

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

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he said. 'I am here,' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy,' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 115

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| <p>1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.</p> | <p>2. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.</p> |
| <p>3. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.</p> | |

SECOND READING

God did not spare his own Son.

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

This is my Son, the Beloved.

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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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.

Partnership Telephone Numbers

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27 th /28 th February 2021 – 2 nd Sunday of Lent - B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 27th February	Attendance by prior booking		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	
Monday 1 st March		No Mass	
Tuesday 2 nd March			9:30am: Mass: Florence & Herbert Redpath & Family No congregation – Live Streamed
Wednesday 3 rd March		9:30am: Mass: Andrew Morton Live streamed	
Thursday 4 th March			9:30am: Mass: No congregation – Live Streamed
Friday 5 th March			7:00pm: Mass: With congregation
Saturday 6th March			5:30pm: Mass: Peggy & Jim Devlin Attendance by prior booking
Sunday 7th March 3rd 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, Marilyn Redpath and Jim Burfield

Please pray for Catherine Nichols, Fr Tom Cunningham, Audrey Watson, Albert Chaytor and all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Stations of the Cross

A recording of Stations of the Cross will be uploaded for 4pm this Sunday, 28th 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/86257675857?pwd=NjhqNjNCN2pPRnBiMVRya013OGxiUT09>

Meeting ID: 862 5767 5857 Passcode: 627140

Lenten Reflections

This Wednesday, March 3rd, our Lenten Reflection will be led by members of our African community. Our thanks to them for being willing to lead us in prayer and reflection.

To join the meeting the link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082334271?> Meeting ID: 870 8233 4271 Passcode: 734206

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Last Friday, February 26th was CAFOD Family Fast Day CAFOD Lent Appeal.

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.

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=c3ZUZDdyL0drZUJGRGMvTjh3QytwUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 5971 2342 Passcode: 416904

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. It is hoped that in calmer times, later on in the year, there will be a public service at Broadway Methodist Church.

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.

Requiem Mass

Catherine Nichols Requiem Mass is on 10th March at St. Joseph's at 1:15pm. Followed by committal at Preston Crematorium at 2.15pm.

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.

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

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

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.

QR Code

A little Lenten challenge in the QR code this week.



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.