

Mass Readings
6th Sunday of the Year - C

FIRST READING
‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.’
Jeremiah 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.
‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Response: Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.
Psalm 1:1-4,6

1. Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponders his law day and night.

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING
‘If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.’
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.
Luke 6:23ab

GOSPEL
‘Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.’
Luke 6:17, 20-26

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’


The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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


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15 th /16 th February 2025 – 6 th Sunday of the Year – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 15 th February		5:30pm: Mass: Jim Campbell	
Sunday 16 th February 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 17 th February			
Tuesday 18 th February			10:00am: Word and Communion
Wednesday 19 th February	9.30am: Word and Communion		
Thursday 20 th February		9:30am: Word and Communion	
Friday 21 st February	7:00pm: Word and Communion		
Saturday 22 nd February		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 23 rd February 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11:00am: Mass: Betty Callender Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Terry Parkin (TS)

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 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 Luke McAndrew, John Oakly, Patrica McGann and for all those who have died recently.

6th Sunday of the Year

In these next three Sundays before Lent, we have Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain'. There are clear echoes of St Matthew's Sermon on the Mount but there are differences. The context is a clear theological statement from St Luke. By being on the plain, this level ground means that the sick, those with a disability, the aged, the young can have access. Only the strong and fit can be up a mountain! So, St Luke is clearly stating that the good news is for all, no-one is excluded.

The Gospel is St Luke's version of the beatitudes. Again there are overlaps and differences. There are only four 'blessed' but also four 'woes'.

The Gospel is not about describing the virtues needed as given in Matthew's beatitudes but more about the nature of God who is focused on those who are deemed not to matter. It is not the rich, the powerful, the contented, the celebrities. No, it is the poor, the hungry, the grieving, the persecuted. This is God's focus. Who are our priorities?

Racial Justice Sunday

The Catholic Church celebrates Racial Justice Sunday on 16th February. Its theme: "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice" invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and the wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards

racial justice – past, present and future – by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved? Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice – the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey. It is my hope that our Racial Justice Sunday 2025 resources will not only assist but inspire the People of God to continue walking and praying together on the path to racial justice.'

These resources mentioned by Bishop Paul can be found

at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday>

There will be a retiring collection for CARJ, the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

Parish Council

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?

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Would you like to register as a helper for the Hexham and Newcastle 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes?

The pilgrimage will take place between Friday 25 July and Friday 1 August 2025. Adult and Youth section volunteer registration forms are now open and live until 31 March. Please register via one of the following links.

Existing Appointed Registered Helper:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bdNSkV8HvK>

New Adult Volunteer Registration Form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PbtE9Jd6aS>

Youth Section Registration Form:

Aged 16-21 (on the date of travel) or in full-time education.

<https://forms.office.com/e/m1MQfReuZD>

Please see the Tangney Tours website for prices of travel

and accommodation: [https://www.tangney-](https://www.tangney-tours.com/.../diocese-hexham-newcastle/)

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For more information email: lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk

or visit our Facebook page: Hexham and Newcastle

Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

A Year of Jubilee Formation Opportunity

From the Faith and Mission department: "As we journey through this year of Jubilee, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. As Catholics our hope is in the Lord who is always at work in our lives. Our new formation programme Adventurous Accompaniment is designed to help us become better at walking with others, supporting them to see God at work. You will explore how to accompany others whether it is informally while out talking with your neighbour or over a sustained relationship with family and friends. The

'Adventure' of this formation is that God is the one leading the way. All are welcome to attend. Dates & Times:

Session 1: Saturday 15 March 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Session 2: Saturday 12 April 2025, 10.00am – 1.00pm.

Venue: St Vincent's Diocesan Office, St Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 7PY; Cost: £25.00

For more information and booking details please visit bit.ly/DHNAdventurousAccompanimentYOJ

or email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk."

Newman Tyneside Circle

invites you to come and hear Tony Flannery speak about The Bible, history or myth? Why it is important to know. The talk will be given twice at Holy Name parish hall, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Tuesday 11 March, at 2.30pm – and again at 7.30pm.

Proud Catholics

This is an important opportunity for members to come and give ideas of the future of Proud Catholics due to several Committee members stepping down soon. They will be meeting at St Andrew's RC Church on Worswick Street, NE1 6UW at 7:30pm on the 18th February.

World Day of Prayer 2025 Services,

"I made you wonderful".

We join in this ecumenical movement on Friday 7th March. We have two services. Afternoon 2pm, at St Joseph's Church, Wallsend Road, Chirton, North Shields, NE29 7AA. Evening service 7.30pm, at the Methodist Church, Broadway, Cullercoats, NE30 3LJ. Everyone is welcome. Light refreshments will be available after both services.

Poverty Action Sunday Dreams & Realities

6pm, Sunday 2 March 2025, St Michael's & All Angels, Church Street, Houghton le Spring DH4 4DN.

Everyone welcome. Learn what local people are doing.

Photos for an Exhibition

Tyne and Wear Citizens have commissioned a photo-journalist, Tom Quibell, to take photos of members of Tyne and Wear Citizens. On Sunday March 2nd, after the 11am Mass, Tom will be taking portrait photographs of anyone in the parish who would like to have their photo taken. They will be able to keep the portrait. The photo may be used in an exhibition.

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.

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: Plant bee and butterfly friendly plants such as catmint, alliums, lavender, bergamot, borage, buddleia, verbenas bonariensis and foxgloves.

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

Seeds of Hope planting: St Joseph's, 10am, Sat 1st March

Pancake Night: St Cuthbert's Church Hall, 7pm, 4th March.

Tickets £3 on sale.

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