

MASS READINGS

PENTECOSTSUNDAY - B FIRST READING

They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Apostles 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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

Psalm 103

SECOND READING

The fruit of the Spirit.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-25

Alleluia

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

GOSPEL

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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We are three Roman Catholic Parishes in the eastern half of the borough of North Tyneside, within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Our website gives an overview of our three parishes and seven churches, as well as mass times, and details of parish ministries and groups.

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18th/19th May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 18 th May		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th May Pentecost Sunday - B	11:00am: Mass: Rita Gurskyte, Helen Mikolas, Jozaz Latimous Live stream	
Monday 20 th May		
Tuesday 21 st May		9.30am: Word & Communion
Wednesday 22 nd May	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Thursday 23 rd May		9:30am: Word & Communion
Friday 24 th May	12 Noon: Requiem Mass for Rose Murray 6.15 Exposition 7.00pm Mass	
Saturday 25 th May		5:30pm: Mass: Bernard O'Kane
Sunday 26 th May The Most Holy Trinity - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

What'sApp group: text your name & number to 07752009361 to be added to **StCuthStJosNshields Group**

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Prayer Intentions for Easter -New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media, Human Work; the Church. We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Jean Slater, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Stan Llewellyn and Antoni Kulik. Please pray for Bernard O'Kane, Nora Horsborough, Rose Murray and all those who have died recently.

Pentecost Sunday

Today is one of the great Feast Days of the Church's Year. The descent of the Holy Spirit on the early Church. Today is seen as the Birthday of the Church. It's founding members were weak and flawed in so many ways. During his life on earth, they consistently failed to understand Jesus's teaching and even when they did their ability to imitate his life and actions was very limited! But something happened that brought a profound change. The starting point was their encounter with a crucified and risen Lord who still believed in them and trusted them despite their inadequacies. This growth clearly continued through the power of the Spirit. The symbols from our first reading of wind and fire speak of power and energy that brings about the transformation. The greatest testament to the power of the Spirit, is that somehow through all the tribulations of 2000 years of history, the Church still carries on. Yes, it may seem a stumbling carrying on as opposed to a sprint but as we gather this week-end as the community of disciples we, continue to contribute to the life of the Church that had its inception on the first Pentecost.

The Czech Priest and Theologian Tomas Halik calls today's celebration the Sacrament of Understanding, acknowledging that people from across the known world were able to understand the apostles. The story seeks to reverse with the story in the book of Genesis of the Tower of Babel where people in seeking to be like God, ended up dis-united and confused with no group able to understand the other. In a world and society that seems to become increasingly divided, entrenched with beliefs and attitudes and identities, that can be so hostile to those who have different perspective we pray for a spirit of true understanding that is open to dialogue and discovering a shared humanity, that seeks true unity, peace and human flourishing.

Requiem Mass

On Friday 24th May at 12 Noon, at St Cuthbert's there will be the Requiem Mass for Rose Murray. May she rest in peace.

Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on Christian prayer, we now consider the prayer of praise. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus himself, in facing hostility and rejection, responds by praising God. He thanks the Father for who he is and for his love in revealing himself "to mere children" (Mt 11:25), to the poor and humble of our world. Jesus' example of praise calls us to respond as he did at times when we feel God is absent or evil seems victorious. In this way, we come to view things in a new and greater perspective,

for – as the Catechism teaches – through praise we share "in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing him in glory" (No. 2639). We see this clearly in the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who composed his famous Canticle of the Creatures when he was troubled by sickness and impending blindness. In praising God for everything, even "Sister Death", Francis, together with all the saints, teaches us the importance, in all the circumstances of our lives, of praising God who is always faithful and whose love is eternal.

Celebrating the Live Simply Award.

After the 11am Mass this weekend, we have a celebration to acknowledge the great multi-national dimension of our parish and we will receive the Live Simply Award. We warmly welcome representative from CAFOD and Tyne and Wear Citizens who have supported the parish in receiving this award. We celebrate the many gifts God has given our community so that we continue as the Prophet Michah calls is 'Act Justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

Diocesan Vision

This week, Bishop Stephen, as promised for Pentecost, outlines his initial vision for the Diocese. There are four main areas:

- To walk with Jesus and enable others to encounter him
- Growing as one diocesan family-rebuilding relationships
- Forming and developing people for mission
- Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home.

The full text can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Initial-Diocesan-vision-Pentecost-2024.pdf>

The Parish Council will discuss how we explore and respond to this vision statement.

Emergency CAFOD Appeal for Sudan

With the world's attention on the tragedies in Gaza and Ukraine, the impact of drought and war for the people of Sudan has been overlooked. CAFOD have asked parishes to open an emergency appeal for the crisis in Sudan. You can also donate at: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Training Day for a Bereavement Support Group

On June 1st we have a training day at St Cuthbert's from 10am-3.30pm, to explore how we can develop a ministry for supporting the recently bereaved and helping with funeral ministry in the parish. Please contact me if you are interested.

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.

This week's tip: Make time for silence in your day and in Mass.

Laudato Si Week

19th to 25th May is Laudato Si Week. As a Church we are called to reflect on Pope Francis call that we care our common. This week it will be 9 years since he issued this important and prophetic statement. There will be a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 25th May at 10am to celebrate this theme. Just to warn you may recognise the celebrant.

Parish Ministries

At St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's there is a list of various ministries that are needed such as reading, being part of the Offertory Procession, welcoming. If you already take on any of these ministries there is no need to sign up but if you would like to take on a role please sign up or contact Fr Chris

Missio Boxes (APF Red Box)

Could all red box holders please bring their box for emptying at both Churches-Thanks

St Cuthbert's School May Procession

The school will be celebrating their May Procession with a whole school collective worship at school and then go on our procession up Newcastle Street, along Albion Road towards Northumberland Square and then back to school. We will be gathering at 1.30pm and hope to be back at school after our procession around 2.30/2.45pm. All welcome

Discernment Workshops

28th May, 11th June, 25th June A series of online workshops looking at the principles and practice of Ignatian Discernment. Open to young adults (20s and 30s). In these workshops we will consider what Ignatian spirituality teaches us about clarifying our choices, ways of listening to God's Spirit in our lives and discerning the way forward. To register please email: FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com

Partnership Retreat To Ampleforth

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 22 - Wednesday 24 July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. We will be arriving for lunch on Monday and leaving after lunch on Wednesday. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be between £225 - £240 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms in The Grange are now en-suite and the new Retreat and Visitor Centre which includes a Tea Room and Shop is now open. A deposit of £75 will be needed by May 19, Pentecost Sunday, in order to confirm your booking. The balance will be due by Sunday 30 June. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 if you would like to come or for more details.

Catholic People's Week

This charity organises family retreats that are inclusive and thought provoking. Their next retreat is 4th-11th August 2024, at Thornbridge in the Peak District.. For more information go to: <https://catholicpeoplesweeks.org/>

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Parish Secretary, Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Gateshead and St Anne, Winlaton– 26 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May
HR Administrator, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – 15 hours per week. Closing date: 21 May
Cleaner, St John XXIII, Washington and St Joseph, Birtley – 12 hours per week. Closing date: 22 May
Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Rosary Group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom. Day: Thursday - Time: 7:30pm
For more information contact Ruth Corless at: ruthcorless@btinternet.com

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 number 91146513

Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass
Coffee is available after 9:30am Mass every Wednesday morning at St Cuthberts. Everyone welcome.

Dates for Diary **Summer Fayre June 29th**

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