

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants.' Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my help.

Psalm 26

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| <p>1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?</p> | <p>2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'</p> |
| <p>3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.</p> | <p>4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!</p> |

SECOND READING

Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed.

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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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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12th/13th March 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Lent - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 12th March		5:30pm: Mass People of the Parish
Sunday 13th March 2nd Sunday in Lent	11:00am: Mass: Tom Holohan Live streamed	
Monday 14th March	No Mass	
Tuesday 15th March		9:30am: Mass: Pat Williams
Wednesday 16th March	9:30am: Mass: Audrey Watson	12.45pm Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Storey
Thursday 17th March	2.00pm Requiem Mass for Thomas Patrick Curran	
Friday 18th March		7:00pm: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey
Saturday 19th March		5:30pm: Mass Florence Palmajar
Sunday 20th March 3rd Sunday in Lent	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

What'sApp group: text your name & 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

Prayer Intentions for Lent: The People of Ukraine, Peace, Candidates for Sacraments, Penitents & Wanderers, Women, the Poor & Hungry

We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, 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, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Tony Cocalis, Mary Quinn and Eleanor Robson.

Please pray for Patricia Ann Appleton, Thomas Patrick Curran, Sylvia Keilty, Elizabeth Storey, Florence Palmajar, Fr Harry Ryan and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Requiem Masses

On Wednesday 16th March at St Joseph's at 12.45pm, there will be the Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Store.

On Thursday 17th March at 2.00pm at St Cuthbert's, there will be the Requiem Mass for Thomas Patrick Curran.

Lent

Thank-you to all who have come to the first two readings of the Passion Story. The next public reading of St John's Passion Narrative is Saturday 19th March at St Joseph's. All are welcome. Stations of the Cross this Sunday will be at 4pm at St Joseph's.

St Patrick's Day Mass

This will be on Thursday 17th March 2022 10.30am at St Michael's Church, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7RE For more information (including if you'd like to be more involved in the music or liturgy), contact: saintpatricksdaysmass@gmail.com or phone Paula McNeany on 07486 317663

Remembering the Past

This project is collecting people's memories of work and life around Northumberland Square and Howard Street as part of the Heritage Action Zone project.

Having heard about the Good Friday Procession of Witness being centred around the Square, they're keen to gather the recollections of those who took part years ago.

If you'd like to contribute to the project, please contact Kath Smith via any of these channels: Remembering the Past, Room R11b, The Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace, North Shields, NE30 2AY. Tel. 0191 2584623 manager@rememberingthepast.co.uk

Tyne and Wear Citizens

Thank-you for the warm welcome given to Sara Bryson from Tyne and Wear Citizens and also to the support given to Austin and Mishama. There are about 15 parishioners signed up. Please consider taking part. It should be an inspiring and hope-filled event. This Accountability Assembly will be this Thursday, March 17th, 6-8pm at the Civic Centre, Newcastle. At this event we will be asking those who have the power to make changes on the following campaigns:

Improving air quality on our streets, countering racism in the workplace, fairer bus fares for young people, Living Wage for Health and Care Workers, Improving Mental Health Provision.

We hope to fill the room of 600 seats which will put pressure on decision makers.

The link to sign up is: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-accountability-assembly/>

• Together We Can

This is an initiative to support asylum seekers who are going through the process to seek leave to remain. They have appointed a worker who will support refugees. I am delighted to say that it is one of the parishioners, Austin Oshegbu who has been appointed to this role. Congratulations to Austin and we wish him every blessing and success in this important role, and the vast majority of carers are women. Please support this campaign as best you can.

Lenten Events in North Shields Churches Together Three Pictures for Lent – St Columba's, on Zoom 7.15 pm, Thursdays 24th and 31st March, and 7th April

Gentle conversation and prayer, around pictures of the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus 'cleansing the temple, and the Last Supper. Email stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com for the Zoom details

Thoughtful Art for Lent – St Columba's

2 pm to 4 pm, Fridays 18th and 24th March, 1st and 8th April
Creating a shared artwork, where your gender, age, previous experience (or lack of artist talent!) is no bar to taking part. Each session will end with a short act of worship, followed by a cuppa and a hot cross bun.

More information from stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com

Prayer Walk on the Beach – St Columba's 2 pm, Saturday 9th April

A guided stroll with pauses for listening and for praying, both with and without words.

More information from stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com

Caring for Creation: Lenten Bible Study – St John's and St Peter's

6pm-7.30pm Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March and 6th April.

Session 1 The Environment – St Peter's, Balkwell

Session 2: Global Warming and Climate Change – St John's, Percy Main

Session 3: The Age of Humans – Anthropocene Era – St Peter's

Session 4: Coming Out of Denial and Facing Crisis – St John's

Session 5: Faith, Hope and Love – St Peter's

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Friday 11th March is CAFOD Family Fast Day.

Envelopes for you to give your contribution are at the back of Church. Please support their appeal as best you can.

The 2022 Oscar Romero Lecture

Professor Edgardo Colón Emeric (Dean of Duke Divinity School). Joy and Hope for the 2020s: The relevance of Oscar Romero for the times we are in.

Thursday 24th March 2022 7pm lecture, preceded by a 6.30pm drinks reception.

At Prior's Hall, Durham Cathedral. All are welcome and attendance is free of charge. If you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforcatholicstudies.eventbrite.com>

Alexander Scott Park

There is a project between Northumberland Wildlife Trust and the local council to plant 350 tree whips on this park. It is now happening on Saturday 26th March from 10.30-2.30. To take part please sign up at: <https://www.nwt.org.uk/events/2022-03-13-north-east-community-forest-public-tree-planting-event-0>

The Partnership Confirmation Programme

This programme is for students in Year 10 and Year 11 began on Thursday 10th March 2022 and run for 5 weeks until Thursday April 7th 2022. Young people are now invited to sign-up by filling out the Confirmation Application Form. This is available from your parish priest or by emailing the Chaplain at St Thomas More on mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk. If you are interested please contact Michael Thompson as soon as possible

From Minsteracres: Wakening up with the garden

We would like to invite you to a gardening and 'wakening up' day in the walled garden on Wednesday 16th March and/or Saturday 19th of March. These dates are close to the equinox entering a time of spring and summer.

The garden has been resting over the last months. The storm has blown over a lot of plants. However new growth is underway! So we would like to tidy up the garden and clear the way for new growth. There are many different jobs from light ones to more challenging ones. The most important thing is to enjoy what we are doing. If people like just to sit or meander in the garden that is fine too. The date is from 10.00am to 4pm.

Directions: Turn from the A68 onto the main drive to Minsteracres Retreat Centre. Before the first cattle grid turn right into a small tarmac road that leads around a wall. You can park at the end (limited spaces). There is a green gate that leads into the walled garden. An alternative is to park on the parking space before the cattle grid at the left side of the drive. Please bring - if possible - your own gloves and small gardening tools (secateurs). We are still a bit short of these items. E-mail: lyavollering@gmail.com

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

For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at: nehmasiwa@yahoo.com or Ruth Corless on 07752009361.

Sycamore for Lent

This is a note from the diocesan co-ordinator for the Sycamore programme, Mike Weetman:

"We are pilgrims 'journeying together' whose listening and speaking is that of those who seek and not that of those who believe they have found."

This quote leapt out at me when I attended Synod meetings.

I have been extremely privileged to host two online sycamore.fm get togethers. Sycamore opens up the heart of the Christian message and helps people to grow in faith. The films give an inspiring vision of Catholic Christianity. They involve some clear teaching and thought-provoking testimonies. The discussion groups, even online, help people grow in friendship and build a sense of community

I invite you to join me on such a journey this Lenten season. We will gather online each Sunday from 6 March to 10 April at 4.00pm until 5.15pm. Why not invite a friend to come along too?

This is a free course. Please register at:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/lent-sycamore-course/>.

Northern Cross

Paper copies of the Diocesan Newspaper are now available at the back of church. Cost is £1.50.

Ukraine Appeal

Next week-end, there will be an emergency appeal for the People of Ukraine. All money raised will be sent to help refugees via CAFOD

A big thank-you to all who have donated to the Polish Chaplaincy Appeal last week. And those who took the items to the chaplaincy. If you would still like to help Ukrainian and Russian people living in Newcastle are organising deliveries of needed items: Sleeping bags, Blankets, First Aid kits Painkillers Baby food Nappies, Backpacks Hot Water Bottles Thermos Flasks Energy bars These may be delivered to Unit 23E (near Asda), North Tyne Industrial Estate, Whitley Road, Benton NE12 9SZ The collection centre is open Monday to Friday 5pm to 7pm Items can be delivered locally to Sushi Yammi, 34 Spence Terrace, North Shields NE29 0JE – open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon till 9 pm, or Friday and Saturday 12 noon till 10 pm and to St John's Church, Percy Main – open Monday 9.30 am till 11.30 am

A Prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy. Amen (Prayer from the Methodist church)