

## MASS READINGS

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

#### FIRST READING

*The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.*

**Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46**

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 31**

**Response: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

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| <p>1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,<br/>whose sin is remitted.<br/>happy the man to whom the Lord<br/>imputes no guilt,<br/>in whose spirit is no guile.</p> | <p>2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;<br/>My guilt I did not hide.<br/>I said: 'I will confess<br/>my offence to the Lord.'<br/>And you, Lord, have forgiven<br/>the guilt of my sin.</p> |
| <p>3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,<br/>exult, you just!<br/>come, ring out your joy,<br/>all you upright of heart</p>  |  |

#### SECOND READING

*Take me for your model, as I take Christ.*

**Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

#### Alleluia

**Alleluia, Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL

*The leprosy left him at once and he was cured*

**Mark 1:40-45**

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him

## 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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## 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	2.00pm Mass of Healing Alma Fox	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - B	11:00am: Mass: Bill and Neil Henderson Live stream	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>		
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>		9.30am: Mass: Ada Storey
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> Ash Wednesday	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass:	7:00pm Mass:
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>		9.30am: Mass:
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	6.15pm: Exposition 7:00pm: Mass:	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30: Stations of the Cross 10.00am Mass	5:30pm: Mass:
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

#### 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 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 and all those who have died recently.

### Ash Wednesday and Lent

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent, this 'space for grace'. The traditional practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer are given to the Church as a 'spiritual ecology' to enable our relationship and love of God and our neighbour to grow. It is an opportunity to reflect on our attachments, which are vital and those which can be disposed of. It is a time of growth and opportunity. As nature informs us that the new life of Spring will soon erupt, this time is an opportunity for us to create the ecology for our discipleship to grow and deepen, so I do wish you all a grace filled and blessed Lent.

#### Masses for Ash Wednesday are:

9.30am St Cuthbert's

7.00pm St Joseph's

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup>. at St Cuthbert's Stations of the Cross will be at 9.30am followed by Mass and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Stations and Mass will also take place at St Joseph's from 9.30am. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we will gather at St Cuthbert's at 9.30am and walk to St Joseph's, we will stop and reflect on the 14 stations as we carry a small cross. on arriving at St Joseph's, we will have Mass c10.00am.

Please note that for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Lent we will take the option of having the reading from year A with all the Gospels having a number of readers including a narrator and other roles.

### Holy Year of Prayer

In preparation for the Year of Jubilee and the Synod Pope Francis has announced that 2024 is a Holy Year of Prayer. He has written a reflection on prayer for each week of the year. This is the passage continuing his reflection on the psalms *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, today we turn once more to the Psalms. In the Psalter, prayer appears as essential to a good and truly human life, guiding our steps according to God's will and teaching us to avoid the snares of evil. Genuine prayer enables us, even at times of great distress, to see reality with God's eyes and to look upon our brothers and sisters with compassion and respect. In the Psalms, personal and

communal prayer merge, and praise of God is joined to concern for others, especially the poor and those in need. Even the Psalms that seem most personal and private were prayed in the liturgy of the Temple and in the synagogues, and then in the assemblies of the earliest Christian community. They remind us that prayer must embrace every aspect of our lives in this world. Sometimes, prayer begins in our churches but then leads us to serve others in the streets of our cities. At other times prayer originates in the midst of our daily work, and then finds its completion in the Church's liturgy. May we learn to pray the Psalms more consciously, letting their voice become our own, as we seek to grow in love for God, trust in the fulfilment of his saving plan, and charity towards all our brothers and sisters.

### Poverty Action Sunday

This weekend, February 11<sup>th</sup>, is Poverty Sunday, where Churches in this Country are called to pray and act on behalf of all those in this country experiencing poverty. Last year the regional event was hosted by our parish. This year Church Action on Poverty North East are having their event at Walker Parish Church, Duncan Street, Newcastle NE6 3BS on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 3.30pm. Hear how local young people are dreaming of a better Walker, a better world – and are doing their bit to make their dreams real. Let's celebrate our dreams –sharing cake baked by the young people- gaining strength for action as we go out!

#### A Prayer from Church Action on Poverty

*When the hungry cry for food*      **take us there.**  
*When the thirsty need clean water:*      **take us there.**  
*When the stranger needs a friend:*      **take us there.**  
*When the sick need care:*      **take us there.**  
*When the imprisoned need a visit:*      **take us there.**

### Life in the Spirit Seminar Series

Venue: St Mary's Parish Centre, Bridge Street, Sunderland SR1 1TQ. From 21<sup>st</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> May. Cost: Free Refreshments: Light refreshments will be served at the beginning of the sessions.

### Live Simply Award Assessment

I am very grateful to all who have prepared and contributed to the parish's attempt to become a Live Simply parish. We are going to be assessed on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm via zoom by one of the CAFOD assessors, Paul Kelly. Anyone interested especially if you have contributed to any aspect of the award, you are welcome to join us. I am very grateful to Sara Bryson, the lead organiser of Tyne and Wear Citizens who is willing to attend to support our bid The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83740881647?pwd=ZVlhek9YTExFeGV4Z2Z1Dc3JOZkN5Zz09> Meeting ID: 837 4088 1647 Passcode: 365856 If you cannot copy and paste the long link just using the meeting ID and Passcode will suffice. If you would like to receive the link via mail please e-mail: [northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk)

### 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>

### SVP Membership Support Officer (MSO)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Catholic lay organisation whose members seek out and help those in need in the community. It would like to recruit an MSO for the Hexham and Newcastle diocese to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between groups and National Office. This is a part time, home-based role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working as part of the SVP Membership Team. It would suit someone comfortable giving presentations to large audiences as well working on a personal level with individuals and small groups. It requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Travel expenses are paid. For further information and details how to apply contact Lance Philpott, Head of Membership at [lancep@svp.org.uk](mailto:lancep@svp.org.uk) Closing date for applications is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

### 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/ku5W9wqFIKHkX6IXADK>

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: The old-fashioned milkman is making a comeback. Cut down on plastic waste by having your milk delivered in glass bottles, you could even make your own yogurt!

### Baptism Catechists

If you are interested in becoming a Baptism Catechist, please come and join us at our meeting at 7pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields. The role of the catechist involves meeting with parents to encourage them to reflect on why they are having their infants baptised and to help them understand the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism. We usually work in pairs; support and resources are provided and we are always extremely glad to have new members join our team.

### Proud Catholics – Meeting Bishop Stephen

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, at 7.30pm. We welcome Bishop Stephen, who invites us to pray with him and share our experiences as LGBTQ+ Catholics in our parish and as members of Proud Catholics. There will be an opportunity for reflection on the future of LGBTQ+ ministry in the Diocese, as well as our usual social time and shared refreshments. Zoom link available, get in touch if interested. For more information, phone Isabel on 07858 934457, email: [proud.catholics@yahoo.com](mailto:proud.catholics@yahoo.com), or visit our website <https://www.proud Catholics.co.uk/>

### 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](mailto: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

### Pancake Night at St Cuthbert's

Shrove Tuesday – 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00pm  
Quiz & Raffle

Tickets now on sale at both churches - £2.00

### 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