

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - B

FIRST READING

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he said. 'I am here,' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy,' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 115

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| <p>1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.</p> | <p>2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.</p> |
| <p>3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.</p> | |

SECOND READING

God did not spare his own Son.

Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

This is my Son, the Beloved.

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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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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24th/25th February 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Lent - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 24th February	9.30: Stations of the Cross 10.00am Word & Communion	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent - B	11:00am: Mass: Stan Storer Live stream	
Monday 26th February		
Tuesday 27th February		9.30am: Mass: Celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Sr. Patrica
Wednesday 28th February	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 29th February		9.30am: Mass:
Friday 1st March	6.15pm: Exposition 7:00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 2nd March	9.30: Stations of the Cross 10.00am Mass	5:30pm: Mass: Deceased Members of the Redpath Family
Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent – A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

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

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Website:

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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time -Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and those who care for them, Victims of human trafficking and those who combat it; the Unemployed

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Jean Slater, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley and Antoni Kulik.

Please pray for Maureen Kelly, Peter More and all those who have died recently.

Second Sunday of Lent

The second Sunday of Lent always gives us the story of the Transfiguration. The disciples on the mountain get a sense of who Jesus is. His relationship with the Father literally shines through him.

Jesus placed his trust in the Father and totally grounded in this love. If we too can be grounded and rooted in this presence and love of God, we too can radiate the presence of God. It may not be shining light but the ability to be attentive, present, respectful and humble in our relationships will radiate to others the presence of God.

As Pope Francis in his reflection on prayer below stated that is we attentive to the gaze of God we can reflect that attentive gaze in the way we encounter others.

Pope Francis Teaching on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider contemplative prayer. For Christians, contemplative prayer is an act of the heart by which we fix our gaze in faith upon Jesus, quietly pondering his word and his saving mysteries. As the simple farmer of Ars told Saint John Vianney: in praying before the Tabernacle, "I look at him and he looks at me". By gazing on our Lord in this way, we come to feel his loving gaze upon us and our hearts are purified.

This in turn enables us to see others in the light of that truth and compassion which Jesus brings to all. Christ himself is the model for all contemplative prayer: amid the activity of his public ministry he always found time for a prayer that expressed his loving communion with the Father. At the Transfiguration, Jesus prepared the disciples for his coming passion and death by enabling them to contemplate his divine glory. Through our prayer, may we persevere in union with him on the path of love where contemplation and charity become one. For, as Saint John of the Cross, the Church's great master of contemplative prayer teaches us: one act of pure love is more useful to the Church than all the other works put together.

CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day

CAFOD have shared the story of James from Liberia: "James told us that when his family had no food, he faced a terrible choice: stay home and stay hungry or put everything

on the line to go out onto the water in his small canoe. Five fishermen a month – many he called 'brothers' – were dying in storms at sea. Just like him, they couldn't afford the life jackets, compasses and other equipment they needed to stay safe at sea and get a good catch.

Your support for CAFOD this Fast Day helps hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families for good.

Thank you for all your support!

If you have not brought your CAFOD envelope, you can donate at: <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day?form=lent>

Funeral Services

The Funeral Service of the late Maureen Kelly will be on Friday 1st March at St Joseph's at 1.15pm.

The Reception of Peter More will be on Wednesday 6th March at 4pm at St Joseph's. His requiem Mass will also be at St Joseph's on Thursday 7th March at 9.30 am.

May these two long and faithful servants of St Joseph's community rest in peace.

World Day of Prayer 2024 Services

The theme is "I beg you, bear with one another in love". We join in this ecumenical movement on Friday 1st March. We have two services. Afternoon 2.00pm, at St. Mary's RC Church, Farringdon Road, Marden, North Shields. Evening service 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church, Broadway, Cullercoats, Everyone is welcome at either service. Light refreshments will be available after both services.

Rite Election

It was a joy to be present at the Cathedral last Sunday to witness the Rite of Election. Over a hundred people were presented to and accepted by Bishop Stephen as past of 'the elect' as they prepare to be baptised or received into the Church at the Easter.. Those presented to the Bishop were two members of our parish, Mark Errington and Caroline Collings-Backhouse. Please pray for them as they prepare to be received into the Church. If there was a prize for having the youngest parishioner our parish would have been the clear winner since Caroline was presented to the Bishop with her two week old daughter Nancy. Nancy was given proper and due attention by Bishop Stephen.

St Cuthbert's Craft Group

We meet on Wednesday afternoon 1.30-3.30pm in the big upstairs room. Everyone is welcome to join us. We are currently making Beanie Hats for new-born babies and are given to our local hospitals. Anyone who D. K. Wool in blue, pink, white, lemon they no longer need, we would be happy to use it. Patterns available if required. Thank- You- Nora Pearson.

Parish Council

Nominations are open for the parish council. There are five vacancies. You will be need to be nominated. I ask you all to reflect to consider if you or someone else in the parish would be suitable for the parish council. If someone comes to mind, please ask them if they would like to be nominated. Nominations close on Sunday 10th March.

Trinity Charity Shop

I have just received the latest cheque from the Trinity Charity Shop Committee with the parish share of proceeds. The cheque was for £4,000. Well done! A big thank-you to who make contributions to the Charity Shop and special thanks to all who volunteer for the parish at the shop on a Thursday morning. Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated-thank-you.

Praying and Supporting Victims of Church Abuse

LOUDfence. St. Mary's Cathedral and Newcastle Cathedral 3rd-6th March. Welcome to All.

Together with the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is privileged to be hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys' Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It will begin at the 11.30 Sunday Mass on the 3rd March at St. Mary's Cathedral and end with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages together with provided items like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals, recognising some people would rather not enter a place of worship. There will be people available for pastoral accompaniment if that is requested. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

Lenten Day for Families

Catholic Mothers and the Carmelite Friars invite you to a Lenten Family Day at St John Vianney's, West Denton on Saturday 9th March, beginning with 10am Mass and followed by a short talk, opportunity for Confession, a soup lunch, children's activities and social time. All ages and families welcome. For more information email catholicmothersne@gmail.com

Tyne and Wear Citizens

The Mayoral Assembly will be your opportunity to listen all the candidates for the new North East Regional Mayor who will be looking for your vote. All the candidates who have successfully been able to stand as a candidate have agreed to take part. You can sign up for the assembly at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-north-east-devolution-mayoral-assembly>

Christian Meditation Group

Are you looking for something different for Lent this year? Why not join us in the Christian meditation group at St Cuthbert's in North Shields. We are an established group who meet every Tuesday except holy days. Over the course of Lent we will be listening to the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams talk on The Spirit in the Desert which looks at how the wisdom of the 4th century Desert Mothers and Fathers can help us in modern day life. The link for the series of talks is <https://meditationtalks.wccm.org/cd/ku5W9wqFIKHkX61XAK> We will give guidance to those who are new to the practice of Christian Meditation. The session is from 7pm till 8pm on 20/02/2024 at St. Cuthbert's on Albion Road North Shields. Please contact Ali Hain on 07954591608 for more details.

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: Some ideas for alternatives to plastic: 1) Use a bamboo toothbrush instead of a plastic one 2) Use reusable beeswax wraps instead of cling film. Available from zero waste shops and websites.

Rosary Group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom. Day: Thursday - Time: 7:30pm For more information contact Ruth Corless at: ruthcorless@btinternet.com

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 9114651

Prayer for Peace

As the fever of day calms towards twilight. May all that is strained in us come to ease. We pray for all who suffered violence today. May an unexpected serenity surprise them.. For those who risk their lives each day for peace. May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.. That those who make riches from violence and war. Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.. That we might see through our fear of each other. A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.. That those who enjoy the privilege of peace. Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters That the wolf might lie down with the lamb. That our swords be beaten into ploughshares. And no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the holy mountain.
John O'Donohue Benedictus A Book of Blessings