

## Mass Readings for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – A

### First reading

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

***‘They laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.’***

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66(65)

**Response:** *Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.*

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| <p>1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;<br/>O sing to the glory of his name.<br/>O render him glorious praise.<br/>Say to God, ‘How wondrous your deeds!’</p> <p>3. He turned the sea into dry land;<br/>they passed through the river on foot.<br/>Let our joy, then, be in him;<br/>he rules for ever by his might.</p> | <p>2. ‘Before you all the earth shall bow down,<br/>shall sing to you, sing to your name!’<br/>Come and see the works of God:<br/>his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam.</p> <p>4. Come and hear, all who fear God;<br/>I will tell what he did for my soul.<br/>Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,<br/>nor withhold from me his merciful love.</p> |
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### Second reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

***‘Being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.’***

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

### 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


John 14:15-21

***‘I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.’***

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

‘I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.’

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

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## 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter – A

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b> In memory of Kazys	
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May Sixth Sunday of Easter – A</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Isabella Mason (MC)	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>			<b>10:00am: Mass:</b>
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am: Mass:</b> Malcolm & Sheila Boyle		<b>7.00pm: Vigil Mass for Ascension Priest’s Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>7.00pm Mass:</b>	<b>9.30am: Mass:</b>	
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>7.00pm: Mass:</b> Jimmy Walsh		
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> Maria Mason		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>

### The Parish of St Cuthbert’s and St Joseph’s, 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; 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 Robert McKinnley, Rachael Hall, Steve Rogan, George Colhquon, and all those who have died recently.

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Again, as in last week we are in preparation for Ascension and Pentecost. Indeed, I tend to see this time as resembling Advent and Lent, since it is a time of preparation, preparing for Pentecost. In the gospel Jesus calls the spirit the paraclete, which literally means 'the one who will cry out to the one who cries out'. We have the paradox of absence yet presence. Jesus is moving on but he says 'I will not leave you orphans'. The Spirit is God's presence with them. Evidence of the Spirit present Christ says is the disciples' ability to love others as Christ has loved us. May we come to a deeper understanding and knowledge of this love, so it can be manifested to others, revealing to the world that the presence of Christ is still dwelling in our world.

### Warm Welcome

I would like to offer a welcome at the Vigil Mass at St Joseph's to Fr Gavino Jr Aying CSSp and members of the Filipino Community. It is hoped that Fr Gavino will

concelebrate on the second Saturday of the month and that some of the community will assist our parish with the music ministry. It is lovely to have you join us.

### Baptism

This Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we have at St Joseph's the baptism of Aline, Leonardo, and Rosana Lopes-Martines. We pray for them and their family as they are united in Christ.

### Feast of the Ascension

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Masses will be at the following times:  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm at St Oswin's  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am St Joseph's  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm St Cuthbert's

### Diocesan Pastoral Plan Message from Bishop Stephen

Thank you to all parishes who have completed and returned their reflections as part of our diocesan pastoral strategy. I, together with others, look forward to reading and praying through your discernments in the Spirit. It is not too late for returns to be made if you are yet to submit. We next move to a second phase as we invite local parishes to discern together in their partnerships, or with others in their neighbouring area. Information and updates will be shared on our website. Please keep this discernment in your prayers as we seek to respond to the Lord's call to worship Him and serve our communities in a flourishing and sustainable manner. I have asked Felicity Penny and Conrad Masiwa to represent the parish at partnership meetings. One of parishioners, Ian Pearson, will also be present at these partnership meetings to discuss the partnership submission in his role as Chair of the Partnership Development Group.

### Pentecost Sunday

As in the last two years, there will be a shared lunch after the 11am Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. We hope the shared table will reflect the rich international diversity of the community as it has in previous years. All are welcome to contribute.

### CAFOD Sponsored Walk for Sudanese Appeal

The Proclaimers group are proposing to organise a sponsored walk from St Cuthbert's to St Mary's Island as a fund raiser for the CAFOD Sudan Appeal. We propose to do this on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July after the 11am Mass. We hope to have a brief prayer service and picnic once we arrive at St Mary's. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church if you would like to take part.

### Red Box 2025: Thank You!

In 2025 St. Cuthbert's raised £694.46 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill

Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here at St. Cuthbert's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this year's Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more.

### Trained First Aiders

There is a need to have a register of first aiders who have a current training certificate. Please let Fr Chris know if you are a trained first aider.

### Lecture at Holy Name, Jesmond

'From Francis to Leo: the Catholic Church in a Change of Era' – When Pope Francis died a year ago, the Cardinals elected a Pope who would continue and deepen his reform, which they said was key to evangelizing today's world. This is what Francis and now Leo call "the change of era" – a new apostolic age. In his lecture at the Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3JX on Saturday 16 May at 11am, Pope Francis biographer and noted Catholic journalist and commentator, Dr Austen Ivereigh explains the nature of the Francis-Leo transition, how the Church is being called to change its way of operating, and why it matters for the future of faith in these islands. All are welcome, there is no charge and no booking is necessary.

### Stella Maris

The Apostleship to the Sea, Stella Maris, welcomes all to its Holy Island pilgrimage this year on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Prayers on the green begin at 12:00 with mass at 15:00. For more information please contact Steve Willows – 07793488971.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Led by Bishop Stephen, from 22<sup>nd</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup> October 2027 – £1725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place. The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website ([www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)) or alternatively via the parish office.

### St Mary's Cathedral — Closure

St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, will be closed for internal renovation work from 13<sup>th</sup> April until 29<sup>th</sup> May. The Pauline Bookshop and Café will be open as usual. Cathedral Masses will be celebrated as follows:

- Sunday, 9.30am and 11.30am at St Michael's Church, Westmoreland Road.
- Sunday, 6.30pm at St Dominic's Church, Red Barnes. Monday to Friday, 12.05pm and Saturday, 10.00am at St Andrew's Church, Worswick Street.

### SVP Camp – Holy Island

Calling all young adults 18+. Do you have a week to spare to spend on Lindisfarne this Summer helping out at the Holy Island SVP Camp? Volunteers are needed to work alongside the children who stay in the SVP purpose-built centre on the island. Weeks, 3, 5 and 6 of the Summer have 60 children ready to have a great time rock pooling, walking, arts and crafting and enjoying outdoor activities but we need more helpers to ensure they have the best time!

- Week 3 Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August
- Week 5 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August
- Week 6 Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August

If you are interested have a look at the website <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws [barbarat@svp.org.uk](mailto:barbarat@svp.org.uk). All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

### 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

Tip: Find out who won your local ward at the local election and contact them to see what they will do to support the environment as your local councillor.

### 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