

## MASS READINGS

### MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

#### FIRST READING

Numbers 6:22-27

*They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.” This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’ The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66

**Response:** O God, be gracious and bless us.

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| <p>1. 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. R/</p>       |  |

#### SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

*God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

*They found Mary and Joseph and the baby. When the eighth days came, they have him the name Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

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

### Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church

*Albion Road West  
North Shields*

### Tynemouth Priory Partnership



### Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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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## 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022/1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – Feast of Mary, Mother of God

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January Feast of Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: Neil and Bill Henderson Live streamed</b>	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>11.00am Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>		<b>9:30am: Requiem Mass for Margaret Reay</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass: Elizabeth Oliver</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January Feast of the Epiphany</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass: Juozas, Elena, Minolas, Laimonas amd Rita Gurskyte</b>	<b>7:00pm Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass: Josie Hamill</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of the Lord</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed</b>	

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

**Parish office: 0191 257 3408**

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Prayer Intentions for Advent: peace in all areas of conflict; expectant mothers, migrants and refugees., the homeless. 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, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Vera Reay, Paul Atkinson, Leigh Miranda and Bishop Robert

Please pray for, Margaret Reay, Tony Cocalis, Molly Gregory and all those who have died recently.

### Masses for the Feast of the Epiphany

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 9.30 am St Cuthbert's -  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm St Joseph's

### New Year 2023

As 2023 begins, I would like to wish you and all your family a blessed, peaceful and grace-filled New Year. May the love, peace hope and joy we are celebrating dwell in your hearts and homes throughout the year.

We gather this week-end on the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. It is an extraordinary title- God having a mother! The phrase was much debated in the first four centuries of the Church's life it was accepted that is Jesus is truly human and divine, his birth from the Our Lady means that this title is totally appropriate. Mary, Mother of God is also a model of discipleship for us all as Christ through the Spirit wishes to dwell deep within us all, so his life can take shape within us all. Mary is receptive, open and accepting but as her hymn of praise of the Magnificat shows she is also aware that the vision of her son's life and teaching means that he scatters' the proud of heart, he casts the might 'from their thrones and raises the lowly, the hungry will be filled good things and the rich will be sent empty away' Mary is the model of the deep contemplation integrated with a radical transformation of hearts and communities that is my vision for our parish. We ask Mary to guide our parish as we seek to imitate her son's call to contemplation and action in constant dialogue with each other.

This week-end we will have a pastoral letter from our Apostolic Administrator Archbishop Malcolm McMahon. He clearly wishes to support us a diocese at this time of transition and uncertainty. We pray for him. It must not be easy running two dioceses 150 miles apart!

### Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Margaret Reay will be on Tuesday 3rd January at St Joseph's at 9.30am.  
May she rest in peace.

### Parish Council

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Tuesday 17th of January. This will be the last meeting of the present council. Shortly after this meeting nominations will open. Please consider who may be suitable to be on the council, which may include yourself. Nominations will need a proposer and seconder

### Trinity Charity Shop

I have this week received the latest dividend from the Trinity Charity Shop, on Wallsend Road, near St Joseph's, which was a cheque of £4,600. A great total! I am grateful to all who contribute in any way, especially our great and faithful team of volunteers on a Thursday. Well done! Your hard work is much appreciated!

### Cost of Living Crisis

If you, family, friends or members of your community are struggling to make ends meet please go to the following website for I hope useful advice

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

### Abundance of Christmas gifts

One parishioner is going to donate the excess of Chocolate gifts she has received to Nite Bite. If you have an abundance of goodies feel free to leave in the foyer of either church.

### Parish Groups

I have had a request to outline the various parish groups. Further to the parish council these are the various parish groups. Apart from the Finance and Property group whose members appoint, the other groups are open to anyone who maybe interested in contributing. The framework for the groups is my conviction that as a parish working together we collectively are called to carry out the following ministries:

- Worship and Prayer
- Evangelism and Witness
- Teaching and Formation
- Pastoral Care
- Peace and Reconciliation
- Prophetic and Social Outreach
- Administration.

These ministries are not hermetically sealed with one particular group but I hope you will see that each of the group mentioned falls within at least one of these ministries

### Liturgy and Formation

This group is currently chaired by Linda Shotton. We explore how we develop the main liturgical season of the year and the spiritual formation of people. We are open to new people and new ideas to develop the parish's worship, prayer and faith formation. The next meeting is on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St Cuthbert's. Our focus will be on what to do for Lent

### Parish Catechists

This is an important group preparing people for the sacraments. This includes: people seeking to come into the Church, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmations. This group also includes the Children's Liturgy that has recently re-established

### Pastoral Carers

This small group chaired by myself has currently active and retired nurses, one of who has been trained on the parish nursing scheme which you will hear more about in January, but also trained personal coaching, bereavement counsellors and in listening. I find this group to be an important space to discuss some of the pastoral issues in the parish and explore how they can be addressed. The experience and wisdom of this group is very helpful. If you think your skills and experiences that could be offered you would be very welcome. The next meeting of this group will be in person on at St. Joseph's on Wednesday January 11th at 7pm

### Proclaimers

This group covers the ministries of evangelism and witness and prophetic and social outreach. This is the group that looks beyond our church and parish walls to read the signs of the time and to explore how we can relate to the wider community. It is from this group that we decided to explore membership of Tyne and Wear Citizens and it acts as our core group for our membership of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Members of this group are also members of the North Shields Hub working with other members of TWC in North Shields including St Thomas More High School, MumsSpace, St Cuthbert's Primary and Cedarwood. It was from this group that the successful campaign to improve Alexander Scott Park on Coach Lane was initiated. The chair is Clare Harvey. The next meeting of the North Shields Hub of Tyne and Wear Citizens is on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The next meeting of the Proclaimers will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### Social Group

This group has been successfully re-established. This group seeks to develop a sense of unity and cohesion in our diverse parish, so the aim of this group is part of our ministry of peace and reconciliation. As well as developing a sense of community, events are often a source of important funding for the parish. The Chair of the group is Barbara Davies

### SVP

The St Vincent de Paul Society meet fortnightly. They help anyone in need of support be that finance or spending time with them. For more information please contact Peter Quinn at [peter.quinn@live.co.uk](mailto:peter.quinn@live.co.uk)

### Mercy Associates

This lay group affiliated to the Sisters of Mercy seeks to live out the charism of showing mercy to others. They have a monthly prayer meeting. please telephone Catherine Kelly on 07759101970 or email raygk@hotmail.co.uk

### Finance and Property

This is the only group that is required by Canon Law. At the present time the members are Gary Leece as Chair, Nora

Pearson, John Brown as Health and Safety Officer for St Josephs, Charlie Tynan as Health Safety Officer for St Cuthbert's, Linda Shotton as Gift Aid Administrator, Katherine Main as parish administrator and myself. We have to meet four times a year with our next meeting on January 15th

### North Shields Churches Together

Representatives of the 12 Churches meet regularly to explore how we can give a united witness to our Faith in the area. This includes the Good Friday procession

### The Newman Society

This meets once every two months to explore different aspects of the Church's tradition and teaching

I hope the above gives a sense of the diversity of activities that are taking place in the Church. Please contact me if you have any queries about any of these groups and their activities

### 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.

Tip: Make a resolution to use the car less

### 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.

### 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

### 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.