

MASS READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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| <p>1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R/</p> <p>3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.</p> | <p>2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.</p> |
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Psalm 97

SECOND READING
God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

John 4:7-10

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'

GOSPEL

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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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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| 8 th /9 th May 2021 – 6 th Sunday of Easter (B) | | | |
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| Masses, Devotions and Services | | | |
| | | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
| Saturday | 8 th May | | 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking |
| Sunday | 9 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter - B | 11:00am: Mass: Alf McManus Attendance by prior booking Live streamed | |
| Monday | 10 th May | | |
| Tuesday | 11 th May | | 9:30am: Mass: Florence & Herbert Redpath With congregation |
| Wednesday | 12 th May | 9:30am: Mass: Alf McManus With congregation | |
| Thursday | 13 th May The Ascension of our Lord | 9:30am: Mass: With Congregation | 7:00pm: Mass: With Congregation |
| Friday | 14 th May St Matthias Apostle | | 7:00pm: Mass: Deceased Members of the More Family With congregation |
| Saturday | 15 th May | | 5:30pm: Mass: Attendance by prior booking |
| Sunday | 16 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter - B | 11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live streamed | |

Attendance by prior booking

Telephone booking system for Masses at St Cuthbert's
Mass Booking line: 07506 176996 at the following times

Please note that in giving your details to book Mass or to sign in at Mass at weekdays, you are giving your consent for that information to be stored for three weeks

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| Tuesday | 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm | Thursday | 11am-1pm |
| Wednesday | 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

Prayer List

During Easter we pray for all victims of the Covid Pandemic; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

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, Jim Burfield, Richard Sutherland, Pauline Kelso and Irene Keenaghan.

Please pray for Charlie Williams, Alan Nixon, Agnes Conway, Audrey Mooney, Dorothy Lant, Helena Preston and all those who have died recently.

Learning more about Community Organising

On the evenings of 11th, 18th & 25th May 5-7.30pm Online via Zoom training will start This introductory training aims to equip individuals to help lead community organising in their institutions. The training will cover all essential aspects of the curriculum for community organising, including: Listening, Issues, Research, Action Negotiation Evaluation.

To book your place please contact Sara Bryson, Senior Community Organiser Sara.Bryson@citizensuk.org Four parishioners have already signed up for the training along with a school chaplain and members of the YMT.

On May 15th from 9.30 -12.00 via zoom there will be a parish event where I share more about Community Organising and we will discuss what the parish seeks to get out of being a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83086991773?pwd=Z210NXVtWmRxTWw4Q0E1a2tlY3J1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 830 8699 1773 Passcode: 632568

Feast of the Ascension

This Thursday, is the Feast of the Ascension. There will be Mass at St Cuthbert's at 9.30am and at St Joseph's at 7pm. This Feast day celebrates the Glory of Christ in being re-united with the Father but also how we are now empowered to continue Christ's mission

St Cuthbert's Presbytery

On April 30th there was a fruitful meeting with four members of Tyneside Welcomes (TW) and Minnie Frazer from the Diocese and myself. In the light of the discussion and the questions raised, these are the key points:

TW liked the house and since 4+ bedroom properties are rare for rent, TW would be happy for a refugee family to reside at the presbytery.

It will be a family, perhaps an extended family. They would have been classed as 'Vulnerable', by the Home Office. TW did admit that could mean a number of things, someone may have a physical disability; someone may have been traumatised. The needs of the family will have to be assessed.

The family would have probably come from a refugee camp in Lebanon or Jordan.

For the first year TW have a legal obligation to support the family. I think a group in the parish to work with this group maybe useful (perhaps including but not exclusively SVP). TW will still be in touch with the family after that year but hopefully from a distance.

Any agreement to rent the property to the family will have to be of a minimum of two years.

Questions that the parish has to decide are the following:

Would we want the family to move on after two years or are we happy to allow them longer.

We need to work out rent. The diocese will assist us in working out what a suitable amount would be.

Minnie Frazer recommended the normal diocesan practice in renting out property for it to be done by a letting agency. They would sort out arranging repairs etc but would take 10-15% of the rent. If we do not go down that route we would need someone or some others in the parish to take responsibility to sort out repairs.

Any comments or queries would be welcomed. If you would like to learn more about the Community Sponsorship and Government Resettlement Programme and on the impact it makes on those involved, please go to:

<https://resetuk.org/community-sponsorship/2020>

Caritas in the Salford Diocese have welcomed a number of families into their diocese. I have asked them to share with me any insights or wisdom learned from their experience.

Pastoral Care in the Parish

The Pastoral Care group has two parishioners who have recently taken part in the diocesan enhanced listening skills. Another member of the group is also a trained bereavement counsellor.

I am aware that in recent months we have had a lot of deaths and also that the struggles of lockdown have not been easy for many people. So, if you want to talk to people who are willing to listen, please know you are not on your own and let me know you would appreciate the opportunity to talk.

I am also aware that elsewhere in the Partnership, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, there is a 'Consolation Team'. I have asked a member of that group to address our Pastoral Care Group on Tuesday 8th June at 7pm. If anyone is interested in the work of this group, please let me know. This is an area of ministry I sense needs to be developed within the parish.

Finally, it was agreed that a member of the Pastoral Care group, Lou Laggan, would offer a session on 'Stress Management'. Please see details below.

Christian Aid Week

Our friends in North Shields Churches Together have asked me to publicise Christian Aid Wee which is from 10th -16th May. There are envelopes for you to take. Please return next week and I will forward them on the Christian Aid Rep in North Shields, Fiona Flatman

FREE Stress-Buster Masterclass

Provided by Lou Laggan, Professional Mindset Coach & Trainer. **Date: 5th June Time: 10am – 12.30pm Location: Zoom**

Join us for a morning of interactive learning to help you live a life with less stress. By the end of the Masterclass you will:

- Understand the Difference Between Good & Bad Stress
- Understand the Full Impact Of Stress
- Have Identified Your Main Causes of Stress
- Be Equipped With A Range Of Practical Strategies To Reduce & Manage Stress

Lou's events are always participative, fun and engaging; find out what others have thought of them here: <https://loulaggancoaching.co.uk/testimonials/>

Places are limited so booking is essential. Please contact Lou via email if you have any questions about the masterclass and to book your place. Lou@LouLagganCoaching.co.uk

Mass for Marriage and Family

Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 12:00 which will be both an open Mass and live streamed.

Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass MUST BOOK in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

Community Organising Action on Alexander Park, Coach Lane

On April 21st there was a productive meeting of representatives of the institutions from North Shields who are part of Tyne and Wear Citizens. As well as the parish, there were stakeholders from Cedarwood, Mumspace, St Thomas More High School, St Cuthbert's Primary and North Shields Churches Acting Together.

One of the local concerns is the state of the local parks and dog muck on the streets. So, it was agreed that there will be 'action' on **May 22nd from 10am-11am** where 30 people will gather to clean up Alexander Park and surrounding area on Coach Lane behind St Cuthbert's Primary School. The aim of the action is to show the council that local residents are willing to take action, so will the Council follow our example. We will be asking the council to provide us with the resources to do the clean-up. If you would like to be one of those people to help with the clean-up, please get in touch with me or Wendy McConnell at: wendy.mcconnell@citizensuk.org

Community Organising and Prayer

I am also aware that as we engage with other groups in Civic Society, it is important that all that we do is rooted in our relationship with God. It is crucial that we are inspired by Gospel Values. That is why I would like to have 'Praying Citizens' in the parish. I appreciate for some, that due to health reason, shielding or shortage of time, being involved with training and campaigns, will not be possible. However, if you are willing to make a commitment in prayer, that will be very important to ensure that in all our work with Tyne and Wear Citizens, is flowing out of the dynamic interactive love and action of the Trinity.

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 For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at: nehmasiwa@yahoo.com or Ruth Corless on +44 7752 009361.

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.

QR Codes

As its the month of May here is a video with some Franciscan Friars saying the Rosary for any young person who might just wish to have company and learn this powerful prayer.

