

Mass Readings

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

Psalm 45(44)

1. The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
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2. Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
3. So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.
4. They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thicket
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of
he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.'

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15 th /16 th August 2026 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 15th August		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Alma Fox	
Sunday 16th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 17th August			
Tuesday 18th August			10:00am: Mass: Word and Communion
Wednesday 19th August	9.30am: Maria Mason		
Thursday 20th August		9.30am: Alfred and Lillian Laws	
Friday 21st August	7.00pm: Mass: Word and Communion		
Saturday 22nd August Our Lady, Mother and Queen		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 23rd August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Mikolas, Rita, Juozas & Helene		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Summer: A Deeper Understanding between Christian and Jews; those who suffer Persecution; the Oppressed and those denied human rights; Europe; the Dignity of all Human Life; Seafarers.

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, James Llewellyn, Sr Zita and Stephen Davies.

Please pray for Billy Burwood, Ann Donnelly, Winnie White, Irene Clarke, Fr Leo Pyle, Michelle Collings, Olive Dargaval and all those who have died recently.

Feast of the Assumption

The challenge of this Feast Day where we acknowledge a unique privilege to Mary as Mother of the Son of God, assumed into heaven is whether it have any relevance to us and our world today.

There is the theme of Hope, we are called to follow Mary. As she shared in the fullness of Divine life so are we. This hope is shared with all of creation. There is an intimate relationship between Creator and Creation. God longs for all of creation broken as it is to be renewed and transformed not only restored to its original beauty before the fall but now sharing in the splendour of Redemption. Mary is a first fruit of this redeemed splendour. We are told that God wishes to create 'new heaven and a new earth', Mary already shares in this new creation, we are also called to the same goal and destination. May we be attentive to all of creation, that we can shimmer a glimmer of its creative source and can treat all creation, including humanity, with the respect owed to it as continually being

configured to the design of its Creator-Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our ultimate and eternal destination, already prefigured in Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Baptism

This Sunday at 1pm at St Joseph's we have the baptism of Bonnie Brown. We pray for Bonnie and her parents as she united in Christ and joins our parish community.

Partnership Appointment

We pray for Mgr Faley as he prepares for retirement.

We give thanks for his presence and support to the partnership over the last 13 years. We pray he is happy and peaceful in his well deserved retirement.

We also pray for Fr Binoy Mandapathil as he prepares to take his appointment as PP for Our Lady Star of the Sea.

New Health and Safety Officer for St Cuthbert's

The new health and safety officer for St Cuthbert's is Tony Pinkerton. Health and Safety is his 'bread and butter' since he trains and advises on health and safety issues relating to the off-shore industry. I am very grateful to him for taking on this role. I would like to also express my sincere thanks and respect to Charlie Tynan for his service to the parish in this role for the last five years. His generosity and commitment with and to the role has been much appreciated.

Tyne and Wear Citizens

There was a very fruitful meeting on Tuesday at St Cuthbert's of the North Shields Hub. 14 people were present. There was clearly an appetite to reach out to communal spaces to discover people concerns and to explore ways we can develop community cohesion in the town. We agree on the following:

We would map as a group the communal meeting places in North Shields, formal and informal. A member of the group will create a google doc for these places to be collated. Aim is build up relationships in these spaces as the first step in reaching out.

We would try to have 1-2-1s among this group and beyond. I encourage parishioners to reach out to fellow parishioners they see in church but do not know that well to meet up to get to know each other, hopefully discovering shared concerns and building up relationships with each other.

Encourage people to take part in the training that will take place 9.30-4pm on September 18th and 25th in North Tyneside. Venue to be confirmed but St Cuthbert's is a possibility. Training is free. You can sign up at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/introduction-to-community-organising-training-north-tyneside-september-2026/>

Next meeting is Wednesday 2nd September at St Cuthbert's at 7pm.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal for Venezuela & Sponsored Walk for Sudanese Appeal

A big thank-you to all who contributed in anyway to our sponsored walk to St Mary's Lighthouse. Thanks to all who have sponsored and to all who took part in the walk. If you would like to make a donation please leave it in an envelope marked 'CAFOS Sudanese appeal'. The CAFOD emergency appeal for Venezuela is still open as well. The latest figure raised for the Sudanese appeal is £1177. Well done to all who contributed,

Songs of Praise Christmas Celebration

If you would like to be part of an audience for a special Christmas Songs of Praise at the Glass House (the Sage, Gateshead) on October 6th, you can obtain free tickets at: https://lostintv.com/tv-show?tid=1453&utm_source=outreach&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newcastle_sop_2026

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Stephen, from 22nd till 29th 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) or alternatively via the parish office.

Therapist Placement

I have been approached by Amanda Normand, who subject to DBS and diocesan approval, is wanting to do a placement in the parish as a trainee therapist, with Therapy North. She can offer support on low level anxiety and depression, bereavement and loss and relationship counselling for couples. If you are interested, please email Amanda at: amandanormand55@gmail.com.

The initial meeting will explore if there is enough compatibility between needs of the client and what Amanda can offer. If not she will sign post them to appropriate sources of support.

The sessions are free though if it is possible a small donation to cover supervision fees would be appreciated.

Churches Together

During August, some of the non-Catholic Churches in North Shields do not have their own services but have joint services. The last one of them will take place this Sunday at the Christ Church at 6pm.

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

Live Simply Tip:

Magnifica Humanitas contrasts the "culture of power" and the "civilisation of love."

In the "culture of power" we see increased division and polarisation, a normalisation of war and the prospect of AI making rapid decisions about life and death detached from ethical considerations or moral responsibility. (MH – CAFOD)

In this context, while acknowledging the right to self-defence, Pope Leo argues that the "just war" theory, "which has all too often been used to justify any kind of war, is now outdated", writing that today "humanity possesses far more effective and capable tools for promoting human life and resolving conflicts, such as dialogue, diplomacy and forgiveness". #192

The "civilisation of love" offers a different path; building peace through justice, dialogue and recognising the dignity of each person. Each of us can play our part. (MH – CAFOD)

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