

**Mass Readings**  
**The Baptism of the Lord – A**

**First reading**

Thus says the Lord:  
Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
'I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response:** *The LORD will bless his people with peace.*

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness.
2. The voice of the LORD upon the waters,  
the LORD on the immensity of waters;  
The voice of the LORD full of power;  
The voice of the LORD full of splendour.
3. The God of glory thunders;  
in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'  
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits as king for ever.

**Second reading**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:  
'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia.

**Gospel**

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

**Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

**Psalm 29(28)**

**Acts 10:34-38**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

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**Parish Schools**

**St Thomas More High School:** <https://stmacademy.org.uk/>  
**St Cuthbert's Primary School:** <https://www.stcuthbertsrcprimary.co.uk/>  
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**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord – A**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord – A</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> Sarah Harrison		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>			<b>10:00am: Mass:</b> Safe Arrival of Baby Girl (J&S)
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am: Mass:</b>		
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass:</b>	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>7.00pm: Mass:</b>		
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>		<b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b>	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish

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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; The upholding of International Law and those who seek to defend it.

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Jean Slater, Irene Keenaghan, Mary Quinn, Patricia Thompson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik, Peter Chester, Rebecca Cummings, Dorothy Falla, Bridget Geddes, Sr Zita Stephen Davies.

Please pray for Thomas Smith, Sheila Wheatcroft, Mary Stott, Sarah Harrison, Joyce Rogers and for all those who have died recently.

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

I guess when you are reading this, the decorations have been put away and normality has been resumed. However, we are still in the Christmas. The readings for this and next Sunday continue to explore the theme of Epiphany, that God is being revealed, being manifested in Christ. In baptism, there are key two moments. The pouring on of water and then the anointing with oil. The anointing echoes what we hear in the Gospel today of the Spirit of God resting on Jesus like a dove, with a voice from heaven 'This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased'. The true significance of Christ as 'my beloved son'. It is clearly a significant experience for Jesus. All the synoptics have Jesus going to the wilderness as he discerns his call and refutes temptations before he starts his ministry.

We have been anointed, we share in the same spirit that rested on Christ. That same spirit rests with us as well. We are sons and daughters of God. We are empowered. Perhaps, this time after Christmas can be our own wilderness to reflect on what is calling from us at this time. What are we called to be and do with the Spirit God has given us.

## Talk on Preventing Cyber Crime

When we did listening in the parish in the summer one of the concerns expressed was increasing Cyber Crime. I was informed that Police Officer Dave Tennant gives talks to local groups to raise awareness about cyber-crime. He will be coming to St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January for 7pm. The talk is about an hour long. Please let family and friends know about this.

## Tyne & Wear Citizens

The AGM and next issues workshop for Tyne and Wear Citizens will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. The parish has been given the honour of hosting this. The meeting will be at St Cuthbert's from 6-8pm. All are welcome. It will be a great opportunity for parishioners to discover more about Community Organising and for you to express any concerns you have.

## Parish Council

There is a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

## Liturgy and Formation Group

The next meeting will be Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at St Joseph's at 7pm. All are welcome.

## The Pastoral Care and Funeral Ministry Group

The next meeting will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at St Joseph's at 7pm. All are welcome.

## Christian Meditation Group

This will resume at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

## Fatima Visitation

Have you got family or friends now residing in Saint Catherine's Care Home? You are welcome to join in with the Fatima Visitation to Saint Catherine's, meeting at the entrance at 13.30 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

## Mass for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Stephen has kindly agreed to preside at our annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 12:00pm. Pope Leo in his June 2025 celebration of families said, 'Marriage is not an ideal but the measure of true love between a man and a woman.' As we note in society internationally, moves to counter this principle and discount the Sacrament of Marriage are clearly evident in our secular world.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

31st July – 7th August 2026

Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage, bookings are now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to

Lourdes. We travel on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and return on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

2026 is the 100th anniversary since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage took place led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. If you would like to book, or for further information, please contact Tangney Tours, our Tour Operator by going to their website:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/>  
or by calling 01732 886 666.

## Northern Catholic Calendars

The 2026 Northern Catholic Calendar is now available. The cost is £4.

## Trinity Charity Shop

The Trinity Shop is a useful source of income for the parish. I am very grateful to parishioners who help out on a Thursday. More volunteers would be appreciated. Please contact Fr Chris if you would like to volunteer.

## Diocesan Vacancy

Education Business Manager – Salary Scale from £35,000 to £37,323. Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne. Importantly you will be working in or have experience of education, ideally in a primary or secondary school setting. Similarly, knowledge and experience with Education Trusts will be distinctively advantageous. Moreover, you will need to show us how you have undertaken, reported upon and delivered professional evaluation processes, presenting findings for example to a committee, board or agency.

You will lead on event planning, delivering no less than three annual conferences within the region liaising with our Communications Manager.

You will have the ability to handle sensitive information with discretion and confidentiality and have both excellent verbal and written communication skills.

If you are interested in being at the forefront of developing this role please get in touch with us to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources at: [annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk)

The closing date for applications is 12 noon Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026 although we reserve the right to close the post early. Shortlisting will be undertaken 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026, with interviews scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

## Tynemouth priory partnership meeting — the future of the Church and the role of the laity

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026, following Mass at 9.30am, the Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea will host a meeting at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, to be led by Amy Cameron, the Director of Formation at the Diocese.

The meeting, which will discuss the future of the Church is particularly relevant in the light of Bishop Stephen's Advent pastoral letter. It is open to all parishioners in the Partnership and will finish at 1.00pm.

## St Joseph's Home

Will happily accept postage stamps (any country or period), foreign currency (any country or period & either notes or coins), broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver jewellery & military medals.

## 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

Food Justice: Donate regularly to Food collection points in our local supermarkets or food banks.

## 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

## 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