

MASS READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

God has made him both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.’ Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, ‘What must we do, brothers?’ ‘You must repent,’ Peter answered ‘and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.’ He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, ‘Save yourselves from this perverse generation.’ They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 22

1.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.
2.

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.
3.

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.
4.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

SECOND READING

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: ‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’ Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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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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29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: Mary Gibson Live streamed	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May Feast of St Joseph the Worker		12:00:Mass Herbert & Florence Redpath
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:30am: Word and Communion	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm:	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- 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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

Parish office:

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Prayer Intentions for Eastertide: :New members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work  
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, Bishop Robert, Mary Kidd and Margaret Burfield.  
Please pray Rose Anne Patterson and for all who have died recently.

### Good Shepherd Sunday

This week-end is Good Shepherd Sunday where we are called to pray for vocations and reaffirm our own calling from the Lord.

In his letter for today Pope Francis highlights a number of ‘callings’ that apply to us all;

- Called to be protagonists together of the Church’s mission
- Called to be guardians of one another and of creation
- Called to welcome God’s gaze
- Called to respond to God’s gaze fully
- Called to build a fraternal world

We are all called to discern how in our own vocation and discipleship we respond to all these calling

### A prayer for vocations

God our Loving Father,  
you called me by name through the sacrament of Baptism to holiness.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
you made me the temple of the Holy Spirit.  
Lord, are you calling me to be a priest,  
religious, consecrated, married or single?  
Grant me the grace to respond to the calling  
‘Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all the nations. ‘Guide me in every step I take in life and lead me in every decision I make in responding to your call. Make me and mould me into the living image of Christ your Son, who was ever close to those in need.  
I make this prayer through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

There will be a Holy Hour this [Sunday at 4pm at St Cuthbert’s](#) to pray for Vocations. We will have a further opportunity to reflect on Pope Francis’s letter on vocations

### Partnership Retreat To Ampleforth

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be about £215 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms in The

Grange are now en-suite. A deposit of £75 will be needed by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, in order to confirm your booking. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is [www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk](http://www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk). Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 if you would like to come or for more details.

### CAFOD

On this Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Cuthbert’s at 7pm Karen Kilby, the Bede Professor of Catholic Theology will be giving a talk titled:

"On CAFOD and camels: theological reflections on a recent trip to the horn of Africa".

She recently travelled with CAFOD to a region in East Africa suffering drought. She will speak a little of what she saw and heard, and offer some reflections on the complexities of compassion and the nature of hope. Karen has served as a Trustee of CAFOD for the last 6 years."

### Sarah’s Star Death Cafe

The 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May is dying matters week. Please join us on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 6pm - 8pm at St Cuthbert's church hall for an open discussion about death and dying. This is not a grief group it is a place to discuss your thoughts on death and listen while others discuss theirs. We use cards with questions to prompt conversation within groups of 4-6 people. In life we plan for births and wedding but many people don’t consider planning for death. How empowering would it be to prepare and let loved ones know what your wishes are for your death and funeral, at the end of the day this will be the celebration of your life. As we are a charity any donations are welcome. A sign-up sheet will be available at the parish.

### Diocesan Investigations

Please see below an excerpt from Archbishop McMahon letter to clergy regarding the investigations that are taking place. We keep the diocese in our prayers.

“The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has confirmed that it has completed its audit and review phase and is now in the process of drafting a report which will be published in due course. Similarly, Carol Lawrence is currently drafting a report, that I have commissioned for the Dicastery of Bishops, following a robust investigation process, the final interviews for which took place in Holy Week and for which further written submissions were only received in the last few days.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, we ask you to remember in your prayers those currently preparing the reports. We pray for their work and for renewal in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle as we move forward, learning from their findings and recommendations. I would like to express my gratitude for your cooperation and understanding throughout his process. Your continued commitment to the mission of our Diocese and the welfare of our community has been essential during this time.”

### Trinity Charity Shop

The parish has recently received our quarterly cheque of £4,400 from the Trinity Charity Shop Committee. A big thank-you to all who contribute to the shop in anyway. Special thanks to our parishioners who work every Thursday to ensure that we receive 20% of all takings. Well done! Your hard work is much appreciated.

### Message from the Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding these difficult economic times, which everyone is facing, increasingly more challenging. It is certainly a worrying and anxious time for us all. The current economic climate is having a significant impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever-increasing daily running costs of the Home. We are working hard to raise vital funds to help with the cost of replacing the three lifts in the Home. They have served us well over the years and with us relying heavily on them, they are in constant need of expensive repairs. As you can appreciate, the lifts play an integral role in helping to maintain the safety of our residents at all times, helping to increase their level of mobility and allowing them to maintain their independence for longer. For this reason, we are appealing for urgent donations to assist us in our efforts to make critical upgrades to our lifts, which in turn will help the Sisters and Staff deliver essential person centred care at all times.

Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting:

[www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/)<<http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/>>  
Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us.

### 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:

Come and listen to Professor Karen Kilby speak about her recent trip to East Africa. 7pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at St Cuthbert’s and see how you can support CAFOD as they help communities devastated by drought

### Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the two following vacancies:

Deputy Director of Education (Leadership) and Deputy Director of Education (Inspection). Both roles are permanent and full-time, term-time.

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

### St Cuthberts Missio Box (APF Red Box)

Could all box holders please bring their box for emptying or if you would like them emptied at home, telephone Pauline 2581456 or Kath 2597041 to arrange details. Thank you,

### Feast of St Joseph the Worker Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

To celebrate this special Feast Day there will be Mass at 12 noon at St Joseph’s church followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

### Parish Celebration Coronation of King Charles III Sunday – 7th May 2023

On Sunday May 7th following the 11am Mass at St Cuthberts we are planning a “Street Party”- within the Parish Centre and grounds.

There will be a shared table (a list for people wishing to contribute to the table will be available on the notice boards at both churches).

**Entry is free.** There will be a raffle, proceeds going to the Food Bank and Nite Bite. Contributions in kind will also be welcomed.

Start time for those not worshipping at St Cuthberts on that morning is expected to be 12.30.

Please feel free to invite your families and friends to join us.

### 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.