

**MASS READINGS**

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – C**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 15:1-2. 22-29**

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond the essentials.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 66**

**Response:** *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

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| <p>1. O God, be gracious and bless us<br/>and let your face shed its light upon us.<br/>So will your ways be known upon earth<br/>and all nations learn your saving help.</p> | <p>2. Let the nations be glad and exult<br/>for you rule the world with justice.<br/>With fairness you rule the peoples,<br/>you guide the nations on earth.</p> |
| <p>3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;<br/>let all the peoples praise you.<br/>May God still give us his blessing<br/>till the ends of the earth revere him.</p>            |  |

**SECOND READING**

**Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23**

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**

**John 14:23-29**

*The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

**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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**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - C**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass</b> Mykolas-Rita Zozalena Live streamed	
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Herbert & Florence Redpath & family	
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Kathleen & Jack Whitely	
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May The Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>9:30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>7.00pm Mass:</b> John Bemrose Hughes	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>1.30pm Mass:</b> St Cuthbert's School Mass for Our Lady with Procession	<b>7:00pm: Mass:</b> Fr Michael Hickey
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> Fr Michael Hickey
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - C</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass</b> People of the Parish Live streamed	

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

**WhatsApp 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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

### Prayer List

Prayer Intentions for Easter: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of Media, the Church, Peace, Human Work.

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 Michael Rourke and Colm Morgan and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### The reintroduction of Masses of Obligation

At the recent meeting of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, the Bishops have decided to reintroduce the duty of Obligation to Masses on Sunday and the small number of Holyday during the Year. The obligation does not apply if you are ill or your health is at risk. This will be begin on Pentecost Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Ascension Day

The Feast of the Ascension is this Thursday. Since St Joseph's is still being redecorated, both the 9.30am and the 7.00pm Mass will be at St Cuthbert's.

### Redecoration of St Joseph's

The Church is continuing to be redecorated over next week. **Please note** that Mass on Tuesday morning, 24<sup>th</sup> May, will be at St Cuthbert's.

### Mass for Pentecost

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at St Mary's Cathedral 1.00pm Praise & Worship, 1.20pm Mass. After the Mass members of the Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion will offer a Pentecost blessing

### Mass for Laudato Si Week

This coming week is Laudato Si Week, where we are asked to reflect on Pope Francis's call to an Integral Ecology where we are responsive to the cries of the earth and the poor. Bishop Robert will celebrate Mass as part of the week's celebrations at the Cathedral on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm All are welcome. Warning- you may recognise the preacher !!

### Tyne and Wear Citizens Training June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to learn more about what Community Organising involves free training will be available at a week-end course on June 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> at the Recovery College Collective( Re-Co Co) 1 Carlol Square, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6UF. Since the parish is a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens any parishioner is entitled to take part for free. If interested please let Fr Chris know or contact Claire Rodgerson at: [Claire.Rodgerson@CitizensUK.org](mailto:Claire.Rodgerson@CitizensUK.org)

### Supporting Mental Health

Interested in emotional and mental wellbeing and a good listener? PeerTalk is looking for volunteer facilitators for a new peer support group for people living with anxiety / depression in North Shields. Training Day is on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10am-4pm in Newcastle (travel costs reimbursed). More details at [www.peertalk.org.uk/volunteer-with-us](http://www.peertalk.org.uk/volunteer-with-us) or contact [enquiries@peertalk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@peertalk.org.uk) Closing date for applications is 21<sup>st</sup> June

### Living Simply

Living Simply is based on the following three strands:

- \* living simply
- \* living in solidarity with people in poverty
- \* living sustainably with creation.

### This week's tip:

You can contribute to the Disasters Emergency Appeal for Ukraine at this address:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>.

Tel: 01204 770822

### Feedback from Parish Council.

At our meeting of the Parish Council on May 17<sup>th</sup> we discussed how parish life can be developed now that there are no longer any covid restrictions. The following was agreed.

- A ministry of welcome was an important part of parish life. Therefore, please let Fr Chris know if you would be willing to be part of this important ministry.
- Having teas and coffees after Mass. First of all, having tea and coffee after the 9.30am Mass on a Wednesday and then re-starting teas and coffees after the 11am Sunday Mass in September. Please let Fr Chris know if you would like to help with this.
- Children's Liturgy to be re-started in September but new catechists will be needed. Please let Fr Chris know if you would be willing to take on this role.

### Pentecost Sunday

This year Pentecost Sunday will be June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Liturgy and Formation group thought it would be a good to acknowledge and celebrate the many nations and cultures represented in our parish. So at 4pm on Pentecost Sunday we will have a vigil and Holy Hour using the readings that the Church gives for the Pentecost Vigil. This will be read in different languages with the English translation in a booklet. After the service we will have a social in the hall. We hope that you will bring food to share from your own country or culture. My thanks to Pauline Hughes who is willing to co-ordinate social side. If you would like to share some food for the event please sign up on the list at the back of Church. Pauline Hughes can be contacted at: [paulinepoethughes@gmail.com](mailto:paulinepoethughes@gmail.com)

### Keyholders

For diocesan health and safety policies we need an up-to-date list of key holders. Please e-mail me or give me a written note if you are key holder for either St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's. Also if you do not need keys belonging to the Church please return to Fr Chris.

### Reflections on the Eucharist

The Diocese has prepared some reflections on the Eucharist during this Holy Year. They can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>

### Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association

The Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association is restarting, after the pandemic closure, in the church hall of St. Cuthbert's, North Shields.

Our first meeting at the new venue will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm for a talk by Father Chris Hughes entitled "Can Theology Be Practical? Encouraging Reflective Discipleship". All welcome.

### Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act- Following the pandemic many households now face new hardships as prices rise. CSAN, The Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. The booklet can be downloaded from: [www.csan.org.uk](http://www.csan.org.uk)

### Holy Island Vinnie Camp 2022 – Volunteers Needed Urgently

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and in order to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. Camp 2022 will run for the first two separate weeks of the Summer Holiday and the last two. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested, please visit our website : <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

### Charity Shop

It is a sign of the times that use of our local Charity shop is increasing. Due to increased demand more volunteers are needed on a Thursday morning. Please let Fr Chris know if you are interested.

### 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](mailto:nehmasiwa@yahoo.com) or Ruth Corless on 07752009361.

### Call Out for First Aiders

My thanks to those who have told me that they have been trained as First Aider. Since most of you have kindly told me after Mass, it is not a good time for my memory. So if you are trained as a First Aider please give me a short note or e-mail on the parish e-mail addresses

### Defibrators for the parish

Thank-you to those who made helpful suggestions about resourcing these defibrators. We shall explore them.

### Pilgrimage to Holy Island with Stella Maris

Stella Maris is holding a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022, led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. The pilgrimage starts at 12 noon. All are invited. Please check tide times. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).

### Northern Cross

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

### St Cuthbert's Missio Boxes (APF Red Box)

Could all box holders please bring their box for emptying, or if you would like them emptied at home telephone Pauline 0191 2581456 or Cath 0191 2577041. Thank you,.

### 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)