

MASS READINGS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – A
FIRST READING

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people.

See the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: How happy are the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for every, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.
2.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.
3.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age.

Zephaniah 2:3: 3:12-13

SECOND READING

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning.

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called; how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God’s doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you. Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

How happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven
Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak of kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Psalm 145

Corinthians 1:26-31

Matthew 5:1-12

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Parish website information at: http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk 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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28th/29th January 2023 – Fourth Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 28th January		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 29th January 4th Sunday of the Year	11:00am: Mass: Alfred & Lillian Laws Live streamed	
Monday 30 th January		
Tuesday 31 st January		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 1 st February	9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 2 nd February The Presentation of the Lord		9:30am: Mass: Peter Hughes
Friday 3 rd February	7.00pm Mass	
Saturday 4th February		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 5th February 5th Sunday of the Year - A	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
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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time in Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who to Combat It; The Unemployed
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, Francis McSherry and Bishop Robert

Please pray for Alice Hindson, John Steele and all those who have died recently.

Statement from the Diocese

The diocese have informed me that there will be a statement to read at Masses this week-end concerning the investigations that have been recently announced concerning events in the diocese. I appreciate that for many the allegations that have been stated in the media is very distressing. It is important that until the various investigations reach their conclusions no presumptions about their findings are made. What is important that our prayer and hope is that these investigations discover the truth of what has taken place and there are constructive proposals to address concerns that have arisen. We pray for all involved.
As a community of faith we continue to live out our call to be the Body of Christ in this area, that we continue to be attentive the presence of God and to the needs of others and our community. St Paul reminds us that nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus. It is also good to be reminded of John's proclamation that the Light has come into the world but the darkness cannot overpower it. May this love and light of Christ dwell within each of us and the heart of our diocese and our parish.

Lent

As Ash Wednesday approaches on February 22nd these are the activities that are planned

- **Prayer Stations**
For three weeks at St Cuthbert's and then a three weeks at St Joseph's we are asking parishioners to create prayer stations to focus on an aspect of faith or the scriptures or a particular spirituality. Anyone is welcome to create a prayer station. The Church will be open on a Saturday morning for people to reflect and pray with these station.
- **Saturday Morning Stations of the Cross and Mass**
On every Saturday morning during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30 followed by Mass at 10.00.

- **House Mass**
As mentioned last week we hope to have a House Mass every Friday evening during Lent. Two people have already offered to host a Mass, more are welcome to offer
- **Multi Voiced Readings of the Gospel**
Since during cycle 'A' of Lent we have the long readings for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of Lents, of the Woman at the Well, the Man born blind and the raising of Lazarus, as we will have the Gospel read with different reader like the Passion narratives. Any volunteers for this would be welcome

Teas and Coffees After Sunday Mass

We now have seven teams to help serve tea and coffee after the 11am Mass. Well done! All are welcome

Mass at St Joseph's

Please note that from this Tuesday, 31st of January the week-day Masses at St Joseph's will be taking place in the chapel. The chapel door is near the front door of the presbytery.

Parish Council Elections

On Tuesday we had the last meeting of the parish council in its present form. There are 5 vacancies on the Council. Nominations are now open for these vacancies. They will close on 12.30PM. on February 26th. If there are more than 5 nominations, there will be elections on the weekend of March 4th and 5th.
The next meeting of the parish council will be on Thursday, 16th March

Welcoming Ministry

In the light that over the past 12 months many new people have arrived in the parish, the parish council agreed that the welcoming ministry needs to be developed. It would be good to have two welcomers every Sunday. Please let me know if you would like to be involved with this important ministry

Special Ministers of the Eucharist

More parishioners who are becoming sick and housebound are asking for Holy Communion. If any of the Special Minister of the Eucharist are willing to help with this important ministry please let me know. Thanks to those who volunteered last week.

Parish Nursing

This week a member of the parish and Pastoral Care group Ann Cudworth and Jackie Lincoln will be telling us about the work and potential of the parish nursing scheme to which she belongs

Poverty Action Sunday February 19th

Church Action on Poverty have a regional event on Poverty Action Sunday in just before Lent. This year it will be taking place on Sunday 19th February at 3.00pm at St Cuthbert's, North Shields. The event will be a combination of prayer, shared experience, song, prayer, music and poetry to acknowledge the reality of those struggling during this current crisis.

There will be a number of people and organisations speaking who are addressing the symptoms and causes of poverty. Speakers will include representatives from the Bay Food Bank, Gateshead Poverty Truth Commission, The Baby Bank from St John's CofE Church, Percy Main, North Shields, Shiremoor Savers, Tyne and Wear Citizens and the local MP for Tynemouth, The Rt Hon Sir Alan Campbell. All are welcome

Liturgical Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday 4th February 2023 10.30am-4.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am
At The Sacred Heart and St Cuthbert, 37 High Street, Amble, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE65 0LE. Cost: £15.00 per person
Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.
Booking Details: To reserve a place on this Day of Reflection please complete the online booking form: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=rbNF1OvKcEahMOeyP9EtHx7Pht5puDNMgM3Swhmjf9UQIJL UjEzSVNIOFIYTzZMSIZETkZMQ1I5VS4u> Alternatively, contact adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.
Booking Deadline: Tuesday 31st January 2023.

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: This week's tip: old clothes and textiles can be recycled at clothes banks. There are several around North Tyneside including at major supermarkets like Asda, Morrisons and Tesco.

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following permanent vacancies:
Parish Secretary, St Peter, Low Fell - 10 hours per week.
Closing date: 10 February
Diocesan Offices, Newcastle, Management Accountant – full-time, permanent
Closing date: 6 February
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Craft Group

In the autumn the regular Craft Group gathering that took place on Wednesday afternoon before Covid restarted in the autumn. They gather upstairs at 1.30pm on a Wednesday. All are welcome.

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

Date for Diary

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Night
February 21st St Cuthbert's
7pm. Quiz and Raffle as well.
Tickets are £3. All are welcome

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.