

MASS READINGS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - B FIRST READING

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm

Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

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| <p>1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!</p> | <p>2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.</p> |
| <p>3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him
they shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
"These things the Lord has done."</p> | |

Psalm 21

SECOND READING

His commandments are these; that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the spirit that he has given us.

1 John 3:18-24

Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me, I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty: for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers, these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

John 15:1-8

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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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27th/28th April 2024 –Fifth Sunday of Easter - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 27 th April		5:30pm: Mass: Jim Campbell
Sunday 28 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	
Monday 29 th April		
Tuesday 30 th April		9.30am: Mass:
Wednesday 1 st May	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: The Silver Wedding of Conrad and Nesta Massiwah	
Thursday 2 nd May		9;30am: Word and Communion
Friday 3 rd May	7:00pm: Word and Communion	
Saturday 4 th May		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: Private Intention for members of the Gurskyte Family 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

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 Easter -New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media, Human Work; the Church. 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, Stan Llewellyn and Antoni Kulik. Please pray for Alan Sproat, Elenor Robson, Bernard O'Kane, Betty Brown, Rose Murray and all those who have died recently.

Fifth Sunday of the Easter

Although the Gospels till Ascension and Pentecost do not give more accounts of the Risen Lord, the truth and power of the resurrection impact on all the readings for this week-end. In the first reading we hear the dynamism and power of Paul's preaching, that had its roots in his encounter with the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus. Both the second reading and the Gospel have a key theme, of in Christ and following his command of Love, God lives in us and we in God. Though the Gospel uses the more poetic and symbolic language of the vine and branches with the second reading being more prosaic, both are showing that through our encounter with the Risen Christ God can be in the depth of our own being and yet through this self-giving love, we are called to be in the depth of God. The notion is one of 'Mutual Indwelling'. In our Eucharist this week-end we can reflect the reality and consequences of God seeing to be deep within, while in this intimacy we called to share in the sheer transcendence and otherness of God. We are called to remain or dwell or abide in this great mystery of communion

Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now turn to the prayer of petition. The Catechism explains that in every prayer we ask for the coming of God's Kingdom in our lives and in our world. Jesus taught us to pray to our heavenly Father, acknowledging our total dependence on him and trusting entirely in his providential care, even at the darkest moments in our lives. Prayer of petition arises naturally in human hearts. In the Bible we see countless prayers to God to intervene in the face of our helplessness before situations of sickness, injustice, betrayal and despair. Even the simple cry, "Lord, help me!" is itself a powerful prayer. God always hears the cry of those who call upon him. Saint Paul tells us that our prayers echo the yearning of all creation for the coming of the Kingdom (cf. Rom 8:22-24) and the fulfilment of God's saving plan. We make our prayers of petition with confidence in him who has triumphed over all evil through the cross and resurrection of his Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit, who intercedes Carbon Literacy Training

The Diocesan Environmental Group, of which I am chair, is considering offering some training that is available on Carbon Literacy.

Could you please complete the form if you are interested in receiving this training which is designed to stimulate sustainable actions in our Parishes and Diocese.

<https://forms.gle/e9KGACL2yV4gXMSf6>

Confirmations

This year Confirmations for the Partnership will be celebrated on July 16th at St Cuthbert's by Bishop Stephen. The Confirmation preparation programme will begin on Wednesday May 1st at 6.30pm. The Chaplain, Michael Thompson has written to all year 9 pupils inviting them to take part in the programme. If there are other young people who are in year 9 or above, who are not in St Thomas More School and who would like to be confirmed this year, could they or their parents please contact me.

Death Café 8th May

4-11th May is Dying awareness week. In the light of this we shall have another death café, where we will have the opportunity to reflect on issues related to death and dying in a cafe style atmosphere. This will be at St Cuthbert's on May 8th from 6-8pm. All are welcome

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: Insulation is good for the planet as it helps you use less energy and can also pay for itself in 5-6 years through reduced energy bills. For information on government grants go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-great-british-insulation-scheme> or ring 0800 098 7950.

Mayoral Assembly

My thanks to all in the parish who attended the assembly on 22nd April. I hope those present enjoyed the event and you learned more about the candidates. I also hope that it informed you about what community organising is seeking to do. We pray for all those who are going to put themselves forward in public service on the various election on May 2nd

Let's End Poverty Campaign

Church Action on Poverty North East (CAPNE) is supporting Let's End Poverty, a national campaigning organisation, which is arranging an art exhibition 'Dreams and Realities' at the Central Library, Newcastle which will run from May 2nd - 16th featuring portraits of people who have lived experience of poverty and what gives them hope.

There will also be an accompanying Event to be held at Brunswick Methodist Church, Newcastle on Saturday May 11th between 2 - 5pm All are welcome.

Talk by Professor Eamon Duffy:

Holy Name Parish invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on: Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World, on Saturday 4th May in the church (North Jesmond Avenue NE2 3JX). Open at 11:00 am for 11:30 am start; ends at 12:30 pm.

Jubilee Year — 2025 — Pilgrimage

Next year is the Jubilee Year for the Church and some people are thinking or organising a trip to Malta to "Follow in the Footsteps of St Paul". It will probably be in May 2025. If you are interested, please contact Anne Ashton on 07989088020. The sooner we know possible numbers the sooner we can make plans. This pilgrimage is open to all of the parishioners within the Tynemouth Priory Partnership so if you know of anyone who might be interested please let them know. Thank you.

Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) at Ushaw

On Sunday 5th May at 4pm, please join us for Sung Vespers in St. Cuthbert's Chapel at Ushaw. Please note that this is not a concert performance, but an opportunity to pray together the Evening Prayer of the Church for the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

As the format of this service may be new to some people, we will also be offering some reflections on praying Vespers as a group. All are welcome to join us for the service. No ticket is required.

Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw

On Sunday 2nd June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction. Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/> to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. If you are signing up on behalf of a parish group, please indicate how many cars are likely to be coming to Ushaw, or if the group will be arriving by coach: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

Workshop on Synodality

On Saturday 8th June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups.

The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am, and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-at-ushaw/>

For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am.

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 91146513

Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass
Coffee is available after 9:30am Mass every
Wednesday morning at St Cuthberts. Everyone
welcome.

Date for Diary

May 19th Pentecost Sunday

Shared table* after 11am Mass. This will be an 'International Event' The food and music to reflect the rich cultural diversity in the parish.

We will also celebrate being awarded the Live Simply Award at this event.

****Please put names and type of food to be shared, i.e. sweet/savoury, on the sheet in the porch.***

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