

## Mass Readings for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – A

### First reading

**‘All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.’**

**Acts 1:12-14**

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** *I believe I shall see the LORD’s goodness in the land of the living.*

**Psalm 27(26)**

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| <p>1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;<br/>whom shall I fear?<br/>The LORD is the stronghold of my life;<br/>whom should I dread?</p> <p>3. O LORD, hear my voice when I call;<br/>have mercy and answer me.<br/>Of you my heart has spoken,<br/>‘Seek his face.’</p> | <p>2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,<br/>only this do I seek:<br/>to live in the house of the LORD<br/>all the days of my life,<br/>to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,<br/>to enquire at his temple.</p> |
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### Second reading

**‘If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.’**

**1 Peter 4:13-16**

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.

I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

### Gospel

**‘Father, glorify your Son.’**

**John 17:1-11a**

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

‘I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.’

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

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## 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter – A

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
<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</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – A</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> Maria Mason		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>			<b>10:00am: Requiem Mass</b> Robert McKinney
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am: Mass:</b> Norah Holoman		
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass:</b> Neville Ferguson	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>7.00pm: Mass:</b> Pat Murray		
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		<b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b> Denis Jones	
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish		<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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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.

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

We are now in this precious time between Ascension and Pentecost. The reason I see this as a precious time is that this time enables us to reflect on our need of the Holy Spirit and to explore the nature and purpose of the Spirit for each one of us. The work of the Spirit is to continue to the work of Christ. The work of Christ was that people would know the love of the Father and know the love of Christ. This is heart of the Gospel passage for this Sunday.

Our journey of discipleship is to enable us to continue that knowing of God. We pray in these days before Pentecost for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on each one of us so our knowledge, understanding and response to this loving God will deepen and flourish.

### Warm Welcome

Thanks again to Fr Jim O'Keefe for supplying at St Cuthbert's today while I have Deanery responsibilities in Newcastle.

### First Holy Communion Liturgy

This weekend we have the last of the Liturgies for our First Holy Communion Candidates. The theme is 'In Memory of Me'. There will be a session for parent on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We pray for our candidates.

### Parish Council

The parish council will be meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. The main agenda item will be the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

### Pastoral Carers

The Pastoral Care group will meet on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at St Joseph's.

### Proclaimers

The parish outreach group, the Proclaimers, will meet at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All are welcome.

### Diocesan Pastoral Plan

The next stage for the parish for the diocesan plan is that there will be a meeting of representatives from all the parishes in the partnership to discuss the four parish returns and to explore the next steps forward. I have asked Conrad Masiwa, Felicity Penny, Allan Baden Hope and Tim O'Grady to represent the parish on this 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.

### Parish Summer Fayre 27th June 2026

Our Summer Fayre, this year, is on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Donations for any of the stalls would be very welcome. They are, Toys, Gifts, Plants, Cakes, Bottles, Tombola, Crafts, Books and Raffle Prizes. Thank you very much – the Social Group – for your kind support of Parish events.

### Fundraiser at St Cuthbert's

On Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> there will be an informal music afternoon, Harmony for Hope, to raise funds for the charity Props NE, which supports families impacted by substance abuse. Venue: St Cuthbert's Church Hall; Time: 2.30–4.30pm; Tickets: £6, concessions £4. Please see me (violinist in the St Cuthbert's music group) for further information or tickets.  
Best wishes, Anne Greaves

### 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.

### Day for Life – Sunday 21 June 2026

Bishops are invited to publicise and ask parishes to join in the Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life. The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). It will be available on the Bishops' Conference website, as well as at <https://prayforlife.ie/>. A joint message from the lead Bishops for Life of the three Conferences is attached.

### 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.

### Pride of Place

This is a government scheme to help re-develop local infrastructure and neighbourhood. Around 20 million pounds, 2 million pounds a year, for 10 years, will be invested in such places. One such area is part of the parish covering areas of Chirton, Meadow Well, the Royal Quays and the Percy Main estates. There are hard copies of surveys local people can complete to express their wish on how these funds can be used in the following years. If you reside or have access to these parts of the parish you are welcome to complete the survey

### Laudato Si'

To celebrate Laudato Si' Week, Mass for the Care of Creation is to be celebrated at 10am on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at St Augustine's Church, 30 Coniscliffe Road, Darlington DL3 7RG. The Diocesan Environmental Group wishes to extend an invitation to everyone in the Diocese to attend and to bring family and friends – everyone is welcome!

### 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.

### 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 more about the campaign for a televised national emergency briefing on climate and nature as we had during the Covid crisis. To watch the introduction go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpLxLp4j07Y>

### 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