

## Mass Readings for the Pentecost Sunday – A

### First reading

Acts 2:1-11

**‘They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.’**

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.’

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104 (103)

**Response:** Send forth your spirit, O LORD, and renew the face of the earth.

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| <p>1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!<br/>O LORD my God, how great you are!<br/>How many are your works, O LORD<br/>The earth is full of your creatures.</p>           | <p>2. You take away their breath, they die,<br/>returning to the dust from which they came.<br/>You send forth your spirit, and they are created,<br/>and you renew the face of the earth.</p> |
| <p>3. May the glory of the LORD last for ever!,<br/>May the LORD rejoice in his works!<br/>May my thoughts be pleasing to him.<br/>I will rejoice in the LORD</p> |  |

### Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

**‘In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.’**

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

### Gospel

John 20:19-23

**‘As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.’**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Pentecost Sunday – A

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Denis Jones	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost – A	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May			
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May			10:00am: Mass: Tony Stevens (TS)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am: Mass:		
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	12.45pm: Requiem Mass for Robert Murphy	9.30am: Mass:	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm: Mass: Jean Robson		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> May The Most Holy Trinity	11.00am: Mass:		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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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.

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 Colhoun, and all those who have died recently.

### Pentecost Sunday

A very happy and spirit filled Pentecost to you all. According to the scriptures there would seem to be two important impacts it made on the Church. First of all, it transformed an early church that was fearful, lacking in confidence, overwhelmed by the forces against them, that became the most important movement that has impacted on culture, history, ethics and religion over the last two thousand years. Those early followers were radically transformed that enabled them to be so confident and courageous in preaching the Gospel of Christ. So different from those cowards that run away when Jesus was arrested. The other impact of the Spirit was that sought unity among diversity in terms of people, race, language, backgrounds and personalities.

I find images so important in trying to appreciate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The most significant images are wind, water, fire, soothing oil. Are there other images that speak to you? What image of the Spirit is important for you at this present time? I note that all these images are not static, they are constantly moving, they are dynamic.

You are all welcome to the shared international lunch after the 11am Mass at St Cuthbert's.

### Baptisms

At the 11am Mass we have the baptism of Ada-Mae Esther Hunter & Florence Margaret Hunter.

After Mass we have the baptism of Remy George Rowan. Please pray for these children as they united into Christ this day.

### Requiem Mass

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 12.45pm at St Cuthbert's, there will be the Requiem Mass for Robert Murphy. May he rest in peace.

### 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 Badenhop and Tim O'Grady to represent the parish on this group.

### 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.

### Note of thanks

"Teresa and Kathleen Casson would like to thank Fr Chris and members of the parish for their prayers and support during the recent loss of George (Teresa's partner). We feel very blessed."

### 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.

### New Encyclical from Pope Leo

On Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> May, the Feast of St Bede, Pope Leo will be releasing his first full papal encyclical. It is called Magnifica Humanitas. It is about preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence. It will be

available on the Vatican Website from Monday. I am sure it is not a coincidence, that the document is being released on the Feast day of 'local lad' St Bede of Jarrow and Monkwearmouth, whose great intelligence sought to integrate science, arts and faith to the glory of God and the service of humanity; a theme I am sure Pope Leo will reflect on.

### Music Matters – A Day of Reflection for Musicians

The Diocesan Church Music Association (DCMA) invite all parish musicians to a day of reflection on the role of the liturgy and music in the Mass at the beautiful setting of Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 7DW on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup>. The day will be an opportunity to reflect the liturgy and the role of music in the Mass, and to meet fellow musicians from across the Diocese. It will be led by Fr Adrian Dixon (Diocesan Liturgy team), Philip Robinson (Diocesan Choir) and Alison McLean (DCMA). There is a £7.50 charge for the day, to book a place please email [dcma@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:dcma@diocesehn.org.uk)

### 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.

### 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.

### Lecture by Austin Ivereigh

The lecture From Francis to Leo: The Catholic Church in a Change was given by Austen Ivereigh, Catholic journalist, commentator and biographer of Pope Francis, at Holy Name Jesmond on May 16<sup>th</sup>. It can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/R48ce9vHr9w?si=Nb88o3nNfrX37TKZ> Dr 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.

### 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.

### 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: Read the new encyclical by Pope Leo on Artificial Intelligence to be released on May 25<sup>th</sup> Magnifica Humanitas.

### 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