

**Mass Readings - Baptism of the Lord - C**

**First reading**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. ‘Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Behold your God!’ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. R1

**Response: Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!**

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| <p>1. LORD my God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and honour, wrapped in light as with a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent.</p> <p>3. How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. Vast and wide is the span of the sea, with its creeping things past counting, living things great and small.</p> <p>5. You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.</p> | <p>2. On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, flame and fire your servants.</p> <p>4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up; you open wide your hand, they are well filled.</p> |
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**Second reading**

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

**‘He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.’**

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia.

**Gospel**

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**‘When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.’**

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, ‘I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’

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**11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – The Baptism of the Lord**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

|   | St Cuthbert’s  | St Joseph’s                                  | Our Lady & St Oswin’s                              |
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| <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>   |  | <b>5:30pm: Mass:</b><br>People of the Parish |  |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>               | <b>11:00am: Mass:</b><br>Bill and Neil Henderson<br><b>Live stream</b> |  | <b>9:30am: Mass:</b><br>People of the Parish       |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>  |  |  | <b>10:00am: Mass:</b><br>Priest’s Intention        |
| <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | <b>9.30am: Mass:</b> Terry Buckler                                     |  |  |
| <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>   |  | <b>9:30am: Mass:</b>                         |  |
| <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | <b>7:00pm: Mass:</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>   |  | <b>5:30pm: Mass:</b>                         |  |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year - C</b> | <b>11:00am: Mass:</b><br>People of the Parish<br><b>Live stream</b>    |  | <b>9:30am: Mass:</b><br>Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH) |

**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.

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Prayer Intentions for Advent and Christmastide'. Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity; the Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who combat it; the Unemployed; Elderly in Poverty

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, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Tom Wright, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik.

Please pray for Val Durkin, Edward Smith, Maria Mason, Mavis Rennolds and for all those who have died recently.

### **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

The decorations I guess have long been put away. Our shops will have no mention of Christmas, focused on Valentine's Day next month and am told that Easter eggs are already on the shelves. But despite this, we are still in the Christmas Period. Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas. Although we are faced with an adult Jesus and not an infant faced with the Magi, the theme is still very much the same, one of Epiphany. God revealing himself in Christ. This feast marks the start of Jesus's ministry. He is affirmed and empowered. At the start of the new year, what is God's call for us. What is our mission. How can we be a living sign to others of God's presence in the world.

### **Dates for Parish Group Meetings in January**

*Every Tuesday (next session 21<sup>st</sup> January) at 7.00pm*

#### **Christian Mediation;** St Cuthbert's

*Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> -7.00pm*

#### **Funeral Ministry & Pastoral Group:** St Joseph's

*Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm*

#### **Proclaimers:** St Cuthbert's

*Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>: 7.00pm Tyne and Wear*

#### **Citizens North Shields Hub:** St Cuthbert's

*Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup> 7.00pm*

#### **Social Group:** St Cuthbert's

*Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm*

#### **Jubilee Group:** St Joseph's

*Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm*

#### **Parish Council** St Cuthbert's

## A Year of Hope:

### **An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with CAFOD**

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register at: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

### **White Flower Appeal**

The annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will be next weekend.

### **Newman Tyneside Circle**

The Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come to a talk by **John Murray** on **Mgr Kevin Nichols: the poem**, on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, at 2.30pm**, in the **parish hall of the Church of the Holy Name, Jesmond**.

### **The Back Garden at St Joseph's**

There is a group who seeking to develop the back garden at St Joseph's. On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of January from 10am, parishioners will be pruning and tidying before more extensive work is carried out. Any volunteers will be most appreciated.

### **Volunteers Needed**

My sincere thanks to all who responded to my request for help. I have had offers of help with a parish database and helping with the newsletter and two offers to help with the Welcome Ministry but more people to carry this ministry would be good. .I wonder if the two areas mentioned below would be of interest.

#### o **School Governor**

I have decided that I need to come off the governing boards for St Thomas More High School, St Joseph's Primary School and St Cuthbert's Primary School. The position would be one of Foundation Governor, who needs to be a practising Catholic. To have three parishioners to cover a school each would be great.

#### o **Ministries during Mass**

I am always keen that we have more involved in the celebration of the Eucharist, such as readers, helping with the offertory and welcoming before Mass. I would like to have two people welcoming each Saturday night and Sunday morning, so with two if there is a face you do not recognise you can give a little time to make them feel particularly welcome so that the other welcomer can still give out the newsletter as other people arrive.

Please reflect and kindly consider what you could offer the parish at this time.

#### o **Counting the Collection**

If there were at least two more teams of two, that would make life easier for the other counting teams

### **Life in the Spirit Seminars**

As pilgrims of hope the first of the Life in the Spirit Seminar 2025 is taking place in St Aidan's Benton starting from 16th January and running consecutively every Thursday until the 27th of February. The last of this talk series will end with a session on Transformation led by Bishop Stephen Wright. These talks will start at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30pm. Please spread the word around and share it with your email list, social media handles and other promotional tools that are available at your end.

### **Tyne and Wear Citizens AGM**

AGM on Thursday 23rd January 6.30pm to 8.30pm at ReCoCo 1 Clarlol Square, Newcastle, NE1 6UF.

Since the parish is a member, all are welcome. If you would like to attend, please sign up at:

[https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-and-wear-citizens-agm?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-and-wear-citizens-agm?source=direct_link&)

### **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 charity IDEALS (International Disaster & Emergency Aid with Long-term Support) is working to support medical provision in Gaza with the aim of responding to the current emergency and getting surgical teams and life-saving equipment/supplies into Gaza as soon as possible. You can donate at <https://ideals.org.uk/>.

### **Proud Catholics**

Their next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January, at 7.30pm. We will come together with representatives of other Christian denominations to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and share updates on our experiences of LGBTQ+ inclusion in our churches.

### **Holocaust Memorial Day**

'For a Better Future' is the theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2025. 2025 will mark the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bosnian genocide. This annual event will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025, from 7.00pm in St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE7 7PE. The guest speakers are Mr David Gold and Mr Smajo Bešo OBE.

## **Pilgrimage: Hearts in Search of God – Webinar Why go on a Pilgrimage?**

The Faith and Mission Vicariate invite all to join them for an online (via Zoom) Year of Jubilee formation opportunity based on pilgrimage: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7.00pm-8.00pm.

"We are delighted to welcome our guest speaker Dr Phil McCarthy, project lead for Hearts in Search of God: Pilgrim Ways, who will share his wisdom and experience based on the history, significance and spirituality of pilgrimage. The session will also explore and consider some of the options and practicalities for embarking on a local pilgrimage during the Year of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope.

For more information and to book your place at this webinar please visit here.. Please visit the diocesan Year of Jubilee page: <https://bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025> for all the latest news, information and events or email the Diocesan Jubilee team at [jubilee2025@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:jubilee2025@diocesehn.org.uk).

### **DEC Appeal for the Middle East**

The Disaster Emergency Committee, which CAFOD is a partner, is running an appeal to help those impacted by the upheaval in the Middle East For more information please go to:

<https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>.

### **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 9 1146513

### **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:

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### **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