

**MASS READINGS**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - A**  
**FIRST READING**

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

**Ezekiel 37:12-14**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** *With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of compassion.*

**Psalm 129**

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| <p>1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,<br/>Lord, hear my voice!<br/>O let your ears be attentive<br/>to the voice of my pleading.</p> <p>3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,<br/>I count on his word.<br/>My soul is longing for the Lord<br/>more than watchman for daybreak.<br/>(Let the watchman count on daybreak<br/>and Israel on the Lord.)</p> | <p>2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,<br/>Lord, who would survive?<br/>But with you is found forgiveness:<br/>for this we revere you.</p> <p>4. Because with the Lord there is mercy<br/>and fullness of redemption,<br/>Israel indeed he will redeem<br/>from all its iniquity.</p> |
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**SECOND READING**

*The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.*

**Romans 8:8-11**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

**Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
 whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**GOSPEL**

*I am the resurrection and the life.*

**John 11:1-45**

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair.

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her,

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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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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		<b>20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
		<b>Masses, Devotions and Services</b>	
		<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b> St Cuthbert	<b>Attendance by prior booking</b>		<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>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March		<b>12:15pm: Requiem Mass for</b> <b>Audrey Watson</b> Live Streamed	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> No congregation – Live Streamed
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>9:30am: Mass: John Hall</b> With congregation	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March			<b>9:30am: Mass: Neil Melvin</b> No congregation – Live Streamed
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March			<b>7:00pm: Mass: Cath Nichols</b> With congregation
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday			<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b> Attendance by prior booking
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass:</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**

**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



### 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, Fr Wilf Elkin and all those who have died recently.

### Time of Lenten Prayer on Wednesday

This week we will have a Lenten Reflection presented by members of members of the Liturgy Group.

To join the meeting the link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84927456356?pwd=bGRvaHds01iKzNhSXNkVUVCbzk3QT09>

Meeting ID: 849 2745 6356 Passcode: 268124

### Stations of the Cross

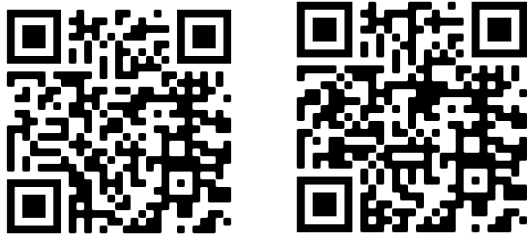
The link for the social time after Stations is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81333755948?pwd=Y2l0OFMzT0phSIJ1aVIsNkxNb1EyZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 3375 5948 Passcode: 244058

### QR Codes

The QR codes this week look at the Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation,



### The Partnership Youth Group

We would like to invite you to a half hour session of sharing and prayer every Monday on Zoom. Each week we look at a bit of scripture and usually link this with a poem which is relevant and which we chat about, sharing how we see it link to our faith and spirituality. We finish with 15 minutes of meditative prayer based on the readings and what we have shared. The details of our zoom meeting are: - Every Monday 7pm -7.30pm

Meeting ID: 740 4052 1010 Passcode: 9V4XHY

All are very welcome. Please email me at [alistairhain@gmail.com](mailto:alistairhain@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you.

### Requiem Mass for Audrey Watson

The Requiem Mass for Audrey Watson, the mother of Susan Ray, will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 12.15pm. The Mass will be live streamed.

### Thank-you note from the family of Cath Nichol.

Cath's family wish to thank everyone who gave the generous donations for the Mercy Associates, totalling £235, Cath was a valued member of the Associates and will be greatly missed by all her friends.

### 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</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\\_eSqE6RR0MfBw59bRtQJvdcuAShYLbypjiM0](https://commonchange.uk/events/?fbclid=IwAR27Lp2-7NdaVXs0YL2KZ7P_eSqE6RR0MfBw59bRtQJvdcuAShYLbypjiM0)

### 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.

### 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://goodgrieffest.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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!

