

## MASS READINGS

### SS PETER & PAUL

#### FIRST READING

*Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod*

Acts 12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped peter on the side and woke him, "Get up!" he said "Hurry!" – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, "Put on your belt and sandals." After he had done this, the angel next said, "Wrap your cloak round you and follow me." Peter followed him, but had no idea what the angel did was all happening in reality, he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord, they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. "Now I know it is all true," he said. "The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me."

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: *The angel of the Lord rescues those who revere him.***

Psalm 33

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| <p>1. I will bless the Lord at all times,<br/>his praise always on my lips,<br/>in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.<br/>The humble shall hear and be glad.</p> <p>3. Look toward him and be radiant;<br/>let your faces not be abashed.<br/>This poor man called; the Lord heard him<br/>and rescued him from all his distress.</p> | <p>2. Glorify the Lord with me.<br/>Together let us praise his name.<br/>I sought the Lord and he answered me;<br/>from all my terrors he set me free.</p> <p>4. The angel of the Lord is encamped<br/>Around those who revere him, to rescue them.<br/>Taste and see that the Lord is good.<br/>He is happy who seeks refuge in him.</p> |
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#### SECOND READING

***All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.***

Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

As for me, my life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight in the end, I have run the race to the finish, I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL

***You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.***

Matthew 16: 13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," he said, "who do you say I am?" Then Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Christ," he said, "the Son of the living God." Jesus replied "Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

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#### Parish Schools

St Thomas More High School: <https://stmacademy.org.uk/>

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### 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – SS Peter & Paul

#### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June SS Peter & Paul	11:00am: Mass: Private Intention KJ Live stream	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July		
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		9.30am: Mass:
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	6.15pm: Exposition 7.00pm: Mass:	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

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

**WhatsApp group:** text your name & number to 07752009361 to be added to *StCuthStJosNshields* Group

**Facebook:** search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.

**Website:** [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

**Parish office:** 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time-Summer - A Deeper Understanding between Christian and Jews; those suffering Persecution, Oppression or Denial of Human Rights; The People of Europe; the Sanctity of Human Life; Seafarers. 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, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Stan Llewellyn and Antoni Kulik. Please pray for Joan Faley and all those who have died recently.

### Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

This week-end we celebrate to the most important Saint in the apostolic Church, the two key leaders of the Church in those early years after the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit. In remembering Ss Peter and Paul we recall two people who are different. One was well educated, the other not. One met Christ in person during Christ's life, the other did not. One focused on leading the Church in Jerusalem, not travelling far, the other travelled thousands of miles. One focused on the Jewish community the other on gentiles.

Despite the differences they had a lot in common. Both were brought up as Jews and were clearly limited as people with faults that had negative impacts on others. However, both through their encounters with Christ through the power of the Spirit were utterly transformed to be the primary witness to the Crucified and Risen Lord. This feast day is a source of hope. God's power, has and can work through each of us. All that is needed is an honest awareness of our fragility but hopeful in the power of God revealed in Christ through the Spirit. It was affective for Peter and Paul; it can do the same for us.

### Pope Francis on Prayer

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now consider those times when our prayers appear to go unanswered. We think, for example, of the heartfelt prayers we offer for our sick children, or for our friends who experience great pain. In our disappointment, we may feel that God is deaf to our pleas; we may even be tempted to stop praying. Jesus, our great teacher of prayer, taught us in the Our Father to ask for many things, but above all that God's will be done. A mature faith trusts in the Lord's providence, his greater plan for our lives and our world, yet we naturally feel deep disappointment when our petitions seem to go unheard. Jesus shows us by his own example that God understands our sufferings, yet does not always immediately grant our wishes. In Gethsemane, Jesus offered a prayer that seemed to go unanswered; yet his complete trust in the Father's will led to our salvation and the glory of the resurrection. Evil never has the last word. If there are times when we walk in the dark, guided only by the light of faith, may we never abandon our trust in the Father's will to make all things work together for our ultimate good.

### First Holy Communions

Congratulations to those who made their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's & St Cuthbert's over the last two Sunday. A huge thank-you to our First Holy Communion Catechist, Linda Shotton, Catherine Rowley and Doreen Hull. Your hard work is much appreciated. If any of those who have recently made their first Holy Communion would like to serve on the altar, please let Fr Chris know.

### Baptism

At St Cuthbert's this Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm, we will have the Baptism of Ostin Peter Ellis. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, Finn Joseph Berry was baptised in his grandparents parish in Tunbridge Wells. We pray for them both and their respective families as they are united with Christ and join the Church's family.

### Summer Fayre

As I am writing this on a Thursday I have no idea as to how the Summer Fayre went or how much was raised but what I do know is that a lot of people have been working very hard and helping in all sorts of ways. Your efforts and dedication to the parish is much appreciated. Hopefully at the week-end I will have a total to share with you. Unsold items will be available after the 11am Mass in the hall.

### Trinity Charity Shop

This week I received the latest share from the Charity Shop for all that has been sold in recent month. The total is £4,400. Well done. I am very grateful to those who contribute items to the shop and especially to the hard working team that work on behalf of the parish on a Thursday. Your hard graft and commitment is much appreciated

### CAFOD

Public Speaking in Church. Join our online training, learn tips and build your confidence.

CAFOD is offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. It'll be inviting, relaxed and fun! Register at: [https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking\\_at\\_mass\\_training](https://cafod.formstack.com/forms/speaking_at_mass_training) To receive the link or use the QR code below with your mobile phone camera. Date and time: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm-8pm



### 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:** For tips on how to recycle with North Tyneside Council go to the council website <https://my.northynteside.gov.uk/Rubbish> and Recycling/What goes in my bins?

### Christian Meditation Group

This will not be meeting on July 2nd but will resume in July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Proclaimers

Our outreach group for evangelism and prophetic witness will be meeting on July 3rd at St Cuthbert's on 7pm. We will review the Live Simply Celebration and the meeting with Sir Alan Campbell. We will be exploring how to have spiritual conversations for the diocesan vision and our activities for the autumn.

### Parish Council

Over the next few weeks parish councillors will introduce themselves at the end of the Mass, so that you are aware who the parish councillors are. This week Allan Badenhope will introduce himself at the St Joseph's Mass. Louisa Connelley will do likewise at St Cuthbert's.

### Training Day for Reader & the New Lectionary

The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team are running a day for readers of all levels of experience to explore the new translation of the Lectionary on Saturday 23 November at St Aloysius, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. This day will provide an opportunity to look at the background of the new Lectionary and to be ready to proclaim the Scriptures. For more information and to book, please visit: [bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents](http://bit.ly/LiturgyCoursesAndEvents) or please let Katherine in the office know you would like to take part at: [northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:northshields.stcuthbert@rcdhn.org.uk)

### Holy Island Children's Camp

Holy Island Camp has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>.

### The General Election

We pray for our nation as the General Election takes place next Thursday. The Catholic Centre for Social Thought and Practice have produced 9 accessible videos on the Catholic approach to those issues being discussed during the election. They can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@CCSTP>

*Right to Life UK* have also been in touch asking people to contact their parliamentary candidates to take the 'Both Lives Pledge'. The pledge outlines three policy changes that are designed to increase protections for babies in the womb and stop pregnancy discrimination for women.. You can visit: [righttolife.org.uk/bothlives/](http://righttolife.org.uk/bothlives/) before the General Election on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### Partnership Retreat to Ampleforth

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May, in order to confirm your booking. The balance will be due by Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 if you would like to come or for more details.

### Driving for Parishes Purposes

Our Parish Health & Safety Officers have reminded me that if you use your car for a parish purpose, e.g. Driving your car to take Holy Communion or bank the parish collection, you need to inform your car insurance company.

### Youth 2000

Youth 2000 is holding an afternoon of prayer & praise, reflection and social on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July from 2.00pm to 4pm at St Cuthbert's RC church Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form from [frnickjennings@uwclub.net](mailto:frnickjennings@uwclub.net)) Further enquiries email [irishanthony12@gmail.com](mailto:irishanthony12@gmail.com) Don't forget to book for the Youth2000 Summer festival in Ampleforth Abbey August 23-26 <https://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2024>.

### 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](mailto: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.**

### 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