

MASS READINGS
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)
FIRST READING

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Psalm 24

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| <p>1. Lord, make me know your ways.
 Lord, teach me your paths.
 Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
 for you are God my saviour.</p> | <p>2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
 and the love you have shown from of old.
 In your love remember me,
 because of your goodness, O Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord is good and upright.
 He shows the path to those who stray,
 he guides the humble in the right path;
 he teaches his way to the poor.</p> | |

SECOND READING

The water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Peter 3:18-22

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, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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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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20 th /21 st February 2021 – 1 st Sunday of Lent - B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 20th February	Attendance by prior booking		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 21st February 1st Sunday of Lent - B		11:00am: Mass: Jane Turner Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	
Monday 22nd February		No Mass	
Tuesday 23rd February			9:30am: Mass: Chick Corea No congregation – Live Streamed
Wednesday 24th February		9:30am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Elsdon & Ferguson Family	
Thursday 25th February			9:30am: Mass: Sheila Cook No congregation – Live Streamed
Friday 26th February		11:00am: Requiem Mass: Neil Melvin Invitation Only-Live Streamed	7:00pm: Mass: Fred Stimpson With congregation
Saturday 27th February			5:30pm: Mass: Neil Melvin Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 28th February 2nd Sunday of Lent - B		11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	

Telephone booking system for Masses at St Cuthbert's
Mass Booking line: 07506 176996 at the following times

Tuesday 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm

Wednesday 11am-1pm

Thursday 11am-1pm

Friday 11am-1pm

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

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Please contact us for help needed or offered

During Lent we pray for all victims of the Covid Pandemic; Candidates for Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers and Survivors of Sexual Abuse

We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Alf McManus, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell and Marilyn Redpath

Please pray for Neil Melvin, John Hall, Fred Stimpson, Patricia Cockburn and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time'.

Lenten Reflections

This Wednesday we have the first of our Prayer and Reflection via Zoom. I am grateful to Ian Pearson who will lead us.

The details to join the meeting are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88410202653?pwd=TTgyQXhoWUJJK3lZdkozMWFqck9zUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 1020 2653 Passcode: 823347

Stations of the Cross

A recording of Stations of the Cross will be uploaded for 4pm this Sunday, 21st February on the parish Face Book page. There will also be an opportunity to have a post-stations 'zoom tea & coffee'. The details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83565900127?pwd=M3FPeS9WODNoRlM3OVNHbThCbE5QZz09>

Meeting ID: 835 6590 0127 Passcode: 675739

Re-Opening of Churches

I would like to express my thanks for all those who have enabled Churches to safely-reopen. I appreciate that in seeking to stay safe many people are not able to come to Mass and I am very grateful that our Mass on a Sunday is live streamed. I am also pleased that for those who wish there is an opportunity to come to Mass especially with Lent upon us. Please continue to adhere to all the Covid Secure Guidelines while at Church. I hope the 'mixed economy' of online, face to face and live streaming will meet the various needs of people. Any creative or wise ideas are always appreciated.

Day of Recollection

We are going to have a parish day of recollection via zoom on Saturday 13th March from 10am to 2pm. People can gather on zoom from 9.30pm. Here is the link for this event. This is the link for you to join this event

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81759712342?pwd=c3ZUZDdyL0drZUJGRGMtYjIh3QytwUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 5971 2342 Passcode: 416904

Requiem Masses

Neil Melvin's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 26th February at 11am followed by cremation at Preston Crematorium. The Mass is invitation only but it will be live streamed

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Next Friday, February 26th is CAFOD Family Fast Day CAFOD Lent Appeal.

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*.

*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice

St Cuthbert's Care and Lent Alms

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the pandemic - it has been truly heart-warming. Parish support makes all the difference, allowing us to go that extra mile in ensuring we provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families and loved ones. If you are able to do so, please may I ask that you consider supporting our work once more. Thank you. My very best wishes, Moira Ashman, CEO St Cuthbert's Care.

If you would like to make a donation for their work, please go to: <https://www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk/>

Racial Justice in the Parish

I am grateful to a parishioner who has shared their experience of being a member of an ethnic minority in our community. If any other member of the BAME communities wish to share please contact me.

Caritas Grants

Caritas is the diocesan organisation that coordinates social action initiatives across the diocese. It has a limited amount of money to make available as small grants (£500max) to groups which are responding to their communities needs particularly in the context of COVID Information about the criteria and the short application form are attached. Applications must be submitted by March 15th and money must be spent by the end of the year

World Day of Prayer 2021

Sadly there will be no local services celebrating this year's World Day of Prayer. The event will continue at an international level on Friday 5th March. This year we are praying for the people of Vanuatu. Details of online services are accessible via their web site www.wwdp.org.uk. This charity supports countless projects supporting women and children worldwide. This day is the only means the charity has of raising funds. Details how donations can be made are on their web site.

QR Code for Lent

Here is a song for Lent from this week's QR Code



Tyne and Wear Citizens

It was agreed that Fr Chris should sign up the parish at a cost of £1,200 per year which will be reviewed in a year's time by the PPC. The PPC agreed this because...

- Pope Francis calls us to be there with those on the margins of society. Tyne and Wear Citizens look to develop people and groups which allows them to do their faith based work as citizens. In society it is money and government who have the power and T&W citizens develops relational power within civic society consisting of charities and church groups to enable a greater working together to respond to need at a grass roots level.
- It is a direction in which it was felt the parish could develop its mission and ministry and is a particular focus of the Parish Proclaimers.
- Pope Francis again states that to recover the dignity of people, we need to go to the margins of society. Such involvement leads us to be an invisible army for this pandemic.
- The training that membership brings allows us to focus our listening and respond in an informed way to need.
- Fr Chris has proposed that the Proclaimers group be the Core Group to support him and the parish in ensuring that we get the most from our membership. If anyone is interested is being involved please contact Fr Chris.

Year of St Joseph

In his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart), Pope Francis has proclaimed a special Year of St. Joseph, from the 8th December 2020 to 8th December 2021. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration by Blessed Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

There will be suitable celebrations in the diocese during the year. For more information and to download a copy of the Apostolic Letter please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>.

As a parish with St Joseph being one of our Patrons we will seek to make the Two Feast Days we have for him March 19th and May 1st as special celebrations in the parish.

In his apostolic letter on St Joseph, Pope Francis highlights the following themes:

- A beloved father
- A tender and loving father
- An obedient father
- An accepting father
- A creatively courageous father
- A working father
- A father in the shadows

To see the letter in full go to:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

The Revolution Is Only A Tea Shop Away:

A family's odyssey through Thailand and Burma in search of justice, peace, and democracy for the people of Burma by Tony Stokle.

This book has recently been published. It is about a Catholic family from St Charles' Gosforth that have spent many summers supporting marginal groups in Burma. If the book is like the family, then it will be inspiring.

Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain

A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

Rosary group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom.

Day: Thursday - Time: 2pm to 2:40pm.

During this year of St Joseph the group is sharing on the document issued by Pope Francis. Link to Pope Francis document: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzU-K_PrL7s

For more information please contact via the Parish WhatsApp Group

Diocesan Refugee Project

This project re-opened on December 9th. It will be re-opening in new premises at St Vincent's, New Bridge Street, Newcastle. If you have any donations for the Refugee Project please leave at the back of St Joseph's or St Cuthbert's

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.

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-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.