

Mass Readings
The Presentation of the Lord - C

FIRST READING

'The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple.'

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!*

Psalm 24(23)

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| 1. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! | 2. Who is this king of glory?
The LORD, the mighty, the valiant;
the LORD, the valiant in war. |
| 3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! | 4. Who is this king of glory?
He, the LORD of hosts,
he is the king of glory. |

SECOND READING

'He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful.'

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. Alleluia.

Luke 2:32

GOSPEL

'The child grew, filled with wisdom.'

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.'

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

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1st/2nd February 2025 – The Presentation of the Lord - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 1st February		5:30pm: Mass: Verna & Tommy Welsh	
Sunday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 3rd February			
Tuesday 4th February			10:00am: Mass: Mavis Rennolds
Wednesday 5th February	9.30am: Mass: Brian Stobbs		
Thursday 6th February		9:30am: Mass	
Friday 7th February	7:00pm: Mass		
Saturday 8th February		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 9th February 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11:00am: Mass: Neil Melvin Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

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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 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, Brendan Nolan.

Please pray for Mavis Rennolds, Patrica McGann and for all those who have died recently.

Feast of the Presentation

Since February 2nd is a Sunday this year, we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation and not the Fourth Sunday of the Year. The account of the Lord's Presentation is found only in St Luke's Gospel. Jews were expected to present their first-born child in the temple in accordance with the law. The purpose of this was for the child to be 'redeemed'. Clearly, there was no need for Christ to be redeemed but knowing that Mary and Joseph would have taken the child to the temple, St Luke would appear to have two aims. The proclamation of redemption is not for one child but is saying that in this child the redemption that the Jewish people have been waiting for, as signified in Simeon and Anna, is being proclaimed as having now arrived. This child is 'the light for all nations'. Hence the focus on candles in our liturgy today.

St Luke's second aim is to acknowledge that with the Presentation, we have an encounter of a holy place and holy person, the temple and Jesus. There is a change of focus in the Christ event. It is not about place but about encounter with Christ and with each other. All places can become holy when there is an attentive encounter. What are your significant encounters? Simeon waited patiently till his longings were fulfilled. What are you waiting for?

Report from Jubilee Group

We had a very positive meeting with the representatives from St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Primary. Sub-groups have been set up to prepare for the Celebration Fair on

August 30th with Mass presided by Bishop Stephen in the evening and Mission lead by and for the parish celebrating our baptismal priesthood. To develop the links with the schools and the parish, from March, the second Wednesday and Thursday of the month the Masses will be said respectively in St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's schools. The next meeting will be on March 19th at St Joseph's with a little party as well to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph.

Mass of Healing

There will be a Mass of Healing with Anointing of the Sick on Saturday 8th February at St Joseph's at 2pm. All are welcome. The World Day of Prayer for the Sick is February 11th.

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Wednesday. I notified the Council that Rob Jacques had offered his resignation as Chair and member of the Council. At the meeting Paul Laidler and Conrad Massiwa were elected as Co-Chairs and Allan Badenhope as Vice-Chair. My thanks to Rob Jacques for his service to the parish as Chair and member of the Parish Council over the last two years.

Elections to the Parish Council will be taking place in March. Nominations are to be received by Sunday 17th March. It was agreed that with myself spread across 3 churches and now Dean, the Parish Council will need to develop and lead on creating and sustaining a vision for the council. Would you like to contribute to that vision?

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

Death Café

The Charity Sarah's Stars are holding a Death Café on 3rd Feb 6pm-8pm at The Boatyard Café, 1 John Street, Cullercoats NE30 4PL. All are welcome.

Vocations Weekend for Women (20s and 30s) – Discerning God's Call in your life 21st-23rd February 2025

Location: Liverpool – In Person

The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' – this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just

come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Heating in St Cuthbert's Church

My apologies for the continued problems with the heating at St Cuthbert's. It would appear that the boilers will need replacing as soon as possible. This may still take some time. I hope by this time next week, I can give some indication as to when the church will be warm on a regular basis. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Churches Together in South Tyneside

Churches Together in South Tyneside is recruiting for a new Executive Lead to collaborate with our Trustees, Projects, local churches, faith groups and outside agencies. Contract Type: Fixed Term – funding secured for the next two years (extension of contract, funding dependent); Hours: Part Time – 21 hours per week (with some flexible working). For full details and an Application Pack contact secretaryctst@gmail.com

Application Deadline: Friday 21st Feb 2025 at 5pm. Applications to be returned to secretaryctst@gmail.com

For more information and an informal conversation about the post contact

Audrey@churchestogethersouthtyneside.org

A Liturgical Day of Reflection for Liturgical Leaders for Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion

Date: Saturday 15th March 2025

Times: 10.30am-3.00pm – arrivals, registration and refreshments from 10.00am

Location: St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY

Cost: £15.00 per person

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

Could those lay leaders of celebration of Word and Holy Communion who are interested please contact Katherine in the office and she will make the booking for you.

Hexham & Newcastle Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council AGM

All are invited to join them for their Annual General Meeting on Saturday 8th February 2025. This year's theme is: Living in Hope, Working for Peace. The morning will be facilitated by Pat Devlin who will be delivering part of the training programme, "Listening from the Heart" devised by the Parents Circle – Families Forum, which brings together bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families.

It is this programme that the parish will be presenting as its Lenten programme starting on March 12th.

So this will give a taster of our Lenten Programme.

In the afternoon, reports from the Co-ordinating Council will be shared, and officers and council members elected for 2025. If you would like to attend please sign up at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hexham-and-newcastle-justice-and-peace-agm-tickets-1121067877199>

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: Be grateful for what you have. Appreciating what you have already may make you think about purchasing something you may not need.

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

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

Dates for Diary

Mass for Sick and Housebound

St Joseph's, 2pm, Saturday 8th February

Seeds of Hope planting

St Joseph's, 10am, Saturday 1st March

Day of Prayer Event

St Joseph's, 2pm, 7th March

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