

MASS READINGS

5th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - A FIRST READING

The will your light shine like the dawn.

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.*

Psalm 111

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| <p>1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.</p> | <p>2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.</p> |
| <p>3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.</p> | |

SECOND READING

During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.

Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

You are the light of the world.

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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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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4th/5th February 2023 – Fifth Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 4th February		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 5th February 5th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 6th February		
Tuesday 7th February		9:30am: Mass: Herbert and Florence Redpath
Wednesday 8th February	9:30am: Mass: Neil Melvin	
Thursday 9th February		9:30am: Mass: Vera and Oliver Latimer
Friday 10th February	7.00pm Mass Florence Palemjar	
Saturday 11th February		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 12th February 6th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: Deceased members of the Conway Family 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, Camille Bibovosa, John Steele, Fr Paddy McMahon and all those who have died recently.

Diocesan Investigations

Thank-you for the dignity and faith you showed as a parish in hearing the Pastoral Letter of last week. I am also grateful for the immense support and solidarity you showed to me as well. There is no further information to share except that the investigation that Archbishop McMahon has instigated at the behest of the Vatican about the events before Bishop Robert's resignation hope to report by March 23rd. The report of the CSSA will also be completed around the similar time. Archbishop McMahon will be meeting clergy on Thursday, I intend to be at the meeting.

Please get in touch if you have any queries.

As stated last week, as a parish we continue with the 'day job', that is seeing to be a community of disciples who seek to deepen their relationship with God in Christ and be an agent of transformation and hope to the wider of community. That is our call, out identity and mission. As we pray for all those who are involved in the various investigations, we also pray that we as a Community of Disciples will be faithful to that call

Requiem Masses

Alice Hindson - 12.30pm Thursday 9th February at St Cuthbert's

John Steele - 11am Friday 10th February at St Joseph's.
May they rest in peace

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 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

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

Fr Michael Hickey Memorial Garden

If you have been at St Cuthbert's you would have seen that there has been some extensive work on the garden to your right as you enter St Cuthbert's. Paul Laidlaw has done a huge amount of work in weeding, planting and installing various items including building a shrine to Our Lady for people to sit, reflect and pray. Also a number of sculptures made by Fr Michael Hickey who died in 2020. In the light of this I have decided to call his the Fr Michael Hickey Memorial Garden. Father Michael's Birthday was February 26th, which happens to be the first Sunday of Lent. There will be short ceremony of opening and blessings after the 11am Mass on that day

Training for Altar Servers

Training for Altar Servers will take place on. Saturday 11th February at St Cuthberts 9.30-11 For current or anyone interested in starting

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.

Retreat in Daily Life

On February 23rd at 7pm at St Cuthbert's Vron Smith from the Jesuit Institute will be meeting any parishioners who would like to learn more about a possible retreat in daily life to take part in the parish and help with its planning.

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.

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.

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: Take time for silent reflection before Mass

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

Training in the Diocese

New Sacristans

Monday 13th February, 10am-3pm at St Bede's, Jarrow, NE32 3LX.

Cost: £7.50 per participant (invoiced to parishes)

<https://forms.office.com/e/nMzvMrhmum>

New Liturgical Leaders of Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 28th February, Tuesday 7th March, Tuesday 14th March, all 10am-3pm

St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Cost: £20 per participant (invoiced to parishes) <https://forms.office.com/e/Lyk0DyKmGP>

Attendance on both of the above courses must be endorsed by a Parish Priest. Further information, along with posters and printable booking forms, for both courses are available on the parish resources page on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/parish-resources/>

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.