

MASS READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - A FIRST READING

All joined in continuous prayer

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven, the apostles went back from the Mont of Olives, as it is called to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Phillip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 26

Response: I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

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| <p>1. The Lord is my light and my help,
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?</p> | <p>2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.</p> |
| <p>3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken;
"Seek his face."</p> | |

SECOND READING

It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ.

Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Father, glorify your Son.

John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do.

Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me.

I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you; all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you."

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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20th/21st May 2023 – 7th Sunday of Easter– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 20 th May		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 21st May 7th Sunday of Easter - A	11:00am: Mass: Bob Dunn Live streamed	
Monday 22nd May		
Tuesday 23 rd May		9:30am: Mass: St Joseph's School's Easter Mass Sheila Margaret Cuming
Wednesday 24 th May	9:30am: Mass: St Cuthbert's Marian Procession John Brewer	
Thursday 25 th May		9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey
Friday 26 th May	7:00pm: Mass John Bemrose Hughes	
Saturday 27 th May		5:30pm: Mass: Denis Jones
Sunday 28th May Pentecost Sunday	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

WhatsApp 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.

7th Sunday of Easter

We are now in this sacred time between Ascension and Pentecost. Ten days when there was a sense of absence and expectation. These days are similar to Lent and Easter as we prepare to celebrate Pentecost. Christ's ascension creates a space for growth and empowerment. The grief of absence is an opportunity for new life. At a time of uncertainty and difficult transition for our diocese, may it still be an opportunity for growth and development since the Spirit is with us calling to be empowered and confident that God is with us inviting us to hope and transformation.

Baptism

At 12.30pm this Sunday at St Cuthbert's we will have the baptism of Robyn and Mabel Taggart. We pray for Robyn and Mable and their parents, Liam and Helen, as their daughters are united with Christ and join our Christian family.

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.

A Course in Christian Mediation

One of our parishioners, Ali Hain, has a keen interest in Christian Mediation. He has kindly offered to facilitate a course on Christian Mediation. 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: Livestock farming is a major cause of greenhouse gas emissions. Consider eating a vegan/vegetarian diet for a part of the week.

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.

Diocesan Environmental Group

The Diocesan Environmental Group invite you to a series of events marking Laudato Si' week Sunday 21 – Sunday 28 May 2023. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate creation and to reflect on how to protect it. Throughout the week we will be presenting special screenings of the film, 'The Letter'. For details please see the Diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/a-series-of-special-events-mark-laudato-si-week-across-our-diocese/>

Details of the screenings:

Monday 22 May: at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Old Durham Road, Gateshead NE9 6RZ with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 23 May: at St Wilfrid's, Waterloo Road, Blyth NE24 1EA at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 24 May: at Carmel College, The Headlands, Darlington DL3 8RW with doors opening at 6.30pm and film showing at 7.00pm.

Saturday 27 May: at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road West, North Shields NE29 0JB at 7.00pm.

The Letter is a powerful film produced by the team that made the Oscar-winning film My Octopus Teacher. It brings the message of Pope Francis's Laudato Si' to life through the stories of the people representing the voices of the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples and the natural world. This is a film that everyone should see and talk about in their families and communities, definitely not to be missed!

A Note of Thanks to the Parish

On behalf of Borderline Books and all the communities we support, I'd like to thank the Parish of St Cuthbert and St Joseph for their ongoing generosity in donating books. So far this year we have sent over 3000 books (including many of yours!) to over 500 men and women in 86.

different UK prisons. To show just how appreciated they are, here are extracts from a couple of recent letters we've received in response:

"Thank you so much for the four books you sent. It really is a godsend. I've devoured three of them and started on the fourth. It's amazing how much books have been a welcome distraction in prison, and allowed me to grow. I'd never read until prison, so thank you. The books are placed in the library, with a handful of us slowly growing the nonfiction section."

"[Reading] is important to all of us serving time - as it gives us a chance to step into 'another world', full of life, colour, people, experiences, stories - that makes the cell walls (and fences) disappear for a while and lets our minds and emotions heal in the books and words we read."

We've also given books to organisations working locally like De Paul and the Alzheimer's Society, as well as local schools - that's why we really do welcome all sorts of books, because we give them away to all sorts of people. If you know of any other organisations that could benefit from free books, please do tell them to get in touch!

Schools at Masses this week

On Tuesday, St Joseph's Primary will join us at 9.30am at St Joseph's Church to celebrate the end of Easter and Pentecost.

On Wednesday at 9.30pm at St Cuthbert's, we have Mass in honour of Lady in this month of May. All of St Cuthbert's school will be present. There will then be Marian Procession through the town.

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.

Newman Association

Chris Maunder to speak on 'Our Lady of the Nations' - Apparitions of Mary in 20th Century Catholic Europe. At St Cuthbert's Church Hall, North Shields, on Wednesday 31 March, at 7.30pm.

A Day for Catechists

Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the New Directory of Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Individuals and parish groups are welcome. To register your interest/book a place, please visit bit.ly/DHND0C23.

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=rbNF1OvKcEahMOeyP9EtHx7Pht5puDNMgM3Swhmjf9URTIP5IIORVJDMFVaMVRHOTJXTEgwQjZHSi4u>

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.

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 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.