

**MASS READINGS**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
FIRST READING**

*A woman adorned with the sun standing on the moon.*

**Apocalypse 11:19. 12:1-6. 10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Then came flashes of lightning, peals of thunder and an earthquake, and violent hail. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready, for her to be looked after in the twelve hundred and sixty days. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ'.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Response: On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.*

**Psalm 44**

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| <p>1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.<br/>On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.<br/>Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:<br/>forget your own people and your father's house.</p> | <p>2. So will the king desire your beauty:<br/>he is your Lord, pay homage to him.<br/>They are escorted amid gladness and joy;<br/>they pass within the palace of the king.</p> |
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**SECOND READING**

*Christ as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him.*

**Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

**Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven;  
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*The Almighty has done great things for me, he has exalted the lowly.*

**Luke 1:39-56**

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants forever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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

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Tynemouth Priory Partnership



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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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**14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish With congregation</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Neil Melvin With congregation Live streamed</b>	
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey With congregation</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass: Alan Curran With congregation</b>	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>7:00pm: Mass: Anthony With congregation</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: Bill Devlin With congregation</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year - B</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish With congregation Live streamed</b>	

**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 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, Richard Sutherland, and Irene Keenaghan.

Pray for Joan King, Martin McGann and Maureen Tynan and all who have died recently.

### Feast of the Assumption

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Assumption, Mary sharing, body and soul in the life of God. In the Assumption, as was in the conception of her son in her womb, there is total unity between God as creator and his creation. All of creation, including Our Blessed Lady, is separate from the Creator, but God's love for his creation, that although so much of it is distorted and damaged, is the desire for it to be fully renewed by bridging the gap between Creator and Creation. God's creation is fully transformed by this desire to unite himself with his creation. With this one created body now fully united into the divine mystery, her Assumption is 'first fruit', a sign of hope, that as we witness the destruction to our planet and the damage done to humanity by disasters, violence, poverty, injustice and neglect, this damaged creation, human and non-human, is called to be restored, transformed and re-dignified in that plan for it to be once again in full communion with its Creator. Today's feast is a foretaste, a glimpse, of that plan being fulfilled

### Fr Chris

Thank-you for your continued prayers and support. I am pleased to say that I am adapting to this new way of life in the parish. I am still thankfully experiencing no pain. Your generosity, care and prayers are all much appreciated.

### Exam Result Time

I am conscious that many of our younger parishioners have received important results over the past week. I hope their results have enabled them to proceed to the next step in their journey of life. Prayers and best wishes to all who have received results in recent days. All the best for your future.

### Baptisms

We celebrate two baptisms this weekend.

Eliza Jo Rutter will be baptised at the 11am Eucharist this Sunday and Anelia Jimmy will be baptised during a Eucharist celebrated at St. Cuthbert's, in the Syra Malabar Rite, at 3pm this Sunday. The Eucharist will be presided by the Syra Malabar Chaplain for the Diocese, Fr Sajji. We pray for these children and their respective families that they will continue to grow in Christ throughout their lives.

### Trinity Charity Shop

I have just received the latest cheque of our share of the Charity shop. We have received £3,600. This is a great achievement considering the shop re-opened less than 3 months ago. Thanks to all who have contributed to this total, especially the volunteers from the parish who work on a Thursday. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated. Well done and many thanks!

### YMT BBQ

The Youth Ministry Team would like to invite you to a BBQ at the Emmaus Youth Village with a Sing-Along: Live Hymns Old and New; on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 12-4 pm. The bar will remain open after 4 pm. tickets are £5 and covers BBQ and Quiz entry. Accommodation is available.

Card payments only. Payment would be taken on the day of arrival; however, booking is essential.

For room pricing and to book rooms or tickets, please email [phillip.salkeld@ymt.org](mailto:phillip.salkeld@ymt.org).

### The Tridentine Rite

The old pre-Vatican form of the Mass, traditionally known as the Tridentine Rite though since restrictions on its use were lifted by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007, it has been known as the Extraordinary Form. Pope Francis has recently decided to re-impose the restrictions on the grounds that the motivation for the Pope Benedict's decision was to foster unity in the Church. Pope Francis thinks this has not been the case. This means that it is up to individual Bishops to decide if the Extraordinary Form can be celebrated in the diocese. Bishop Robert has informed priests that those who were known to him as celebrating the Extraordinary Form can continue to do so. Any priest who has not informed the Bishop that they have been or wish to preside at the Extraordinary Form, now have to ask for his permission.

### 5 Day Pilgrimage in Scottish Borders

Led by Kevin Foster & Heather Simpson from Team Challenge Adventures in the Scottish Borders - 'Into the Light' - Walking together in Love, Peace and Hope.

The dates are Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Staying at Philip Burn Hotel which is a lovely 4Star hotel based in Selkirk in the Scottish Borders.

The 4 guided day walks will be in the wonderful Scottish Borders surrounded by green hills, wooded riverbanks, lush forests and rich farmland.

We will leave on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> afternoon getting there in time for Dinner and an Opening Liturgy and leave on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> after lunch and Closing Liturgy, getting home in time for tea.

The price for this 5-day Pilgrimage is £550.00 for Double/Twin Room, £650.00 for Single Room. This price includes: 4 Nights Bed and Breakfast en-suite accommodation in 4\*\*\*\* Hotel.

Return travel Transport to and from daily walk destinations. 4 fully guided walks, Morning and Evening Liturgies.

As always we are keeping the numbers small to make sure we have the best experience we can.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Heather Simpson by email or phone – [Heather@tcadventures.co.uk](mailto:Heather@tcadventures.co.uk), 00 44 7889 815576.

### Baby Bank

St John's Percy Main has recently set up a Baby Bank, to help provide new parents that may be struggling with clothing, Moses baskets, and other daily essentials.

After donation, all of the clothing is laundered before being passed on. All of the mattresses for the baskets are brand new.

If you become aware of anyone who might benefit from the support, or have any good quality clothing or baby items to donate, the Baby Bank team would love to hear from you. You can contact them via the office at St John's on 0191 267 1819 or [stjohnpercymain@tiscali.net](mailto:stjohnpercymain@tiscali.net). They're also on Facebook at [fb.com/StJohnsBabyBank](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBabyBank) [fb.com/StJohnsBabyBank](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsBabyBank).

### Parish Life Post Restrictions

Having consulted my partnership colleagues and diocesan guidelines people no longer need to book for Mass. There will be a very strong recommendation that people sanitise their hand on coming into Church and wear face masks. We will also maintain social distance to at least one metre I appreciate there is no legal requirement but in terms of protecting yourself and others in an enclosed space where we will be close to each other and there may be crowded, there is strong moral obligation for us to still carry out these practices.

I am very grateful to stewards who are willing to continue their role to ensure that people are as spaced out as possible. Extra space at St Cuthbert's and at St Joseph's will also be still available. The one-way system will still operate, and Holy Communion will be taken to the pews at St Cuthbert's. Please co-operate with the steward.

### Ongoing Faith Witness Against Hassockfield

In October, the Home Office 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 people like ourselves who have the right to a place of safety and to be treated with respect and compassion. **A monthly prayer vigil will be held at the barrier to Hassockfield on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm the next one will be Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** This will last for about 30 minutes and will incorporate a time of silent witness. Please support this with your prayer and, if at all possible, come along. For further information, please contact [lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com)

### Pastoral Carers Group

The group met last Wednesday. These are the areas we would like to develop in the months ahead:

- Ministry of Consolation: The Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea have given a great example of what can be done. We hope to develop a similar group. Is anyone interested?
- Grief during a pandemic We have a trained bereavement Counsellor and parishioners trained in enhanced listening skills. Would anyone in the parish like help from any of these people?
- Course on stress: This was a success; we hope to repeat in the winter.
- Supporting mums and young families post restrictions: We hope to develop the relationship with Mum Space and Baptism Catechists.
- Many people are anxious post restrictions about coming to Church. Please let me if you would like to receive Holy Communion from a Special Minister

### Proud Catholics

Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the Northeast? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, currently via Zoom.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Proud Catholics has been welcomed into the diocesan family and has a home within the Vicariate for Caritas, but what exactly is Caritas? Fr Adrian Tuckwell, Episcopal Vicar for Caritas in the diocese, will join us to explain and to answer any questions we may have. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>

### Buy a Job for Someone Else

The Catholic author and campaigner Paul Vallely has organised a scheme as part of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. £6 pounds will buy two vaccine jabs.

To donate please go to: <https://gofund.me/7cf8195c>

### Tyne and Wear Citizens

I am grateful to members of the Parish Proclaimers who have assisted in completing the Parish Action Plan for this year's membership of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Please see separate sheet. At the last meeting of the group, we agreed to set the parish 'An August Challenge'. This is to have at least two conversations with people, they can be your closet friends or family or strangers. We had hope we could offer you a cuppa to have outside to chat after Mass but without a cuppa can you talk about one or more of these 4 'C's about life in North Shields

- Community
- Challenge
- Concerns
- Change

Give me the answers by e-mail or hand-written note or use this link. I appreciate that trying to explain Community Organising is not easy but I hope you can see that with the improvements that have already taken place and are promised in the future for the Alexander Scott Park, it can make a difference. What else in the town needs to be different?

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIKWdS0YxwEjajBLZtrQAAAAAANAACRmR2ZURFA1RFcyN0NIREoxTFNOMEtVS0g1VzhLNC4u>

### 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.

### 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: 7:30pm

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)

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### Use of Church Grounds

In discussions with the 'Parish Proclaimers' it has been expressed that there is potential with the extensive ground we have at both Churches. Although I have been advised that in both settings, the possibilities of making things grow is limited due to extensive tree roots and shade, we discussed whether the grounds could be use from some type of 'rewilding' or made into spaces for reflection and/or remembrance. I am inviting parishioners to inform me of any ideas they would have for the use of our grounds to benefit within and beyond our community.