

THE PARISH OF  
**St. Bede & St. Cuthbert**

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**20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)**



**RIP Terry Collier**

May he rest in peace, and may his family be consoled by the faith in which he lived and died.



**COMING TO MASS?**

You must register if you want to attend Sunday mass either by email [durhamstbede.stcuthbert@gmail.com](mailto:durhamstbede.stcuthbert@gmail.com) or by phoning 07396643588; **please give your name, phone number, postcode and house number.** Registration for a Sunday begins on the previous Monday and ends at 3pm on the Friday. No need to register for weekdays

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00	George & Agnes Pounder	St Bede's
	10.30	People of the Parish	St Cuthbert's
<b>Monday</b>	10.00	St Aloysius William Magbalon Ven	St Cuthbert's
	11.30	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More Priest's Intention	St Cuthbert's
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00	Adam McLoughlin	St Cuthbert's
<b>Thursday</b>	10.00	Birth of St John Baptist Anthony Price	St Bede's
<b>Friday</b>	10.00	Mary Bell	St Bede's
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00	James Connolly	St Bede's
<b>Sunday</b>	9.00	People of the Parish	St Bede's
	10.30	Joyce Johnson	St Cuthbert's

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:**

**Straight after 10.30 am Mass**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:**

**3.30pm today in St Cuthbert's**



## **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Wednesday 9.30am St Cuthbert's**

**Thursday 9.30am St Bede's**

## **CONFESSIONS:**

**Wednesday 9.15am St Cuthbert's**

**Saturday 9.15am St Bede's**

**or by arrangement**

## **ROSARY:**

**Saturday 9.40am St Bede's**



## **FROM FR CHRIS**

On Tuesday I will be celebrating 25 years as a priest together with three others. At 7pm Fathers Shaun O'Neill, Barrie McKenzie, Ian Hoskins and I will concelebrate mass with Bishop Robert in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – the place where we were ordained in 1996, (it seems like yesterday.) I would have loved to have invited all of you to join us but, like so many other celebrations, numbers are restricted. Apart from family and friends, I've invited those who have kept our two churches open and running during the past year. There is the usual 11.30 mass on Tuesday at St Cuthbert's for anyone who is able to join me.

I can't speak for the other priests, so what am *I* celebrating? First, I give thanks to God who called me to be his priest and to serve you, his people. Priests are not called because they are good, clever or gifted in some extraordinary way; I am keenly aware of my faults and inadequacies and wonder why God didn't call others who would have been much more effective. This is not false modesty! It's the way I (and most other priests) genuinely feel. I now see, however, that God uses our failings and weaknesses. We become aware that it's his power that works in us and speaks through us when we struggle to find the words to say. If we had to rely just on ourselves we would get nowhere, and so Jesus tells us 'Apart from me you can do nothing.'

Second, I'm celebrating the people whose lives I have touched in some way, especially those I have had the privilege of accompanying at the end of life. Giving someone the sacraments at that gateway between this world and the next gives life to them and to the priest who is there for them.

Third, the greatest moment in my life as a priest is when I break the bread of Christ's body and the Word which God speaks to us. This is, and always will be, the heart of priesthood, not just for me but for all those who are called by God and say 'yes.'

So on Tuesday I will be saying 'For all that has been, thanks! To all that will be, yes!' (Because I believe God still has work for me to do.) And I will continue to pray that those whom God calls to be priests will find the joy I have found in saying 'yes'.

**MANY PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET** – one of the many results of the pandemic. If money is a serious issue for you then you might like to try the confidential listening service on **0191 2326953**. Don't let anxiety about money overtake you. Talk to someone; help is possible. I may be able to make a small grant to anyone who is struggling – just email or a phone call. *Fr. Chris*

**Visit the Diocesan website for information on, news, prayer resources and much more**

<http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/index.php>

## Keep in Touch ...

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