

MASS READINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

FIRST READING

We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

Acts 1:15-17.20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: “Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. “We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can at with us as a witness to his resurrection.” Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, “Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.” They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

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| <p>1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.</p> | <p>2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.</p> |
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Psalm 102

3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

SECOND READING

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Alleluia

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

That they may be one like us.

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: “Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.”

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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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11th/12th May 2024 –Seventh Sunday of Easter - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
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	
Monday 13th May		
Tuesday 14th May		9.30am: Mass:
Wednesday 15th May	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Ezekiel Williams	12 Noon Requiem Mass for Bernard O’Kane
Thursday 16th May		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 17th May	7:00pm: Mass	
Saturday 18th May		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 19th May Pentecost Sunday - B	11:00am: Mass: Rita Gurskyte, Helen Mikolas, Jozaz Latimous 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, Eleanor Robson, Bernard O'Kane, Nora Horsborough, Rose Murray and all those who have died recently.

Seventh Sunday of the Easter

I find these ten days between The Feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost a very special time. In one sense these days have echoes of Advent and Lent, that these are days of preparation as we are open to the Holy Spirit coming upon the Church, renewing and transforming each one of us. In these special days perhaps, we could all reflect on how we would like the Holy Spirit to transform us. Acknowledging our lives at the present, what are the gifts of the Holy Spirit or graces of God that we need. There is no doubt that the power of the Holy Spirit transformed a group of flawed and frail disciples, enabling them to be configured into the crucified and risen lord they had known but, in many ways, failed to appreciate. Through the power of the Spirit, despite his absence this motley group of followers of Jesus were shaped into Christ-like people. If the Spirit was able to weave through and transform these weak disciples, the same Spirit can produce similar fruit in us. May these days before Pentecost be one of hope and as expectation as we seek to open our hearts the power and joy of the Holy Spirit

Funeral Services

On Wednesday 15th May at 12.00 noon at St Joseph's, there will be the Requiem Mass for Bernard O'Kane.

On Friday 17th at 9.30am at St Joseph's there will be the Funeral Service for Nora Horsborough.

May they rest in peace.

Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer we now consider the communion of saints. Whenever we pray, we find ourselves immersed in a great stream of past, present and future intercession for the needs of individuals and of the whole world, for we pray together with all the saints in the communion of the Body of Christ which is the Church. The saints – this great “cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1) both known and unknown – ceaselessly pray with us and for us in giving glory to God. Our veneration of the saints draws us closer to Jesus, the sole Mediator between man and God. In Christ too, we sense a mysterious solidarity with our loved ones who have died, for whom we continue to pray. We experience this prayerful solidarity also here below, as we pray for one another and for our brothers and sisters who are poor, suffering and most in need. In these challenging times, let us thank the Lord for the great gift of the saints and confidently entrust ourselves to their intercession, for the spread of the Gospel and the salvation of our human family

World Communication Sunday

There will be a retiring collection for Communications Directorate at the Bishops' Conference.. The theme this year as chosen by Pope Francis is Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication The Holy Father examines the opportunities presented by AI, but also the ethical dimension that impacts greatly on our quest for authentic human communication.

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.

Proclaimers

The next meeting of our evangelism and prophetic outreach group, the Proclaimers, will be at St Cuthbert's on Thursday 16th May at 7pm. All are welcome

Training Day for Developing a Bereavement Support Group

On June 1st we have a training day at St Cuthbert's from 10-3.30 to explore how we can development a ministry for supporting the recently bereaved and helping with funeral ministry in the parish. Please contact me if you are interested.

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: . CAFOD has been working in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel for decades, and together with partners has been actively responding to the crisis since the terrible attacks by Hamas on 7 October 2023. You can help by donating here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/israeli-palestinian-crisis-how-you-can-help-the-people-of-gaza-today>, or ring: 0303 303 3030

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.

Christian Aid Week

The week of 11th to the 18th of May is Christian Aid Week. There will be a service on Sunday 12th May at Hawkey Lane Methodist Church at 6pm. All are welcome. There envelopes at the back of Church if you would like to contribute

Parish Ministries

At St Cuthbert's there is a list of various ministries that are needed such as reading, being part of the Offertory Procession, welcoming. If you already take on any of these ministries there is no need to sign up but if you would like to take on a role please sign up or contact Fr Chris

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. 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. Contact: Terry, 0191 252148 email: patter45@icloud.com Steve 0191 2571198 email: S.J.Haigh@btinternet.com

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/e9KGACL2yV4gXMSt6>

Missio Boxes (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,

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.

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. There is also a list in both Churches if you would like to make a musical contribution at the event please sign up.

***Please note:**

If people wish to bring their own food to eat at the celebration especially if they have any food allergies they are welcome to do so. If you wish to contribute to a shared table, this week-end, please take a copy of a poster provided by the diocese regarding allergens. We ask when you bring your contribution, please state exactly what the dish or item is and if there are any ingredients used from the allergen list in the item provided, please state what they are"

We will also celebrate being awarded the Live Simply Award at this event. Representatives from CAFOD and Tyne & Wear Citizens

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