be available if you come to church without a face covering

Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals is a charity that we as a parish have actively supported. Most recently was our planned Lenten Lunch which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the lockdown. Even so, because of your generosity in refusing refunds for tickets, we were able to donate £158. Mary's Meals have sent their grateful thanks and invite everyone to view how they are still working to provide meals even though schools are closed due to the virus. Why not take a look at their website and videos at: https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/lovereacheseverywhere

Reception into the Catholic Community and Adult Confirmation

I am delighted to inform the parish that the reception into full communion with the Church and confirmation of our candidates will take place on Friday 11th September at 7.00pm. Due to restriction of numbers, this celebration will be by invitation only but representatives of the parish will be present. Please pray for our candidates as eventually they become fully part of our community

RCIA Programme

We are hoping to begin a new Journey in Faith (RCIA) course in September. The course has been running in our partnership for some years now and we had 11 candidates received into the church at Easter 2019 and we have had 7 candidates on the course this year. The course is designed for anyone wishing to join the Catholic faith, anyone wanting to explore or know more about their faith or anyone interested in coming along to share their own faith experiences with others. The sessions usually run fortnightly from September to around Pentecost and this year's course involved the final sessions taking place successfully through zoom. Our new course will be a bit different come September, as we are hoping to be able to hold some of our sessions in person (keeping to social distancing regulations) but we will also be holding some through zoom. If you are interested or you know of anyone who may be interested, or if you would like to know more about the course itself, please contact either Fr Chris or Teresa Hills on 07855 649735.

Trinity Charity Shop

The Trinity Charity shop on Wallsend Road has tentative plans to re-open on September 8th. Two of the existing volunteers have kindly agreed to be a contact for existing and possible new volunteers. For those who have been volunteers or for those who would like to volunteer in the charity shop on a Thursday morning or afternoon please contact either Myra Edwards at: 2myraedwards@gmail.com or on 07791976278:or Pat Campbell on 07812816432
I appreciate that those who have been volunteers may now not be in position to continue that role due to restrictions to ensure people's safety. On any Tuesday from 9am-3pm, anyone can drop off donations at the Charity Shop. They will be kept in storage for 72 hours in line with Covid Safety measures.

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 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

Exam Congratulations

Prayers and best wishes to our young people who have received exam results in recent days. We wish you every joy and blessing as you begin a new part of your life. Prayers and best wishes, Fr Chris

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

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-maili 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.

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 15th 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.