

Mass Readings for 2nd Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The call of Abram, the father of the People of God.

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 33(32)

Response: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

- The word of the LORD is upright, and all his works to be trusted. The LORD loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth.
- Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.
- Our soul is waiting for the LORD. He is our help and our shield. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8B-10

God calls and enlightens us.

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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

Matthew 17:1-9

'His face shone like the sun.'

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

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28th February/1st March 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Lent – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Cuthbert's | St Joseph's | Our Lady & St Oswin's |
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| Saturday 28th February | | 5:30pm: Vigil Mass: | 9:30am Stations of the Cross 10:00am Mass: |
| Sunday 1st March 2nd Sunday of Lent – A | 11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish | | 9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Monday 2nd March | | | |
| Tuesday 3rd March | | | 10:00am: Mass: People of the Parish |
| Wednesday 4th March | 9.30am: Mass: Audrey Watson | | |
| Thursday 5th March | | 9.30am: Mass: The Watson Families | |
| Friday 6th March | 7.00pm: Mass: | | |
| Saturday 7th March | 9:30am Stations of the Cross 10:00am Mass: | 5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish | |
| Sunday 8th March 3rd Sunday of Lent – A | 11.00am: Mass: Neil and Bill Henderson | | 9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish |

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Prayer Intentions for Lent: Peace on Earth; Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; 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 & Fr Leo Pyle.

Please pray for Susan Swaddle, Mary Kelly and all those who have died recently.

Second Sunday of Lent

For every second Sunday of Lent we have a version of the story of the transfiguration. The true significance of Christ is being revealed to three of the apostles. From the story, Jesus being transfigured in to haze of white light, says something of his sharing in the glory of God. The appearance of Moses and Elijah, personification of the Jewish tradition of the law and the prophets, sees Jesus as following and fulfilling these two major aspects of their tradition. We are also told that Jesus informed them that he would rise from the dead though they do not understand the meaning of this. We also have a cloud hovering over them, an echo of the Exodus story of God present to the people as they made their journey across the Red Sea, from slavery to freedom. There is a lot going on in the passage with much symbolism and significance in the story but perhaps the important part of it is the revelation or epiphany similar to the baptism story where a voice proclaims: This is my beloved son, listen to him.

So, this rich story expressed the belief in the true significance of Jesus being revealed; he is the fulfilment of the Jewish tradition and is the unique and beloved son of the Father. We are being asked through the different aspects of this story we are encountering the true mystery of Christ. This is a mystery we cannot fully understand, but what the story makes clear is that we are called to listen to him. May we all listen to Christ this lent. A listening that is attentive and aware of his stare of love and a listening that invites a response of seeking to be configured into his likeness and image.

Pastoral Strategy:

In Bishop Stephen's Pastoral Letter read at all last weekend's Masses, we heard about God's calling for our Diocese. The hopes and challenges we all face in the coming years. All parishes are asked to reflect and discern on their mission as we continue our journey to live as a flourishing Diocese alive in the Holy Spirit.

More information is available via www.diocesehn.org.uk including details for an online session taking place on Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm. All are welcome to attend this webinar. The link is: <https://diocesehn-org-uk.zoom.us/j/9167733173>

There will be a meeting of Parish Council and parish reps on Saturday March 7 from 10.30 to 12.30 to explore the discernment toolkit. Other parishioners are also welcome to join us.

Parish Council

Nominations are open for the parish council. Each person nominated needs a proposer and seconder. Nominations close on Sunday 15th March.

Lenten Services at St Oswin's, St Cuthbert's & St Joseph's

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place each Saturday morning during Lent. These will start at 9.30am, forming part of the Penitential part of the Eucharist, with the remainder of the Mass starting at c.10am.

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| St Oswin | 28 th February |
| St Cuthbert | 7 th and 14 th March |
| St Joseph | 21 st March |

Walk from St Cuthbert to St Joseph carrying a Cross 28th March, starting at 9.30, with Mass starting c.10:15.

Lectio Divina

On each Wednesdays of Lent, starting February 25th, at St Cuthbert's at 7pm, there will be a Lectio Divina and Spiritual Conversation focusing on the Gospel of the following Sunday. All are welcome.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – 27th February 2026

This year's Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day was on last Friday 27th February. It invites parish communities to respond through prayer, fasting and almsgiving to the needs of families facing floods and drought in places such as South Sudan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe. Through support for CAFOD's Lent Appeal, parishes and schools can help families grow food and care for their communities in the face of the devastating impacts of climate change. Further information about CAFOD's Lent Appeal, Big Lent Walk and parish collection resources are available at cafod.org.uk/parish.

There will be Soup Lunch after the 11am Mass at St Cuthbert's Church at c12 noon on Sunday 1st March to raise funds for CAFOD.

Tyne and Wear Citizens

Tyne & Wear Citizens – Delegates Assembly 2026

Start: Thursday, March 26, 2026 6:00 PM

End: Thursday, March 26, 2026 8:00 PM

King's Hall, Armstrong Building

Newcastle University, King's Walk

Our parish will have a vote, so any of the parish can contribute as to what campaigns the alliance focuses on in the coming year. To sign up please go to:

https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly-2026?source=direct_link&

St Patrick's Night

The Parish Social Committee are hosting an Irish Night in honour of St Patrick's Feast Day. This will be on Saturday 14th March at 7pm. There will be Ceilidh. Tickets are £5.

Volunteers for the Trinity Charity Shop

The Trinity Charity Shop needs more volunteers on a Thursday afternoon. Please let me know if you are free to help. The shop provides important income for the parish.

HCPT Cake Stall

Erin Leane is running a Cake Sale for HCPT Group 36 to help raise funds for the group's pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter. The cake sale will take place on Sunday 15th March (Mother's Day) after the 11am Mass at St Cuthbert's. There will be a selection of homemade cakes and treats, which would make a lovely Mother's Day treat.

World Day of Prayer 2026 Services

"I will give you rest, come". We join in this ecumenical movement on Friday 6th March. We have two services. Afternoon 2.00pm, at Christ Church, Preston Road, North Shields, NE29 0LW. 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 Vacancy

Role: Parish Finance Officer

Salary Scale: £43,000 to £45,000; Location: St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Applicant Pack: from Annie Leaver, Head of HR: annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk

Closing Date: Wednesday 4th March 2026 (we reserve the right to close the post early). Shortlisting: Wednesday 11th March 2026. Interviews scheduled: Tuesday 17th March.

The full advert at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies/>

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

Develop Ecological Spirituality – Spiritual Reflection: Develop an ecological spirituality that acknowledges our role as stewards of creation, not just exploiters. How can you be a steward of creation during this time of Lent.

Newman Tyneside Circle

invites you to come and hear Michael Porteous speak about, and show, Icons in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 10 March 2026, at 2.30pm.

Michael Porteous, as well as being Chair of our Newman Association Tyneside Circle, is an iconographer who has painted – or as is traditionally said, written – many icons. The talk will include an exhibition of icons both antique and by the speaker.

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 No. 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