

MASS READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)
FIRST READING

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Psalm 65

1.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds!
2.

‘Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!’
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
3.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.
4.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me.

SECOND READING

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to 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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13th/14th May 2023 – 6th Sunday of Easter– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 13 th May		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 14 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	
Monday 15 th May		
Tuesday 16 th May		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 17 th May	9:30am: Mass: Lynn Lyons	
Thursday 18 th May The Ascension of the Lord	7.00pm: Mass	9:30am: Mass:
Friday 19 th May	7:00pm: Mass	
Saturday 20 th May		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st May 7 th Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: Bob Dunn 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 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 for Pat Gibbons and for all who have died recently.

6th Sunday of Easter

Again the readings are helping to prepare for a Church after the key events of Ascension and Pentecost. Two key themes are in the Gospel for this week-end. The Holy Spirit is called the 'Advocate', the literal Greek means 'the one who cries out to those who cry out. I like the idea of the Holy Spirit crying out in response to our own cries. The other key theme is what is called 'Mutual Indwelling' The God seeks to live in us and who invites us to make our home with him. I like this 'dovetailing' of God and humanity!

Feast of the Ascension

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday as we celebrate Christ returning to share in the Glory of the Father as he empowers us to continue his mission. There will be Mass at St Joseph's at 9.30am and 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's

Baptism

At 12.30pm this Sunday at St Cuthbert's we will have the baptism of Maeve Bogie. We pray for Maeve and her family as she is united with Christ and joins our Christian family

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This week -end we will have the final First Holy Communion Liturgy before our candidates receive their First Holy Communion on June 17 or 24th. This week it is called 'In Memory of Me' We pray for our candidates approach this important moment in their life.

Celebrating Pentecost

Last year for Pentecost where we had a successful Pentecost Liturgy with parishioners reading the scriptures in various languages, with a shared table afterwards. We will repeat this for Pentecost this year, which will be on Sunday 28th May at 4pm. Any volunteers to read the scriptures in a Non-English language will be appreciated.

Lecture at Holy Name Jesmond

This has been sadly cancelled due to the death of Professor Duffy's wife Jenny. The lecture will now take place later this year.

Celebrating St Joseph the Worker and the Coronation

I would like to express my thanks to all who contributed in any way to the celebration of St Joseph the Worker at St Joseph's on May 1st and the Coronation Party at St Cuthbert's on May 7th. People's hard work and generosity is much appreciated. It was particularly lovely to see the hall at St Cuthbert's so full with a great cross range of parishioners. Easily the biggest social event since lockdown of 2020. The reinvigoration of parish social life during the last 6 months has been heartening to see. Thank-you to all who have made this happen

A Course in Christian Meditation

One of our parishioners, Ali Hain, has a keen interest in Christian Meditation. He has kindly offered to facilitate a course on Christian Meditation. This will be running at St Cuthbert's, starting on the evening of 30th May 2023 at 7pm. The course builds on the teaching of the founder of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) the Rev Dom John Main OSB, giving practical guidance on Christian Meditation. The last session will be on July 4th

There are 6 sessions:-

30/05/2023	Week 1 What is Christian Meditation?
06/06/2023	Week 2 The life and teaching of John Main
13/06/2023	Week 3 The Roots of Meditation in the Christian Tradition
20/06/2023	Week 4 The Wheel of Prayer: Meditation and Other Ways of Prayer
27/06/2023	Week 5 Leaving Self Behind: Meditation and Discipleship
04/07/2023	Week 6 The Fruits of Meditation

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: buy loose fruit and vegetables rather than pre-packaged, you can stick the price sticker on one of the loose items after weighing instead of picking up a plastic bag. Do you have a tip for living a simpler, more sustainable and compassionate life that you would like to share? If so, please see Anne Greaves (The violin player in the St Cuthbert's music group) or Father Chris and we'll put it in the bulletin.

Laudato Si Week

From 22nd to 28th May we celebrate Laudato Si Week. We call to mind Pope Francis's call for us to respect our planet 'our common home' and they we are responsive to the cry of the earth and the poor. As a diocese we launch the event with Mass at the Cathedral at 10.am on Saturday May 20th. In my role as Chair of the Diocesan Environmental Group I will preside at the Mass with Fr Peter Randall S.J. will preach. In a number of places there will be a showing of the film that explores aspects of Laudato Si. It is called the letter.

We will be showing the film on Saturday 27th May in St Cuthbert's Hall at 7pm. All are welcome For more information about this film please go to:

<https://www.theletterfilm.org/>

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is 14-20 May Envelopes are at the back of Church to take and return. A Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 10.00am at St Columba's URC Church on Northumberland Square The annual Christian Aid Service hosted by Churches Together North Shields will be on Sunday 14th May at 6pm at Christ Church. All are welcome.

Nite Bite and New to the UK

Churches Together in North Shields have asked me to make people aware of Nite Bite that meets later afternoon on a Tuesday and New to the UK that meets on a Wednesday lunchtime Both these meetings are at North Shields Baptist Church in Howard Street

Retreat in Daily Life

The group who have expressed an interest in the daily life have now met twice to discern about whether to have a Retreat in Daily Life. We have decided that the focus should be helping the whole parish to become a contemplative community. The group encouraged me to continue to using some of the sermon space for contemplative exercises and to be willing to experiment in using silence and helping you to engage with the scriptures. As mentioned above Ali Hain is starting a Christian Meditation group so people who wish to meet in silence have an opportunity to do so. Please feel free to offer any comments. I am open in the future to have a retreat in daily life if there is a 'grass roots' call

Fair Fares Campaign

This week Arriva Buses introduced a £1 single fare for all under 21. I am convinced that had it not been for the Fair Fares Campaign, this would not have happened. May thousand young people and their families will benefit from this change. Congratulations and much respect to the pupils of St Thomas More including our own Mish Sony who was a leader in this campaign and to all of Tyne & Wear Citizens including our own parishioners who took part in this successful campaign

Day of Reflection

The Liturgical Formation Team will be holding a Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd June 2023, 10.30am-3.00pm - arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am. The venue for this event will be St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF and will cost £10.00 per person. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. To book your place or for more information visit bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents. Booking

Deadline: Tuesday 23rd May 2023. You can book at: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=rbNF1OvKcEahMOeyP9EtHx7Pht5puDNMgM3Swhmjf9URTIPSIIORVJDMFVaMVRHOTJXTEgwQjZHSi4u>

Proud Catholics - AGM

Do you identify as LGBT+ or are you questioning your sexual or gender identity? Would you like to attend a support group run by and for LGBT+ Catholics in the North East? We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church, Worswick Street. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30pm (BST). We will hold our Annual General Meeting, where we will review the year, plan for the future, and hold elections for the coming year's Committee. It will be possible to connect through Zoom (get in touch for the link). The AGM will be followed by our usual bring-and-share refreshments. All are welcome. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email proud.catholics@yahoo.com, or visit our website <http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk>.

Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Fundraising Manager to lead on the development and implementation of a Diocesan Fundraising Strategy to include trusts, foundations and legacies. The role is full-time and permanent. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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 2577041 to arrange details. Thank you,

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 91146513Please 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.