

**MASS READINGS**

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)**

**FIRST READING**

*We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.*

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: “Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. “We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can at with us as a witness to his resurrection.” Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, “Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.” They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

**Acts 1:15-17.20-26**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

**Psalm 102**

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| <p>1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,<br/>all my being, bless his holy name.<br/>My soul, give thanks to the Lord<br/>and never forget all his blessings.</p>              | <p>2. For as the heavens are high above the earth<br/>so strong is his love for those who fear him.<br/>As far as the east is from the west<br/>so far does he remove our sins.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven<br/>and his kingdom is ruling over all.<br/>Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,<br/>mighty in power, fulfilling his word.</p> |   |

**SECOND READING**

***Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.***

**1 John 4:11-16**

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

**Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;  
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

***That they may be one like us.***

**John 17:11-19**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: “Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.”

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

**Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church**  
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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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		15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (B)		
		Masses, Devotions and Services		
		St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church	
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> May		5:30pm: Mass: Deceased Member of the More Family <b>Attendance by prior booking</b>	
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> May 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - B	<b>Attendance by prior booking</b>	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish <b>Attendance by prior booking</b> Live streamed	
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> May			
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> May		9:30am: Mass: Deceased members of the Story Family <b>With congregation</b> 12.30pm Requiem Mass for Dorothy Lant	
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> May		9:30am: Mass: Neil Melvin <b>With congregation</b> 2.00pm Funeral Service for Helena Preston	
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> May			
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> May		9:30am: Mass: No congregation	
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May			7:00pm: Mass: <b>With congregation</b>
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May Pentecost Sunday - B			5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish <b>Attendance by prior booking</b>
			11:00am: Mass: Audrey Watson <b>Attendance by prior booking</b> Live streamed	

<p><b>Telephone booking system for Masses at St Cuthbert’s</b> <b>Mass Booking line: 07506 176996 at the following times</b></p>			
<p>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</p>			
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](http://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 Dorothy Lant, Helena Preston, Stewart Southern, Paulien Kelso and all those who have died recently.

### Pentecost Sunday

On the morning Mass, two of our children, Lucy and Thomas Atwell will be making their First Holy Communion. We pray for them.

We will also have a Holy Hour at St Cuthbert's at 4pm to reflect on this wonderful feast day.

### Visit to the Parish by Bishop Robert

Bishop's House has informed me that Bishop Robert will visit the parish the week-end of July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. He will preside at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's & the 11am Sunday Mass at St Cuthbert's. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Robert that week-end

### Funeral Services

We have two funerals this week:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 12.30 pm St Joseph's - Requiem Mass for Dorothy Lant.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2pm St Cuthbert's - Funeral Service for Helena Preston

May they Rest in Peace.

### St Cuthbert's Presbytery

On April 30<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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. If you took an envelop last week please bring it back as soon as possible

### FAITH WITNESS AGAINST HASSOCKFIELD

In October, the UK government plans to open an Immigration Removal Centre at Hassockfield on the site of the former Medomsley Detention Centre. This will be for 80 women seeking asylum in the UK. The proposal is inhumane, unjust and incompatible with our faith which calls us to recognise the intrinsic dignity of each person. These women are not criminals to be locked up but people like ourselves who have the right to a place of safety and to be treated with respect and

compassion. An interfaith prayer service will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3.00pm in as many churches and places of worship as possible as part of a united faith response against Hassockfield. The Youth Ministry Team will join with the Faith Witness and will go live at the same time on YMT's Facebook@youthministryteam.

### 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](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.mccconnell@citizensuk.org](mailto:wendy.mccconnell@citizensuk.org)

**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.

### 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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzU-K_PrL7s)  
For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at: [nehmasiwa@yahoo.com](mailto: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

### QR Codes



