

**MASS READINGS**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**  
**FIRST READING**

*The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, "Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy year have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation."

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom. "Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem; in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

**Psalm 136**

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| <p>1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.</p> | <p>2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs."</p> |
| <p>3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right-hand wither!</p>          | <p>4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!</p>                                 |

**SECOND READING**

*You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.*

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy; when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**Acclamation**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**  
**God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son;**  
**everyone who believes in him has eternal life.**  
**Glory and praise to you, O Christ."**

**GOSPEL**

*God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.*

**John 3:14-21**

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe, in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced; that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.

**Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23**

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
*Albion Road West*  
*North Shields*

Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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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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**13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - B**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

**St Cuthbert's Church**

**St Joseph's Church**

		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Attendance by prior booking</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b> Attendance by prior booking
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - B</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: Thanksgiving re</b> Alvin Badiola Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> No congregation – Live Streamed
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> St Patrick		<b>9:30am: Mass: John Hall</b> With congregation	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> No congregation – Live Streamed
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> Feast of St Joseph		<b>10:15am: Requiem Mass – Alf McManus</b> Live Streamed	<b>7:00pm: Mass: Fr Michael</b> With congregation
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> St Cuthbert			<b>5:30pm: Mass: Cath Nichols</b> Attendance by prior booking
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - B</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> 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**

**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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)  
**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

Please contact us for help needed or offered

### Prayer List

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 and Jim Burfield

Please pray for Catherine Nichols, Fr Tom Cunningham, Audrey Watson, Albert Chaytor, Alf McManus, Fr Ronnie Richmond and all those who have died recently.

### Mothering Sunday

A very happy Mother's Day to all mums, on earth and in heaven

### Feast of St Joseph.

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of one of our Parish Patrons St Joseph. Mass will be on Friday 7.00pm at St Joseph's 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 'Patris Corde 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/>.

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

### Time of Lenten Prayer on Wednesday

This week we will have a Lenten Reflection presented by members of our Filipino group. To join the meeting the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86057143347?pwd=ZVRDQTcwcw0Fpc0o2dXRBR2ozSzh0dz09>

Meeting ID: 860 5714 3347 Passcode: 193666

### Stations of the Cross

The link for the social time after Stations is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86306019820?pwd=Q0k4YkFYbXNFR111TXcwa01aRCthUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 0601 9820 Passcode: 974560

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	St Joseph's	5:30pm: Vigil Mass
Sunday Palm Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	St Cuthbert's	11:00am Mass Live Streamed
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	St Cuthbert's	7:30pm Mass
<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper Live Streamed</b>			
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	St Joseph's	3:00pm
<b>Celebration of the Passion of Jesus Christ Live Streamed</b>			
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	St Cuthbert's	8:00pm: Mass
<b>Easter Vigil – Live Streamed</b>			
Sunday Easter Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	St Joseph's	9:30am: Mass
		St Cuthbert's	11:00am: Mass Live Streamed
<b>BOOKING FOR ALL THESE MAIN SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK IS REQUIRED</b>			

### North Shield Churches Together

This month's Common Good Canteen, a lunchtime gathering with input from a guest and a chance to meet others thinking about and discussing the big issues around money and meaning, is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 12.30pm until 1.30pm.

It will feature guest Mike Royal and a particular focus on how racial injustice is manifested. You can book up at: [https://commonchange.uk/events/?fbclid=IwAR27Lp2-7NdaVXs0YL2KZ7P\\_eSqE6RR0MfBw59bRtQJvdcuAShYlbyppjiM0](https://commonchange.uk/events/?fbclid=IwAR27Lp2-7NdaVXs0YL2KZ7P_eSqE6RR0MfBw59bRtQJvdcuAShYlbyppjiM0)

### 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.

accessed 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 by visiting the link below: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

### 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 to give. St Joseph's school will be included.

### 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 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.

### Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Alf McManus is on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, St. Cuthbert's at 10:15am. Followed by committal at Preston Crematorium.

### 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.

### 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/>

### 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

### 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!



### This week's QR code

A youtube link by Zach Williams called 'Fear is a Liar'

