

Mass Readings

8th Sunday of the Year – C

FIRST READING

‘Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.’

Sirach 27: 4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind.

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: *It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD*

Psalm 92(91)

1. It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning,
and your truth in the watches of the night.

2. The just one will flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

3. Still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the LORD is upright.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING

‘He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.’

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

GOSPEL

‘Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.’

Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: ‘Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye”, when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

‘For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.’


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1 st /2 nd March 2025 – 8 th Sunday of the Year – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 1 st March		5:30pm: Mass: Peter More	
Sunday 2 nd March 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Kathleen Dunston (AT)
Monday 3 rd March			
Tuesday 4 th March			10:00am: Mass: Anne Headley
Wednesday 5 th March	9.30am: Mass: Alf McManus	7.00pm: Mass	
Thursday 6 th March		9:30am: Mass Private Intention	
Friday 7 th March	7:00pm: Mass: Maria Mason		
Saturday 8 th March		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish	9.30am Mass 10.00am Stations
Sunday 9 th March 1 st Sunday of Lent – C	11:00am: Mass: Maria Mason Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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.

8th Sunday of the Year

In our last Sunday before Lent, the Gospel is very relevant. As we continue the Sermon on the Plain, there is a call to integrity. Hypocrisy is challenged. What right have we to be critical of others if we are so unaware of own failings. The Lenten journey we are about to begin is a call for us to be the trees that produce good fruit. What gifts and graces do we need to grow for this time of Lent?

Lent 2025

Later that usual we begin our Lenten Journey on Wednesday 5th March.

Mass for Ash Wednesday:

St Cuthbert's 9.30am

St Joseph's 7pm

Lent is a space to take refuge in God, to create an ecology for grace. Whatever your Lenten practices are going to be, they are means so that our Love of God and others is deepened and sustained.

On Saturday Mornings starting from 8th March there will be Stations of the Cross at 9.30 and then Mass at 10.00am

First 2 Saturdays of Lent at St Oswin's (8th March and 15th March). On 8th March Mass at 9.30, then Stations.

Middle 2 weeks of Lent – St Cuthbert's (22nd March and 29th March).

Last 2 weeks of Lent – St Joseph's, although the final week will start at St Cuthbert's and walk to St Cuthbert's (5th April and the walk on the 12th April) Fr Chris will lead walk.

There will also be a Lenten Programme at St Cuthbert's starting from Thursday, 13th March at 7, running every Thursday till April 10th. The programme is called **Listening with the Heart**. It features personal stories of both Israeli and Palestinian parents who lost children during the conflict and how their shared pain is a means to peace, understanding and reconciliation. The programme has been created by the Parents Circle – Families Forum (PCFF) – a joint Israeli and Palestinian organization made up of more than 700 bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families, all of whom have lost a loved one to the ongoing violence in the region.

Motivated by the profound depth of their pain, the PCFF members have committed to do everything they can to work towards reconciliation and peace. They recognize that the grief they experience is shared across humanity. The willingness to transform feelings of anger, revenge, despair, and helplessness is expressed in the choice to act for hope and reconciliation. The stories are moving though not easy to hear but reconciliation is a sign of hope that is worth sharing and reflecting on.

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?

Icons for Sale

Russian Orthodox Sisters will be setting up a stall after Mass at St Oswin's on Tuesday 11th March and at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 12th March with Icons and other religious objects for sale for their orphanage back in Belarus.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year – walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope.

Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from 22nd to 27th June in London. Candidates must be aged have completed their first or second year at

university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.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.

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 2.00pm, 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 at either service. Light refreshments will be available after both services.

Diocesan Environmental Group Webinar

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Stephen and members of the Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG) in a webinar to find out more about the DEG and what we can all do to reduce our impact on the environment.

The webinar will include: An introduction by Bishop Stephen and a Live Simply update with CAFOD

To take part please use the following link:

<https://diocesehn-org-uk.zoom.us/j/2294023010?pwd=TPjO3QbJlaJm0dn0FgkYUv7Pv2gcAk.1&omn=86017878430#success>

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: Make your own spreadable butter and cut down on dairy by mixing 250 g butter with 100 ml rapeseed or olive oil and a pinch of salt if using unsalted butter. And if you want to be even more eco-friendly, you can refill your oil bottles at the Buy the Kilo in Tynemouth Station!

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. This 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. Feel free to dress up, though your parish priest won't be. You would not recognise him if he did!

Job Vacancy

Parish Secretary, based at Immaculate Heart Church, 1 Church Close, West Monkseaton, Whitley Bay NE25 9PG – 21 hours a week. Closing date: 11 March at 12.00pm. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

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.

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
Day of Prayer Event: St Joseph's, 2pm, 7th March
Pancake Night: St Cuthbert's Church Hall, 7pm, 4th March.
Tickets £3 on sale.

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