

**MASS READINGS - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**FIRST READING**

*The Law was given through Moses.*

**Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words. He said, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. "You shall have no gods except me." "You shall not make yourself a carved image or any of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth, you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great grandsons of those who hate me, but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it. "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son or your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath and made it sacred.

Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery,

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, his ox, his don, or anything that is his. **Psalm 18**

**Response: Lord, have the message of external life.**

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| <p>1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.<br/>The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.</p> | <p>2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.<br/>The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.</p> |
| <p>3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.<br/>The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.</p>                    | <p>4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold<br/>and sweeter are they than honey than honey from the comb.</p>  |

**SECOND READING**

**Corinthians 1:22-25**

*Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ, to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

**GOSPEL**

**John 2:13-25**

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons. And the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture 'Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews replied, "it has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary, are you going to raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remember that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man, he could tell what a man had in him.

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, 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.

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**6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - B**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

		<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Attendance by prior booking</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: Peggy &amp; Jim Devlin</b> <b>Attendance by prior booking</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - B</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>Attendance by prior booking</b> <b>Live streamed</b>	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>9:30am: Mass: Cath Nichols</b> <b>No congregation – Live Streamed</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass: John Hall</b> <b>With congregation</b>	<b>1:15pm: Requiem Mass for</b> <b>Catherine Nichols</b> <b>Live Streamed</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>9:30am: Mass: Florence Redpath</b> <b>No congregation – Live Streamed</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>7:00pm: Mass: Ellen Hughes</b> <b>With congregation</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>Attendance by prior booking</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - B</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: Thanksgiving: Alvin Badiola</b> <b>Attendance by prior booking</b> <b>Live streamed</b>	

**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 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, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell, Marilyn Redpath, Rev John Mason, and Jim Burfield.

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

### Genocide of the Uyghur Muslim Community

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to genocide including forced abortions.

Lord Alton is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, to help put international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop these horrendous human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against the Uyghur community. The amendment passed in the Lords on 23<sup>rd</sup> February by 367 votes to 214, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly.

If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website, which can be accessed by visiting the link below: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

### Barriers to employment

One of the current campaigns of Tyne and Wear Citizens is 'Dignity and Diversity at Work'. There is a sense that people are still being discriminated from obtaining employment due to their difference be that racial background, disability, sexuality, age, ethnicity. The campaign is looking for further testimonies of people facing such barriers. Please contact Fr Chris if you have such a story to tell.

### Time of Lenten Prayer on Wednesday

This week we will have a Stations of the Cross presented by members of the Liturgy Group.

If you want to share afterwards please join the zoom room at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81182097075?pwd=bFAwSXVPSm00RFVTQWRmdjdMYXF5UT09>

Meeting ID: 811 8209 7075 Passcode: 664361

### Stations of the Cross

The link for the social time after Stations is Chris Hughes inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81409172532?pwd=bjMxRmYreGx5YU FNQ255WTVFV3ZVZz09>

Meeting ID: 814 0917 2532 Passcode: 919346

### Day of Recollection

Next Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 10.00-am 2.30pm. I will be leading a Day of Recollection via zoom. The day will be a combination of prayer, input from me. time for silent reflection, sharing in breakout room and some collective worship at the end.

I will open the 'zoom room' at 9.30am. The link for the day is Chris Hughes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81759712342?pwd=c3ZUZDdyL0drZUJGRGMyTjh3QytwUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 5971 2342 Passcode: 416904

### The QR Code for the U tube clip is



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kq1hLU6DUSs>

### A Note of Thanks

Kath Melvin and family would like to express their gratitude for all the flowers, the Mass and Condolence cards, the thoughts and prayers which enfolded and sustained us at this sad time. Thank-you to Fr Chris for your comforting service, Felicity and Gerry for the music, Linda for the Order of Service, Charlie for streaming the Mass, which enabled my Australian and American families to take part.

Thanks to all who gave to Macmillan Cancer Support. Your generous donations came to £555

### Parish Nursing

At the Churches Together meeting, we had an inspiring talk from a Parish Nurse, based with the Methodists in North Tyneside. They are looking for any retired nurses or health care professionals who would like to be involved with this valuable project. If interested please contact Fr Chris.

### Easter Eggs

The Vicar for St John's Percy Main and St Peter's Baulkwell, Rev Lee Cleminson, is trying to give every primary school child in his parish a chocolate Easter egg along with an explanation of the Easter story. I am happy to forward any donations of Easter eggs you may wish to give. St Joseph's school will be included.

### The Good Grief Festival is taking place online on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> March

Focusing on the themes of hope and meaning in the light of bereavement, it features a huge range of speakers from comedians to medics, academics to artists. Those contributing include Dr Kathryn Mannix, whose work in palliative care, as documented in her excellent book *With the End in Mind* has spoken to the parish. Another contributor is Dr Douglas Davies, based at Durham University, who researches into the religious and cultural aspects surrounding death with a particular interest in ritual. You can sign up, for free, at <https://goodgriefest.com/>

### 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.

### 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/>

### 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.

### 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

### 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/s/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/document/s/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)

### 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.

### 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.



#### Yarn Bombing!

St Joseph's RC Primary School are asking for help to yarn bomb our school with crocheted and knitted flowers. We would love to make some displays like this.

Please get in contact with Souzy Dunn via the email [send@stjosephsrc-primary.co.uk](mailto:send@stjosephsrc-primary.co.uk) or drop any flowers you can make into the school office in a plastic bag. Thank you so much for your support!



### Requiem Mass

Catherine Nichols Requiem Mass is on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at St. Joseph's at 1:15pm. Followed by committal will be at Preston Crematorium at 2.15pm.