

**MASS READINGS**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**  
**FIRST READING**

*The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

**Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

**Psalm 31**

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| <p>1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,<br/>whose sin is remitted.<br/>happy the man to whom the Lord<br/>imputes no guilt,<br/>in whose spirit is no guile.</p> <p>3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,<br/>exult, you just!<br/>come, ring out your joy,<br/>all you upright of heart</p> | <p>2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;<br/>My guilt I did not hide.<br/>I said: 'I will confess<br/>my offence to the Lord.'<br/>And you, Lord, have forgiven<br/>the guilt of my sin.</p> |
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**SECOND READING**

*Take me for your model, as I take Christ.*

**Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Alleluia**

**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**

*The leprosy left him at once and he was cured*

**Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields		
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<b>Parish website information at: <a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b> 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.		
<b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b> Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021 Father Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770 St Cuthbert's Church ☎ 0191 257 3408	<b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b> Father John McElhone ☎ 0191 262 3820 Hospital Chaplaincy: Fr Stephen Watson ☎ 07815 702089 Father David Smith: ☎ 0191 262 3882	

13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 – 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> February		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> February 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: Peter Smith Attendance by prior booking Live steamed	
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass	
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> February		9:30am: Mass: No congregation – Live Streamed
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday	9:30am: Mass: Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	7:00pm: Mass: Attendance by prior booking
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> February		9:30am: Mass: No congregation – Live Streamed
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> February	12:00 noon: Requiem Mass: John Hall	7:00pm: Mass: With congregation
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> February		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - B	11:00am: Mass: Jane Turner 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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)  
**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

Please contact us for help needed or offered

During Ordinary Time (Winter) we pray for all victims of the pandemic; Peace on Earth; Openness to God's Word; Christian Unity ;The Sick and those who Care for them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the unemployed, 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'.

### Lent

On Wednesday we begin the season of Lent, our journey in preparation of Easter, as you have heard me say before this season which is 'space for grace'.

It is going to be a different Lent and Easter, with lots of uncertainty but the call to acknowledge our need of grace and be dependent on that reality does not change, though the contexts and the challenges may be different and even greater.

In re-opening the Church this weekend people have the opportunity, if they so wish, to celebrate in the Eucharist though I am very aware that for very understandable reasons many will still wish to take advantage of using the live stream. I sense that this 'mixed economy' of the actual and virtual will be with us for some time. Any suggestions especially as to how we meet the needs of our online community will be much appreciated.

I hope and pray that as we journey from Lent to Easter, lockdown to some freedom, from the depths of winter to the hope and new life of spring that this will be a time of transformation and new life for our parish, ourselves and our communities, local and national. I would also like to express my thanks to those who are willing to act as stewards. It is only through their willingness and generosity that the Churches can re-open.

Ash Wednesday is February 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be two Masses. 9.30 at St Cuthbert's and 7.00pm at St Joseph's. Ashes will be sprinkled on you as you leave Church.

Though the Churches have re-opened many of our activities will be offered online. They include:

- A gathering on a Wednesday evening via Zoom where a parishioner will lead a time of prayer and reflection. Any volunteers will be appreciated.
- Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on a Sunday afternoon in Lent at 4pm. There will be a mixed economy of pre-recorded Stations, Station via zoom and live events in Church but also live streamed.
- Fr Chris will lead a day of Reflection for the Parish on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March via zoom from 10-2pm The theme will be: Covid a year on - God's call for us?

The Diocese has produced resources for prayer and reflection during Lent. These can be found at:  
<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/faithandmission/prayerlentresources.php>

### Lent and YMT

YMT are encouraging people to get ready for Lent by subscribing to their YouTube channel. Please see below for a link to the introduction for their Lent programme.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPyGOV1QppQ&feature=youtu.be>

### St Cuthbert's Care and Lent Aims

'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/>

### Requiem Masses

As you may know already, on February 8<sup>th</sup> two much loved and respected parishioners, John Hall and Neil Melvin, died peacefully at their respective homes. May they rest in peace. Our prayers for their respective families

John Hall's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, presided by his nephew Fr Sean Hall, at 12 Noon followed by burial at Preston Cemetery.

Neil Melvin's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11am followed by cremation at Preston Crematorium.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021. The Letter marks the 150<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> 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/document/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/document/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

### 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](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

### 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.

### 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzU-K_PrL7s)  
For more information please contact via the Parish WhatsApp Group

### The QR code for reflection for this week is:



One small action can change a life

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSeZm256ig8>

### Diocesan Refugee Project

This project re-opened on December 9<sup>th</sup>. 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.