



The Parish of
St CUTHBERT

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6 September 2020
Year A Week 3

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'You should learn always to have faith and hope in the Lord' St Cuthbert

On Friday the 4th of September we celebrated our whole parish feast day and in preparation I studied the account of the life of St Cuthbert by St Bede. It is well worth a read as it is full of stories of miracles, visions and healings that show what an extraordinary 'man of God' St Cuthbert was. It also reveals that St Cuthbert relied totally on God and encouraged others to have faith in Divine providence. He lived in a time of plague and encountered suffering, illness, and death and through all of this maintained the importance of trusting in God.

Last year a group from of our parish went on pilgrimage to Holy Island where St Cuthbert lived as a monk after his time at Melrose abbey and where he was bishop. A number of us walked 'along the poles' to cross the sands that flood twice a day making Lindisfarne an island. This ancient way provides

safe passage and there was something very special about walking in faith in the footsteps of our ancestors. The walk still had its challenges and we were all glad to be safely on the other side. But it was a physical reminder that we are pilgrims on this earth and that we are called to walk in faith and hope the path that others have trod before us following Christ.

So to September 2020. How important it is for us as a parish to walk together, as a pilgrim people trusting and hoping in God. We do not know what the future will bring, and we have been on a very difficult journey over the last few months but, thanks be to God, we have kept going. And thank you to everyone who has helped in any way during these challenging times. On our own we will not find a way through this. On our own we will not find the answers. On our own we will not find

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Monday Sept 7	Tuesday Sept 8	Wednesday Sept 9	Thursday Sept 10	Friday Sept 11	Saturday Sept 12	Sunday Sept 13
Weekday	The Nativity of the Virgin Mary	Weekday	St Peter Claver priest	Weekday	Weekday	24th Sunday Ordinary
No Service	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass	Vigil Mass 4.45 - 5.15 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	Masses 9.30 am St Joseph & 11.15am St Thomas of Canterbury
	10.00 am	7pm Mass	10.00 am	10.00 am	5.30 pm	
	St Thomas of Canterbury	St Joseph	St Thomas of Canterbury	St Joseph	St Thomas of Canterbury	

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the energy to keep going. But we are not on our own: Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Following the example and teaching of St Cuthbert may this be a time when we 'learn always to have faith and hope in the Lord.'

Now is a time for us to move forward together as a parish and with each challenge that we face in living out our faith and all that parish life brings we make it our prayer:

'Lord, through the example and the intercession of St Cuthbert give us the faith and hope that we need at this time so that we may walk together in Your name as your pilgrim people. Amen.'

Please remember in your prayers.....

All in your families & those of our parishioners who are sick

Remember all those who have died recently....

All those with Anniversaries at this time ...



Mass Intentions

Teresa Collins RIP

Birthday

We are planning to reintroduce the printed version of the Sunday Message with the Parish Newsletter on the inside.

If you have any news items you want including Please send them to the Newsletter email address rather than the Office email address.
Deadline Wednesday evening. Thank You.

Piety Stall

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