

MASS READING

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – A
FIRST READING

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: ‘Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.
“You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.”’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

Response: *The Lord is compassion and love.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him

SECOND READING

Corinthians 3:16-23

All are your servants, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.
Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men’s thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

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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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18th/19th February 2023 – Seventh Sunday of the Year – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 18 th February		5:30pm: Mass: Sylvia Keilty
Sunday 19 th February 7 th Sunday of the Year - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 20 th February		
Tuesday 21 st February		9:30am: Mass: Margaret Reay
Wednesday 22 nd February Ash Wednesday	9:30am: Mass: Audrey Wason	7.00pm: Mass
Thursday 23 rd February		9:30am: Mass: Maurice Black
Friday 24 th February	7.00pm Mass at 72, St Stephen’s Way, NE29 6JF Mary Robson	
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: 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.

Lent

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the start of a special time of grace, an invitation to deepen our relationship with God and to continue the invitation to conform ourselves to Christ.. Our society tell us that we have the right to 'be ourselves'. Lent is the call is to be Christ The sacrament of baptism can be seen as drawing the outline of Christ around ourselves. The rest of our lives are about 'colouring in' that outline with the 'primary colours' being faith, hope and love with the other virtues and fruits of the spirit being other 'colours'. If we are God's works art' what restoration is needed. What 'colours' of virtues needed to be added or blemishes accrued that need to be removed. In lent we look for the space for the creator artist to allow us to be restored to the beauty God wants us to have.

Below are some of the opportunities for us to continue being conformed to Christ.

On Ash Wednesday, Masses will be 9.30 at St Cuthbert's & 7pm at St Joseph's

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 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.

○ 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 February 19th

This annual event will be this Sunday at St Cuthbert's at 3pm. This 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, Together We Can, Fair Fares and Mary Glindon MP

World Day of Prayer 2023 Services,

"I have heard about your faith"

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>.

Baptisms

Last Sunday at St Cuthbert's we had the baptism of Billy Lively-Shields. We pray for Billy and his parents as he united in Christ and joins the Christian family

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

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. He has also installed 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

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.

Holy Island SVP Vinnie Camp 2023

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join us for a week on Holy Island, They'll stay in our Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe, fun time. We do lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, longball, football, rounders, walking, craft and art, table tennis, long ball, Quizzes and competitions and marathons as well as laser tag, silly sports, sand castle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys can be aged 9-12 and it is a great way for them to meet new people and make friends from all over the Northeast. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit our website for further details at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> Applications open from 10th February 2023

Centre for Catholic Studies

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) are seeking to appoint a part-time Administrator, 21 hours per week, whose work will focus on CCS events and communications. Do you know anyone who might be interested in applying? Full details are attached, and can also be accessed at Job Description - CCS Administrator (22001983) (taleo.net) The closing date for applications is midnight on Monday 20th February 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.

This week's tip: 12 Small Acts to Save Our World is a short book written in collaboration with leading environmental experts from WWF which details simple changes we can all make in our everyday lives to help protect the planet. Published by Century in support of the World Wildlife Fund.

Training in the Diocese

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/>

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. Tickets on sale after Mass 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.