

MASS READINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

FIRST READING

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Psalm 97

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| <p>1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R/</p> | <p>2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.</p> |
| <p>3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.</p> | |

SECOND READING

God is love.

John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Alleluia

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

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another

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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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4th/5th May 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Cuthbert's Church | St Joseph's Church |
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| Saturday 4th May | | 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter - B | 11:00am: Mass: Private Intention for members of the Gurskyte Family Live stream | |
| Monday 6th May | | |
| Tuesday 7th May | | 9.30am: Mass: |
| Wednesday 8th May | 9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: | |
| Thursday 9th May The Ascension of the Lord | 7:00pm: Mass: | 9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Friday 10th May | 10.00am Requiem Mass for Eleanor Robson 7:00pm: Mass | |
| Saturday 11th May | | 5:30pm: Mass: Deceased Members of the Redpath family |
| Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter - 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

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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.

Sixth Sunday of the Easter

The first reading from Acts highlights one of the most important developments in the Apostle understanding of their mission as St Peter states "the truth I have come to realise is that God not have any favourites". It is this appreciation that the good news of Jesus is for all and that in him we have been reconciled to God and to each other.

The 2nd reading and the Gospel which are both from St John reflect on the significance of that love has been revealed in the Christ event and calls for understanding and appreciation. Christ himself is the benchmark of that love- Love one another as I have loved you. This love also calls for a deep communion with God and each other. The Gospel calls us 'remain' in my love. You could also use the words dwell, live, abide. It is a call to constant presence and awareness that love which then is called to radiate from us. We are first of all not to act or serve but to know and own the depth of this love. It is only then from the experience of being aware of such love are we then called to show it for all people, imitating that God who has no favourites.

Feast of the Ascension

This coming Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension. We celebrate that we are called to share in the Glory and Majesty of God, a pledge of our new life in the Crucified and Risen Christ but also as a gift to empower us in continuing Christ's mission acting as his Body in the here and now. There will be Mass at 9.30am at St Joseph's and 7:00pm at St Cuthbert's

Baptism

After Mass this Sunday May 5th, we will have the baptism of Nancy Rietta Collings-Backhouse. We pray for Nancy and her family as she is united in Christ and joins our Christian family. Nancy's mother, Caroline was received into the Church at Easter.

Requiem Mass

On Friday 10th May at 10.00am at St Cuthbert's, there will be the Requiem Mass for Eleanor Robson. May she rest in peace.

Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider the importance of perseverance in prayer. Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly (cf. 1Thess 5:17), the Church's spiritual writers have questioned how it is possible to remain in a constant state of prayer. The Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer

of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", until they become like the air we breathe. The Greek monk Evagrius compared prayer to a flame burning perpetually in our hearts even as we carry out our daily tasks. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for him! The monastic tradition teaches the spiritual fruitfulness of balancing prayer and work. By maintaining that balance in our own lives, we too can grow in our union with God and keep the fire of divine love daily burning in our hearts.

Emergency CAFOD Appeal for Sudan

With the world's attention on the tragedies in Gaza and Ukraine, the impact of drought and war for the people of Sudan has been overlooked. CAFOD have asked parishes to open an emergency appeal for the crisis in Sudan. Let us, as Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Swarbrick wrote recently to Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla, Archbishop of Juba and president of the Sudanese Bishops' Conference, 'extend to you the prayerful support of the Church in England and Wales and... express our solidarity with you in your current circumstances of profound distress. We have heard your cry in your recent statement, in which you reminded the international community of the need for support to bring about an end to the civil conflict and allow for immediate humanitarian access to alleviate hunger across Sudan.'

Confirmations

This year Confirmations for the Partnership will be now celebrated on July 18th at St Cuthbert's by Bishop Stephen. The Confirmation preparation programme has already. If anyone who is year 9 or above and would like to be confirmed this July, please contact me as soon as possible.

Death Café 8th May

4th-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 Wednesday, May 8th from 7-8.30pm. 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: Only 17 reams of paper are produced from one tree that takes over 100 years to grow, and globally, more than 50% of paper comes from cutting down virgin forests. Going paperless can help to save billions of trees and boost the availability of oxygen in our atmosphere.

St Cuthberts Missio Box (APF Red Box)

Could all red box holders please bring their box for emptying or if you would like them emptied at home, telephone Pauline 2581456 to arrange details. Thank you,

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.

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.

Mercy Associates

The Mercy Associates ask you to join them in supporting the campaign to "Pray in May with Mary's Meals" Mary's Meals, named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, is built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love offered by those who believe in our mission. Today more than 2.4 million precious children will receive life-changing school meals in 18 of the world's poorest countries through Mary's Meals. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the hungry children who rely on our life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. Prayer In this Year of Prayer, we look at our world and see so many struggling, even to eat a daily meal. We ask Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who brought up her son in poverty, to pray with us for a fairer world. May the Lord help us share what we have with those who lack even the most basic things. Amen. For further prayers and information please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk

Tynemouth Catenian Group

If the recent pulpit talk by the Catenians in all local churches which described how Catholic men meet for mutual support, social and family purposes sparked your interest please contact the following. Or ask any Catenian known to you. We would love to hear from you. Terry 0191 25214811 email: patter45@icloud.com Steve 0191 2571198 email: S.J.Haigh@btinternet.com

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies: IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 6 May Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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/e9KGACL2yV4qXMS16>

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