

MASS READINGS

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.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's house.</p> | <p>2. So will the king desire your beauty:
he is your Lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
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.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

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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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13th/14th August 2022 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 13th August		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 14th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – C	11:00am: Mass: Alf & David McManus Live streamed	
Monday 15th August	No Mass	
Tuesday 16th August		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 17th August	9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 18th August		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 19th August	7:00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 20th August		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 21st August 21st Sunday of the Year - C	11:00am: Mass: 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

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time in Summer; Peace; A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe, upholding the sanctity of Life, Seafarers. 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, Eleanor Robson, Vera Reay and Anthony Falla. Please pray for Mark Boylan and all those who have died recently and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Welcome to Churches Together

On behalf of all the members of the parish of St Cuthbert's & St Joseph's Roman Catholic Community It is a joy to welcome other members of North Shields Churches Together to St Joseph's at the 5.30 Vigil Eucharist

It is an honour that you decided to celebrate your week-end Worship with our community.

I will try to keep a commentary as the Eucharist proceeds though of course I appreciate that many denominations have some form of Eucharist, Communion Service or Memorial of the Last Supper.

Although the Christian family is not fully united through our union in Christ in Baptism, we have a degree of unity, we are all called to know, love and serve God. We pray for closer union and that we are open to see how we can pray and work together in these challenging times.

The dates and venues of the other services in August are below

Day	August	Time	Venue
Sunday	21 st	4:00pm	Fishermen's Mission at Christ Church
Gather to give thanks for the work of the Fishermen's Mission, including a celebration of Peter Dade's 30 years as an officer.			
Sunday	28 th	6.30 pm	St Columba's URC

Feast of the Assumption

This week-end the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All feasts of the Saints of the Church ultimately do not speak about the person we remember but of God's initiative of his offer new life and salvation in Christ.

The foundation of this feast day are the key elements of our faith which are Incarnation and Resurrection.

In stating that 'I am handmaid of the Lord, be it done according thy will', this consent to be mother the of the Lord is where we have this merging of Creator and creation. As Jesus resided in the womb of Mary, the boundaries of Creator and Creation is crossed, a foretaste that it is in the

union of creator and creation that creation is to be ultimately restored to the beauty and glory intended by God. In his resurrection and ascension we have as St Paul says, the 'first fruits' of new creation in the Risen Christ. In this feast day we celebrate the hope that although we are part of finite creations with its flaws and limits we remember that we are called to have that union with our creator. Even in us the boundary of our creator and our creation can be transcended. We also acknowledge that we can be people of hope since where Mary has gone to be re-united with her Son, we are called to be re-united with those we have loved and have gone before us.

Journey of Faith

From September to Pentecost next year the Journey of Faith group will meeting regularly, every fortnight at Immaculate Heart in West Monkseaton. This fortnightly meeting is for people who are inquiring about becoming Catholics as well as for people who would like to learn more about the Catholic tradition in an informal group context. Please let me know if you are interested in joining this group for this year

Possible Retreat in Daily Life for Lent 2023

I have had a couple of people express an interest in taking part in a Retreat in Daily Life. Please get in touch if you have any queries or you are interested in taking part

Trip to Holy Island

This is a reminder that we will, as a parish, be joining the CAFOD community for their annual pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday 3rd September with Mass at 3pm. The cost of the coach will be £18 per head. Please sign up at the lists at the back of Church if you would like to take part.

A Note of Thanks

Martin Goodwin has informed me that he wishes to stand down from his roles as Health and Safety Officer for St Cuthbert's Church and as member of the Finance and Property Committee. On behalf of the parish I would like to offer our sincere thanks to Martin for his service to the parish in these roles

Day of Reflection for Special Ministers

There is day of recollection for Special Ministers at Ushaw on Saturday 24th September 10am-4pm. To book please go to: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

Beetle Drive

A big thank-you to all who took part in the Beetle Drive. We had about 28 people and people present seemed to enjoy it and appreciate the opportunity to meet other people. I am open to other ways in which can meet and share so build up our community

Live Simply Tip

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:

The old-fashioned milkman is making a comeback. Cut down on plastic waste by having your milk delivered in glass bottles.

Improving Communication Skills

Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) is a way increasing self-awareness and improving communication skills. Member of our Pastoral Care Group, Lou Laggan is offering a taster session as an introduction to NLP. There will be online event on 21st August. If you would like to take part you can sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/enhance-your-communication-with-nlp-tickets-394049341187>

There will be also a four day course in this later this year

Retrouvaille:

A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages
Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Community Sponsorship Programme and St Cuthbert's Presbytery

Just an update on the welcoming of a family to the empty presbytery. Most of the work needed on the house has been completed. At the moment it seems that the family will now arrive with us at the end of October or the start of November. We keep this family in our prayers

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.

Parish Finance – Standing Orders

If you would like to set up a Standing Order the details of the parish account are:
Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph
Bank: HSBC Sort code: 40-34-45, Account number 91146513

Pension Credits A Note from our MP Sir Alan Campbell

Please see below a note from our local MP, Sir Alan Campbell, encouraging those who can to apply for Pension Credits
"I am writing to you today to ask that you all check that you or your loved ones who may be entitled to Pension Credit are receiving it. Our country is facing the worst cost of living crisis for a generation, and I am determined that people get the help they need. Currently, 1.4 million pensioners do not claim the Pension Credit they are entitled to. An individual may be entitled to claim an extra £3300 income per year and an additional £1000 in discounts on Council Tax and the TV License fee. On Pension Credit, you are guaranteed to be topped up to:

- £182.60 per week if you are claiming as a single individual
- £278.70 per week if you are claiming as a joint couple

Additional benefits are on offer in certain circumstances such as the severe disability or carer's addition. Furthermore, if you are paying a mortgage then you may be entitled to extra income.

Importantly, if you apply for Pension Credit before the 18th August, and request it is backdated for 3 months, you will be eligible for the £650 Cost of Living Payment which will be paid in 2 parts - now and in October.

It is very important that you check to make sure you are getting everything you are entitled to. To check if you are entitled to extra benefits either go to <https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim> or call (a family member or trusted friend can also call on your behalf if you are hard of hearing) 0800 99 1234 to speak to a professional from the Department for Work and Pensions.

I understand that you personally may not be eligible, but please feel free to pass this information to any family and friends who may be.

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