

Mass Readings
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – C

First reading Acts 12:1-11

‘Now I am sure that the Lord has rescued me from the hand of Herod.’

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 34 (33)

Response: *From all my terrors the LORD set me free.*

1. I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

2. Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

4. The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Second reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

‘There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.’

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.


Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-19

‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.’

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

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28 th / 29 th June 2025 – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 28 th June		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 29 th June Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles – C	11.00am: Mass: Tommy Campion Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Blessing for 40 th Anniversary (Keiran Ann & Wilf Keilty)
Monday 30 th June			
Tuesday 1 st July			10:00am: Mass: Angela King (SK)
Wednesday 2 nd July	9:30am: Mass: Stan Llewellyn		
Thursday 3 rd July		9:30am: Mass	
Friday 4 th July	7.00pm: Mass		
Saturday 5 th July		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Greg Jones	
Sunday 6 th July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Summer: A Deeper Understanding between Christian and Jews; those who suffer Persecution; the Oppressed and those denied human rights; Europe; the Dignity of all Human Life; Seafarers.

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, Rebecca Cummings.

Please pray for Larry Dixon, Louise Turner and for all those who have died recently.

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

This year the feast of SS Peter and Paul falls on a Sunday. We celebrate the two great pillars of the early Church. Very different in their personalities but both were flawed, weak, aware (eventually) of their limitations. What they have in common is that their encounter with Christ was transformative and enabled them to witness to the crucified and risen Christ by word, action and their respective deaths.

Peter is seen as the Guardian of our tradition rooted in his faith and relationship in Christ. Paul is the great missionary of the good news of Christ. These two saints call us to deepen our relationship with Christ and allow that relationship to witness to him in our words and actions. They call us to be rooted in our tradition yet bridges to the wider world

Mission 13th to 19th September

As part of our Jubilee Celebrations, we will have a mission in the parish. The mission will not have any outside speakers but will be led by the parish for the parish. The theme of the week is 'Peace, Justice and Community'.

One of the evenings will be about hearing the cry of the earth and the poor. One evening we want to be 'intergenerational' with parishioners who have been in the parish for a number of years helping us to look back and our younger parishioners helping us to look forward. We

would like some of the sessions to be led by some of our ethnic groups, such as the Filipinos, African and Indian communities. If you are interested in taking part please contact Fr Chris or Veronica Whitty at: veronicawhitty@hotmail.com

Jubilee Celebrations:

70th Jubilee celebration of St Joseph's Church

To celebrate the 70th Jubilee of St Joseph's Church, we are planning a fun filled day on Saturday 30th 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.

Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre is next Saturday at 12 noon at St Cuthbert's. More donations will be most appreciated. If you have taken raffle tickets, please return the stubs. If you have books of tickets unsold, please return them as well.

Proclaimers

Our Parish outreach group will be meeting next Wednesday at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. We will be reviewing the Pentecost event and the 'All Rise' Exhibition. We will then discuss our plans for autumn.

North Tyneside Citizens Hub

The Hub, whose work was a key focus of the 'All Rise' Exhibition, will be meeting upstairs at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 1st July at 7pm. Representatives of the Hub are meeting recently elected Mayor Karen Clark on July 17th and Sir Alan Campbell on Friday 19th September. We will be discussing plans for both meetings. Since the parish is a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens, all parishioners are welcome to the hub meeting. We are keen to know the key concerns of people. Please talk to others in the parish and

beyond to know what is impacting on others in negative way. Sharing such concerns is the point of our meetings with in key positions of power such as Mayor Clark and Sir Alan.

Job Vacancy at Diocesan Offices

The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is seeking to appoint an Education Administrator on a fixed-term contract for 12 months. Closing date: 25 June 2025. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies or contact us on 0191 243 3301

Vacancy of Lay Chaplain

Applications are invited for the post of lay chaplain at St Thomas More Catholic High School (part of Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust). Salary: BB06 £31,586 – £34,314 per annum pro rata, actual £27,121 to £29,464 per annum, Hours: 37 hours per week, Term Time plus 5 Additional Days as confirmed by the school.

We wish to appoint as lay chaplain a practising Catholic with the appropriate skills and personal qualities to work with all members of our school community, supporting us in our journey of faith and helping us to put our mission statement into practice in our Work, Worship and Relationship. Further information can be found on the school website under the vacancies section of the website or by visiting: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/stmschool/> Closing date: 9.00am Monday 30th June 2025 Interviews: Thursday 10th July 2025

Cleaner Required – St Charles, Gosforth

The Diocese is looking to appoint a cleaner for 5 hours per week: Mondays 7–9am and Wednesdays 12–3pm. For more information and to apply, please visit: www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies or contact HR Department on 0191 243 3301.

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: Face with conflict across the world an act of solidarity with victims of violence would be making a donation to Medecin San Frontiers – Doctors without Borders who offer medical care in places of conflict. You can donate at: <https://msf.org.uk/>

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

Summer Fayre – July 5th at St Cuthbert's

Churches Together North Shields. Members of local Churches will be joining us at the 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday 2nd August

70th Anniversary of St Joseph's Church 30th August
Starting at 12 noon. Mass said by Bishop Stephen

Pilgrimage to Holy Island – 13th September

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