

**MASS READINGS**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B)**

**FIRST READING**

*They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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| <p>1. Bless the Lord, my soul!<br/>Lord God, how great you are.<br/>How many are your works, O Lord!<br/>The earth is full of your riches.</p>                      | <p>2. You take back your spirit, they die,<br/>returning to the dust from which they came.<br/>You send forth your spirit, they are created;<br/>and you renew the face of the earth.</p> |
| <p>3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!<br/>May the Lord rejoice in his works!<br/>May my thoughts be pleasing to him.<br/>I find my joy in the Lord. R/</p> |   |

**SECOND READING**

*The fruit of the Spirit.*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

**Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

**Apostles 2:1-11**

**Psalm 103**

**Galatians 5:16-25**

**John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

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

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Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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**Parish website information at: <http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.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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**22nd/23rd May 2021 – Pentecost Sunday (B)**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

		<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 22nd May</b>	<b>Attendance by prior booking</b>		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
<b>Sunday 23rd May Pentecost Sunday - B</b>		11:00am: Mass: Audrey Watson Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	
Monday 24th May			
Tuesday 25th May St Bede			9:30am: Mass: With congregation 11:15am Funeral Service for Pauline Kelso
Wednesday 26th May		9:30am: Mass: Neil Melvin With congregation	10:45am: Funeral Service for Stewart Southern
Thursday 27th May			9:30am: Mass: Fr Matthew No congregation
Friday 28th May			12.30: Requiem Mass for Sheila Hall 7:00pm: Mass: With Congregation
<b>Saturday 29th May</b>			1:00pm: Nuptial Mass for Roberto Paulo Ferreira and Celene Josephine Robson 5:30pm: Mass: Sheila Hall Attendance by prior booking
<b>Sunday 30th May The Most Holy Trinity - B</b>			11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live streamed

**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**

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.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

### Prayer List

During Ordinary time until the end of August we pray for all victims of the Covid Pandemic; a deeper understanding between Jews and Christians; those who suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, That the dignity of human life is upheld; and Seafarers.

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, Jim Burfield, Richard Sutherland and Irene Keenaghan.

Please pray for Dorothy Lant, Helena Preston, Stewart Southern, Pauline Kelso, Sheila Hall, Fr Matthew and all those who have died recently.

### Funeral Services

We have three funerals this week.

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 11:15 am St Joseph's Funeral Service for Pauline Kelso.
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10:45am St Joseph's Funeral Service for Stewart Southern.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 12:30pm St Joseph's Requiem Mass for Sheila Hall.

May they Rest in Peace.

### Pentecost Sunday

Today is a great day in the Church's year. The Feast of Pentecost. We celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit that transformed the Apostles and has enable the Church to keep going over the last 2,000 years with all the upheaval of history. We pray that the Spirit will sustain us at this challenging time.

At the morning Mass, two of our children, Lucy and James Atwell will be making their First holy Communion. We pray for them.

### Visit to the Parish by Bishop Robert

Bishop's House has informed me that Bishop Robert is now not able to visit parish the week-end of July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. The visit has now been re-arranged for the week-end of **16<sup>th</sup>-17 October** We look forward to welcoming Bishop Robert then.

### Pastoral Letter on the Environment

On this feast of Pentecost, the Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland have issued a joint pastoral statement on responding the Ecological crisis facing our planet. This will be read after the Gospel.

### Proud Catholics

This is a support group for Catholics in the Diocese who identify as LGBT+ or who are questioning their sexual or gender identity. We were founded in November 2018, and we have recently received endorsement from Bishop Robert and his Council. We aim to provide members with a forum in which they can strengthen their faith and gain confidence as Catholics. We have a website, [<http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>], [<http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>], where you can find more information about the group. You may be interested to read our Constitution, linked from the home page, or to see the themes of our meetings over the past year, listed on the Meetings page.

### Vigil and Holy Hour

We will have a Holy Hour at St Cuthbert's at 4pm to reflect on this wonderful feast day. Before then at 3pm, there will be a vigil in union with vigils taking place with other Christians and people of other faith who are concerned that at Hassockfield, Medomsley in County Durham, female asylum seekers are going to be kept in detention. Please see below for more details

### QR Code

This week's QR code is not a video- its a link to a website that encourages daily prayer and shared the scripture of the day.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

Many people find this to be very helpful for their daily prayer.



### 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.

### Pastoral Care: Dealing with Stress

A zoom session on how to respond to stress is going to be provided, at no cost, by Lou Laggan, a professional Mindset Coach & Trainer.

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June Time: 10am – 12.30pm Location: Zoom**

All the parish is welcome to join this interactive learning to help you manage stress. By the end of the session 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)

### Christian Aid Week

Our friends in North Shields Churches Together have asked me to publicise Christian Aid Wee which is from 10<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> 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 envelope 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.

### 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