

MASS READINGS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - A
FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7

The creation and sin of our first parents.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, ‘Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?’ The woman answered the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, “You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death.” ‘Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.’ The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50

Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
2.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned:
what is evil in your sight I have done.
3.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
4.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of “law-breaking”, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man’s sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man’s fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man’s fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and the tempter came.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.’ But he replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’ he said ‘throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels’ charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘I will give you all these’ he said, ‘if you fall at my feet and worship me.’ Then Jesus replied, ‘Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’ Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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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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25th/26th February 2023 – First Sunday of Lent – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 25 th February	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10.00am Mass	5:30pm: Mass: : People of the Parish
Sunday 26 th February 1 st Sunday of Lent A	11:00am: Mass: David van Zwanenberg Live streamed	
Monday 27 th February		
Tuesday 28 th February		9:30am: Mass: Oskar & Victoria Liudvik
Wednesday 1 st March	9:30am: Mass: Alf & David McManus	
Thursday 2 nd March		9:30am: Mass: Eilish Rock
Friday 3 rd March	7.00pm 24 Portland Gardens NE30 2TB	
Saturday 4 th March	9.30 Stations of the Cross 10.00am Mass	5:30pm: Mass: Maureen Delaney
Sunday 5 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent 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

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 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, Kamilla Bibisova, John Steele, David van Zwanenberg, Michael McMenty, Fr Paddy McMahon, the victims of the Turkish and Syrian Earthquake and all those who have died recently.

Lent

The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent has the story of Jesus in the wilderness. In Ss Matthew's and Luke's version we hear of his temptation to focus his ministry as the chosen one of God on securing wealth, status and power. In resisting these focal points his ministry is about securing the Kingdom of God. Lent is an opportunity to reflect on what are our stumbling blocks. Is our primary focus on God call or can the gifts God has given us become our God. May this space for grace give us all a clearer focus

Fr Michael Hickey Memorial Garden

After Mass this Sunday we will have the formal opening and blessing of the Fr Michael Hickey Memorial Garden. We welcome member his family and friends Paul Laidlaw has done a huge amount of work in weeding, planting and installing various sculptures created by Fr Michael. Paul has also built a shrine to Our Lady for people to sit, reflect and pray. Sincere thanks to Paul for all he has done. I hope this is a space to refresh your soul

CAFOD Family Fast Day- Lent Appeal

Next Friday, March 3rd is the CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Appeal. Envelopes are at the back of Church of both Churches.

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

Lent

During Lent the following activities will take place

○ 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 stations.

○ 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 Masses

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.

○ Lenten Reflections

Diocesan Lenten Reflection can be found at: The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://bit.ly/DHNLent2023>

Poverty Action Sunday Event

On behalf Church Action on Poverty North East I would like to express my thanks to all who contributed to the event on February 19th. All the feedback has been very positive. Mary Glindon MP and the former MP Helen Goodman who were both present, have both informed me that they found the event to be inspiring and helpful. I am very grateful to members of Social Group, Liturgy and Formation and the Live Streamer who were very generous with their time and skills. A big thank-you to you all

Pancake Night

A big thank-you to all who took part in the pancake night on Shrove Tuesday. Special thanks to all the members of the Social Group who organised the event and prepared the delicious pancakes with a great array of fillings. Your hard work is much appreciated. With ticket sales and the raffles prize £ 356.00 was raised for the parish. Thank you and well done!

World Day of Prayer 2023 Services,

We join in this ecumenical movement on Friday 3rd March. We have two services. Afternoon 2.00pm, at St. Columba's URC Church, Northumberland Square, North Shields. Evening 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church, Broadway,

Cullercoats, Everyone is welcome at either service. Light refreshments will be available after both services.

CAFOD Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey Syria Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Diocesan Investigations

The Diocese has informed me that a survey is going to be offered soon to the whole diocese for you to offer your opinion. This investigation on behalf of the Vatican Dicastery of Bishops is exploring all aspects of Diocesan Life. If you would like to write to the investigation yourself, I will inform you of the e-mail address

Parish Council Elections

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.

The Cedarwood Trust

Appointment of new Trustees – Spring 2023

The Cedarwood Trust is dedicated to building social capital, creating education and economic opportunities, tackling poverty and food insecurity, and promoting and supporting the growth of families and individuals in the Meadow Well estate, North Shields and beyond. Building on the strengths of the people, we want to bring about positive change for the long term. We have a vibrant centre, a welcoming place for all to socialise, spend family time, and get support. It houses our Nurture Academy, Nourish Bistro, Food Membership Store and Thriving Families. For an informal chat, please contact our CEO Wayne Dobson at wayne.dobson@cedarwoodtrust.com For more information and an Application Form, please contact louise@cedarwoodtrust.com. We'd like to hear from you by Monday 13th March 2023, but you can contact us at any time.

Catholic Schools Admission Appeals Panels

The Diocesan Department for Education is looking for volunteers to serve on admission appeals panels for Catholic schools.

Appeal panel members hear parents' appeal cases when, occasionally, they feel that the school they have been

allocated for their child is not appropriate or practical. If you:

- * are interested in education and want to get involved though you do not need to be a teacher;
- * have excellent listening skills, combined with the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions;
- * have the time to offer (usually appeals last half a day, a day, or two at each sitting);
- * are willing to undertake training to understand the rules of school admissions then this is an excellent way to serve Catholic schools. For more information and to obtain an application form, please email education@diocesehn.org.uk or education@diocesehn.org.uk or phone 0191 243 3313.

Church Cleaning

In recent weeks a small band of parishioners have been working very hard on a Saturday morning to clean both of our churches. A very big thank-you to them. They know who they are. If you would like to help these hard working volunteers on a Saturday morning please let me know

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.

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.