

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – A  
FIRST READING

The call of Abraham, the father of God’s people.

The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. ‘I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.’ So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm 32

1.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.
2.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.
3.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

God calls and enlightens us.

Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud the Father’s voice was heard:  
‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

His face shone like the sun.

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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| <b>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church</b><br>Albion Road West<br>North Shields   | <b>Tynemouth Priory Partnership</b><br>                                     | <b>Saint Joseph Catholic Church</b><br>Wallsend Road<br>North Shields |
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| <b>Parish website information at: <a href="http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk">http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk</a></b><br>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.                          |  |   |
| <b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b><br>Monsignor Andrew Faley ☎ 0191 252 8021<br>Canon Martin Stempczyk ☎ 0191 251 3770<br>St Cuthbert’s Church ☎0191 257 3408  | <b>Partnership Telephone Numbers</b><br>Father David Smith ☎0191 262 3882<br>Hospital Chaplaincy: ☎ 01670 712476<br>Deacon: Rev Stephen Boulter: ☎ 07816077858 |   |

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent – A

| Masses, Devotions and Services  |  |   |
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|   | St Cuthbert’s Church   | St Joseph’s Church  |
| <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>9.30 Stations of the Cross</b><br><b>10.00am Mass</b>               | <b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> Maureen Delaney  |
| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent A</b>  | <b>11:00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish<br><b>Live streamed</b>     |   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March  |  |   |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March   |  | <b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Herbert & Florence Redpath   |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March   | 9:30am: Mass: Jennifer Pyecroft  |   |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March  |  | <b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Word and Communion   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | <b>7.00pm</b> Word and Communion                                       |   |
| <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>   | <b>9.30</b> Stations of the Cross<br><b>10.00am</b> Word and Communion | <b>4.45pm:</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation<br><b>5:30pm: Mass:</b> People of the Parish |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent A</b> | <b>11:00am: Mass:</b> Ellen Hughes<br><b>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

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, David Mills, the victims of the Turkish and Syrian Earthquake and all those who have died recently.

### Second Sunday of Lent

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent has story of the Transfiguration. We have moved from the desert wilderness of temptation of last week to a mountain of divine encounter and glory as Jesus heads towards Jerusalem knowing that destiny beckons. The mountain climbers among us will tell you that the struggle to get to the top is worth it once you see the view before you. In the Gospel we get a glimpse of glory to help the disciples understand though they do not understand. As we carry on our Lenten Journey, what glimpses of glory have we seen that sustain in in this journey to God

### Baptisms

Amber and Ariana Orton will be baptised at St Cuthbert's this Sunday 12.30pm. We pray for them and their parents as they united in Christ and welcomed into our Christian family

### Fr Michael Hickey Memorial Garden

I had a lovely phone call from Fr Michael's brother John. He was very appreciative of all the effort has gone into preparing the garden and clearly touched by what the parish has done.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day- Lent Appeal

Last Friday March 3rd was 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](https://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Lent Penitential Service, will be held at 7.00pm on 9 March at Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton. In the parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated from 10.30 to 11am on Saturday mornings at St Cutbert's and at 4.45 to 5.15pm at St Joseph's

### Lent

During Lent the following activities will take place

#### o 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.

#### o 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.

#### o 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.

#### o Multi Voiced Readings of the Gospel

Since during cycle 'A' of Lent we have the long readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### o 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>

### Social Group

Please note that the Meeting of the Social Group has changed from 7th to 9th March

### 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. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey Syria Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

### Pastoral Carers

The next meeting of the Pastoral Carers will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's at 7pm. Sarah Morrison whose charity is 'Sarah's Stars' will be present. She will be talking about how her work in promoting palliative care and being able to talk about death can be promoted in the parish will be discussed.

### Retreat in Daily Life

Eight of us in the parish had a fruitful discussion with Vron Smith last Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February. She invited us as parish to discern what is God calling us as a parish to do. She has given us some material to reflect upon. If you would like copies of this please let me know. We will be meeting again on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's to share the fruits of our discernment. All are welcome

### 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

I received two nomination at the week-end for the parish council. They are for Rob Jaques and Conrad Masiwa. Since there were no other nominations they are duly elected on the parish council. My thanks to them for being willing to serve the parish in this way

### 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](mailto:wayne.dobson@cedarwoodtrust.com) For more information and an Application Form, please contact [louise@cedarwoodtrust.com](mailto: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 emaileducation@diocesehn.org.uk<mailto: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.

This week's tip: Reduce your use of plastic by saving your old washing up liquid bottles and refilling them at zero waste shops. There are shops in Tynemouth Station, Whitley Bay and the Grainger Market.

### Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy: Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover) – full-time. Closing date: 15 March 2023. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

### 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.