

Mass Readings
2nd Sunday of Lent – C

FIRST READING
God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith. Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
And he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.’ But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Response: The LORD is my light and my salvation. Psalm 27(26)

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?

2. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
‘Seek his face.’
3. It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

4. I believe I shall see the LORD’s goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING
Christ will configure us to his glorious body. Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Gospel Acclamation
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.
From a bright cloud, the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my beloved Son, listen to him’.
Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

GOSPEL
‘As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.’ Luke 9:28b-36

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah’ — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!’ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.


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


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15 th /16 th March 2025 – 2 nd Sunday of Lent – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 15 th March		5:30pm: Mass: Joan Gray	
Sunday 16 th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent – C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 17 th March			
Tuesday 18 th March			10:00am: Mass: Rodney & Pauline Willits (JW)
Wednesday 19 th March		9.30am: Mass: Thomas Curren	
Thursday 20 th March	9:30am: Mass		
Friday 21 st March	7:00pm: Mass: Maria Mason		
Saturday 22 nd March	9.30am Stations 10.00am Mass: Private Intention (MB)	5:30pm: Mass	
Sunday 23 rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent – C	11:00am: Mass: Frances Atwood 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

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Prayer Intentions for Lent: 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, Brendan Nolan and for all those who have died recently.

2nd Sunday of Lent

As we continue with our Lenten journey, it may be helpful to remind us that time of 'enlightenment' was for those adults preparing to be baptised on Easter Sunday. It is a time of preparation and learning. The key focus for them, as it is for us in every Lent, is to appreciate again the true significance of Christ. Though we reflect on the death and resurrection of Christ in a linear time mode, for the early Christian community putting together their memories and reflections of Christ, the Christ they have experienced and want to share with others is already a crucified and risen, those adjectives cannot be separated. Just as after the Resurrection the Risen Christ has wounds (not scars but open wounds) today we meet Christ who shows that risen power before his death at the Transfiguration. Lent is a time of letting go, of dying to self, but that does not mean we wait for Easter Sunday to experience the power of his risen life. In the graced space, we seek to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus, and this Jesus is a crucified and risen one, who passed over from death to new life, each day of Lent is an opportunity to know this power of transformation and healing through this crucified and risen Lord.

Lent 2025

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.

Stations and Mass:

Middle 2 weeks of Lent: St Cuthbert's (22nd 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 Joseph's (5th April and the walk on the 12th April); Fr Chris will lead the 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.

Rite of Election

It was a joy last Sunday to be at the Cathedral for the Rite of Election and witness our four candidates being presented to Bishop Stephen. They are Adam Morely, Joanna Tarelli-Senior, William Jarrett and Susanne Varga. Please pray for them all, as they prepare to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on April 19th.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen

This week-end for the Sunday of Lent, we have a pastoral letter from Bishop Stephen. The focus of the letter is how the diocese is to implement the fruits of the International Synod Process that produced its final document in November. The Bishop will be talking about the importance of pastoral councils, whether that be at a parish or partnership level. It is a timely letter for the parish as nominations for the Parish Council close this week.

Parish Council

Elections to the Parish Council will be taking place in March. Nominations are to be received by Monday 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?

Patronal Feasts

This week we have our Patronal Feasts. Wednesday 19th March is the Feast of St Joseph's and 20th March is the

Feast of St Cuthbert. In the light of this, Mass on Wednesday will be at St Joseph's and on Thursday will be at St Cuthbert's.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day collection

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Family Fast Envelopes are available at the back of church.

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/>

Diocesan Vacancies

Safeguarding Co-ordinator, based at the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle – full-time, permanent contract. Closing date: 25th March at 12.00pm.

Please visit: www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Relaunch of the Diocesan Youth Council

YMT and the Diocese are thrilled to announce the upcoming relaunch of the Diocesan Youth Council, a vital platform for the voices of young people in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This initiative, paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, offers a space for young leaders to develop skills and engage in meaningful dialogue about the future of our Church. The first meeting is scheduled for Sunday 18th May 2025, at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle, from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm. We are actively seeking motivated students from Year 9 and above to join this transformative council. For more details on the council, how to nominate candidates, and to view the full announcement, visit:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/news/announcing-the-relaunch-of-the-diocesan-youth-council/>

Holy Island SVP Vinnies Camp – Volunteering is a Work of the Heart

Holy Island Children's Camp is looking for new volunteers to help in their Holiday Centre on Holy Island. They are in need of young adults to help the children have a great week's holiday on the island in Summer 2025. Full training and support will be given and would suit someone wanting to give back to the Community by helping 9-12-year-olds

have fun for a week. They are also keen to attract people who would like to help by volunteering in the Kitchen/Dining room and with caretaking. Term Time Camps need lots of volunteers if they are to survive. If you could find a few days in term time to help out with serving meals, prepping salads and washing dishes they would be truly grateful. By running term time camps, Summer Vinnies Holidays for children can be sustained. Further information can be found at <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or if you'd like to chat about the role please email BarbaraT@svp.org.uk

National Catholic Leadership Programme

This programme is for serving Deputy Headteachers in Catholic Primary and Secondary schools who are considering the role of headteacher in the next two years. It is fantastic training for the role of Catholic Headteacher, delivered by inspirational leaders across our Diocese. Please contact education@diocesehn.org.uk for further information.

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: You can work out your carbon footprint. Go to: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/questionnaire>

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

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