

**Mass Readings**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – C**

**First reading**

**'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.'**

In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question.

Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1. May God be gracious and bless us and let his face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation.
2. Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples; you guide the nations on earth.
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

**Second reading**

**'He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.'**

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

**Gospel**

**'The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.'**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.'

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

**Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29**

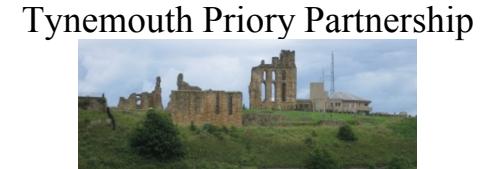
**Psalm 67 (66)**

**Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23**

**John 14:23-29**

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**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – C**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	<b>St Cuthbert's</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>	<b>Our Lady &amp; St Oswin's</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass:</b>	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – C</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish Live stream		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>			<b>10:00am: Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass</b> Brian Stobbs		<b>7.00pm: Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass</b>	<b>9:30am: Mass</b> Joseph & Violet White	
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7.00pm: Mass</b>		
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Feast of the Visitation</b>	<b>9:30am: Holy Hour</b>	<b>5:30pm: Mass</b> Parish	
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – C</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> John Ollerenshaw Live stream		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish

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

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**Facebook:**

search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.

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Prayer Intentions for Easter: New Members of the Church, Vocations, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, The Right Use of Media, the Church, Human Work.

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, Peter Chester. Please pray for Elizabeth Bryden, Saji Mathew, Elizabeth Henderson, Pope Francis and for all those who have died recently.

## 6th Sunday of Easter

In these last two weeks of Easter, the focus is on reflecting on the significance of Ascension and Pentecost. Ascension acknowledges departure, a space between Jesus and his disciples. In this space Jesus gives his peace. While not present to us we are called to trust. We are also called to make room for the Spirit. The Spirit in the Gospel has two activities. The spirit will make us remember, allow the memory of Jesus to continue, which it has done in the past two thousand years. The spirit is also going to be our teacher, one who will allow us to deepen our understanding of him. What are the memories of Jesus that have been passed down over the centuries that speak to you at the present time? Who have been your teachers that have inspired you and help you to deepen your understanding of Jesus?

## Ascension Thursday

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday. There will be a Vigil Mass at St Oswin's at 7pm, then Mass at St Joseph's at 9.30am and at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. We celebrate Jesus being returned to the Father with his church being given the responsibility to continue Jesus' ministry.

## Feast of the Visitation

On the feast of the Visitation, Saturday 31 May, we will have a Holy Hour at St Cuthbert's at 9.30am. The theme will be visitation/encounter.

## Jubilee Celebrations:

### 70th Jubilee celebration of St Joseph's Church

To celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of St Joseph's Church, we are planning a fun filled day on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Activities will include: Stalls; BBQ; Choir Performance; Refreshments. Celebration of Mass with Bishop Stephen, followed by light refreshments.

For this to take place we need help. If you feel you are able to help, please sign up on the lists at the back of both churches. Any help big or small would be appreciated. The following jobs will need to be covered: Setting up in the morning; Clearing away; Organising or running a stall (e.g. Cakes with possible baking competition, Children's Tombola, Children's Activities, General Tombola, Teas); Face Painting

Thank you for your support from the Jubilee Committee

For the Jubilee of St Joseph's Church we would like to create a photograph and memorabilia display of the church and parishioners. If you have any photographs we could use could you hand them in, write your name and the church you worship at on the back so they can be returned. Also any paper clipping etc. related to the church would be useful, (they could be copied if you don't want to hand over originals). Thank you.

## Funeral

The Funeral Service of Kathleen Anne Bryden will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

## Photo Exhibition

Opening of the 'All Rise' picture exhibition of the parish at St Cuthbert's at 7.30pm, on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-rise-a-documentary-photography-exhibition-with-thomas-quibell-tickets-1309797833579>

We hope to keep the Church open during the following two weeks. Please sign up at the back if you are willing to be a steward.

This is how the Eventbrite page describes the exhibition: "This project pulls together images from St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Parish in North Tyneside, telling stories of how lives are being changed through the association with Citizens UK. People engaging with local and national issues, in big and small ways, in personal growth and agency, connected to the principles of community organising through Father Chris. This exhibition will showcase how powerful ordinary people can be when they organise for change, I hope I have created images that reflect reality, emotion, and something of the essence of this North Tyneside Parish."

Tom Quibell

## Trinity Charity Shop

I have received the latest share from the Trinity Shop. It was a cheque for £4,000. A big thank-you to all who contribute to the Charity Shop in anyway. The parish is especially grateful to all our parishioners who volunteer on a Thursday. Your hard work is much appreciated.

## Christian Mediation Group

The meetings of this group will resume on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

## Corpus Christi: Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Ushaw

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Ushaw will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, led by Bishop Stephen Wright, and starting at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Weather permitting, the procession will go through Ushaw's gardens, returning to the Chapel for Benediction.

Teas and coffees will be available after the service. You do not need a ticket for this event, but please sign up on the sheet available at the back of church, to help Ushaw to estimate numbers. Please indicate if you are bringing a car: this will help Ushaw to manage car parking requirements.

## 'Hope in a Time of Darkness' – A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025, 7:45pm, Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral. Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe and respondent Prof Anna Rowlands. For more information and to book tickets, please visit:

<https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>

Please send any queries to [ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk).

## National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust (NCT) have launched a survey to better understand the challenges that churches face, and to highlight the vital work our churches do. This survey has the support of denominations, faith, and heritage groups across the country and we encourage you to take part. The survey is live from 6 May – 30 June.

Your response will provide essential evidence to build a clearer picture – to tell a stronger, more informed story about your church, and others like it, so that together some of the biggest challenges facing churches can be addressed and help ensure their future. The survey can be found here: [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/survey)

## St Cuthbert's Missio Boxes (APF Red Box)

Please could all box holders bring their box to church for emptying. If you would like them emptied at home

telephone either Pauline 2581456 or Kath 2577041. Thank 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: This week is the tenth anniversary of the publication of Laudato Si. He calls us to an ecological conversion. Please reflect as to what this means for you and your lifestyle. How can you care for our common home?

## 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

## Dates for Diary

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## Pentecost International Shared Table. After 11:00am

**Mass at St Cuthbert's on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June.** If any groups would like to contribute would they please let a social group member know, with a contact name and telephone number, and what they will be kindly bringing.

**Summer Fayre** – July 5<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's

## 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](mailto: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