



CHRIST WALKS WITH ME

LENT 2024

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– Pope Francis



WE PRAY WITH OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH 2024



For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.





Week Commencing: Monday 18th March 2024

The 5th Week of Lent Year B



Resilience



Confidence

We Gather to Pray...

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'From Sacrifice to Salvation.'

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE
LINKED BHCET VIRTUE

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5th Week of Lent Year B. 'Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and dies; it yields a rich harvest.'

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:
20TH MARCH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS
WORLD WATER DAY 22ND MARCH
DURING THE HOLIDAYS: ISLAM- EID AL ADHA 4TH APRIL, 9TH APRIL EID AL FITR

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:
SoLenten Almsgiving
Stations of the cross
The Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or Penitential Services to be celebrated within Lent
PALM SUNDAY THIS COMING SUNDAY!
(Mark the Solemnity of St Joseph, SVP St Patrick's Party)

We celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph this week.
Create a Prayer for his intercession.
St Joseph is the patron of Fathers, the Church, craftspeople and families.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death.
Amen

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen





Monday 18th March 2024

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Sign of the Cross and Gather

During the final two weeks of term, we will walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross. As we pray each Station, we bring before God those who are suffering at this time.

Jesus is condemned to death

Jesus is condemned to die for a crime He didn't commit. Lord, help me to be a person of justice, speaking out for those who are wrongfully accused.

The Word - The first Station - <https://youtu.be/EBM9DhdQXCA> (Use instead of Worship if you wish)

From the Gospel of Luke

they kept shouting that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted and he handed Jesus over to be crucified. (Luke 23:22-24)

Living the Word of God

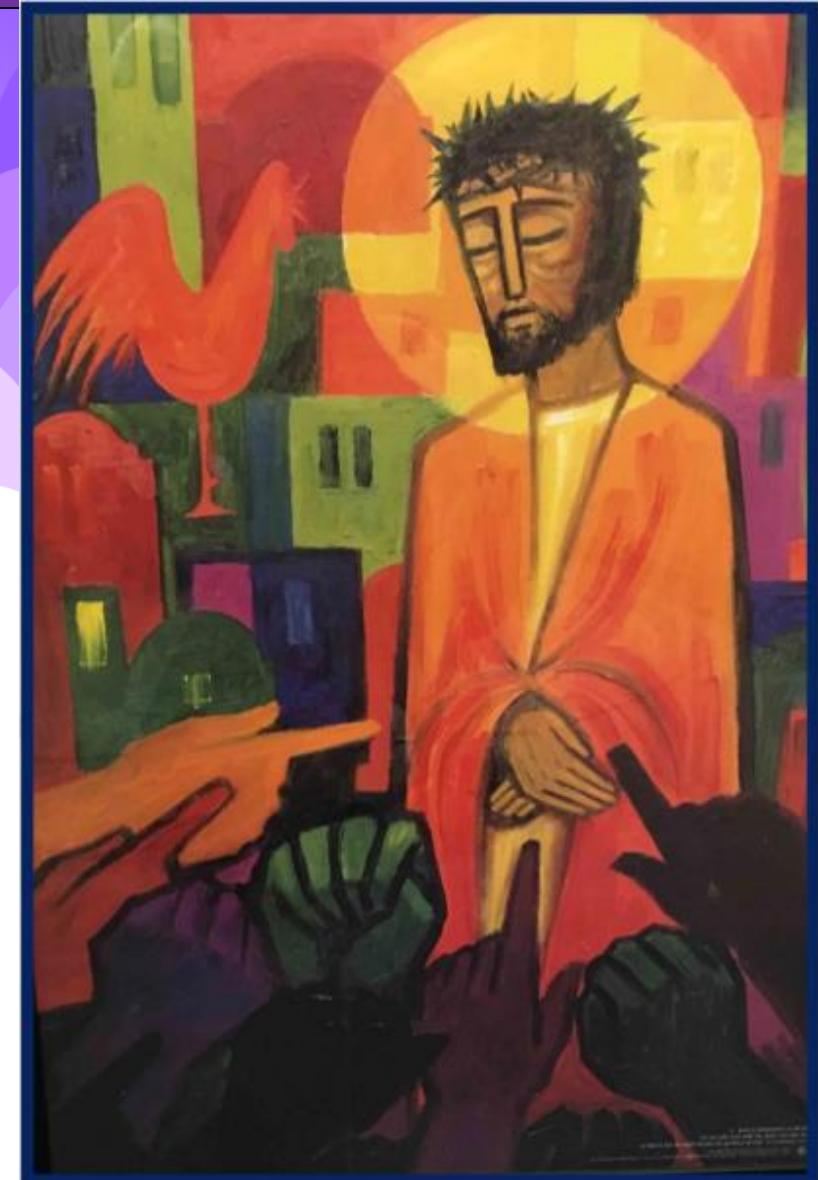
Tackle injustice when you see it.

We Go Forth

Lord, we bring before You all those who are wrongfully accused and those who face injustice each day.

May we show courage, speaking the truth, even when this is difficult.

Amen



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Tuesday 19th March 2024

The Solemnity of St Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus



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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

We light our candle and play some music

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, a model of faith and quiet obedience to God's will. St. Joseph, though he spoke no words in Scripture, teaches us through his actions the virtue of listening to God and following His guidance in our lives.

We Listen

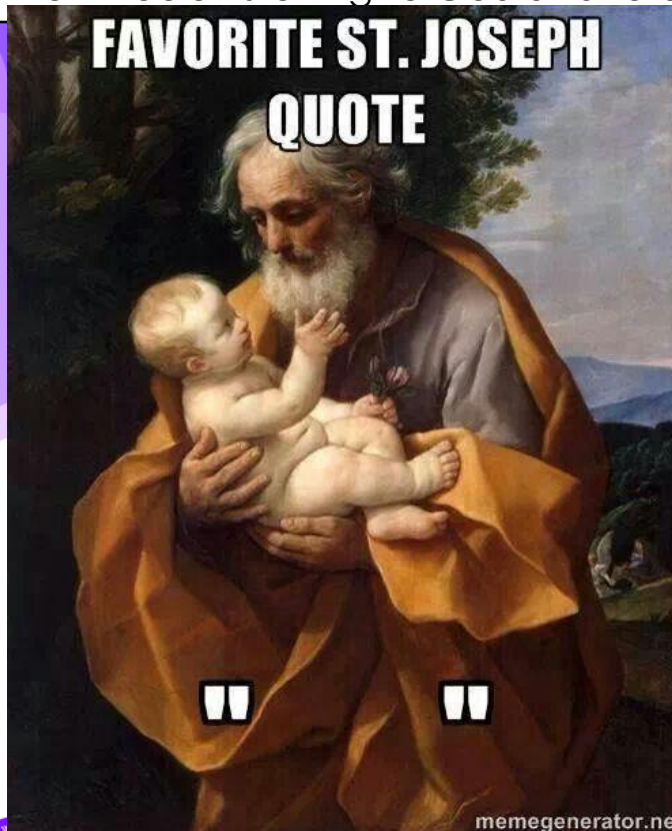
A reading from the Gospel of Matthew
Glory to You, O Lord

"Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

FAVORITE ST. JOSEPH QUOTE



WE GO FORTH – We pray for the communities under the patronage of St Joseph in Hartlepool, Norton, Billingham, Newton Aycliffe and Coundon

We ask St Joseph to pray for us today and always, helping and guiding us towards Jesus. Amen St Joseph, Pray for us!



LIVING THE WORD OF GOD
Create a Mission for today

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Wednesday 20th March 2024

The Feast of St Cuthbert, Patron of the Diocese



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Sign of the Cross and Gather

We play some music to aid us in our prayer.

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Cuthbert, the second Patron of our Diocese. We hold in prayer our three schools dedicated to St Cuthbert in the BHCET family of schools.

WE GO FORTH

Lord, make us a channel of your blessing that we, like St Cuthbert, might play our part in bringing your Word to the world and your healing to those in need. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

St Cuthbert

As a young boy, he was tending sheep in the hills when he witnessed the soul of St. Aidan, abbot of the monastery of Lindisfarne, being carried to heaven by the angels at his death in 651 in nearby Bamburgh. Cuthbert was so moved by this experience that he entered the monastery at Lindisfarne himself and began his life of prayer. In 676, he relinquished his position as prior and withdrew to Inner Farne, an almost deserted area where he could live as a hermit. Many people sought him out for spiritual guidance. He was appointed as bishop, and Cuthbert left the solitary life to devote himself to service to the people of his diocese. He was beloved by all for his teaching, preaching, and gift of healing. Cuthbert died, surrounded by his monks, on March 20, 687, and was buried at Lindisfarne. When, eleven years later, his casket was opened so that the bones could be placed in a more elaborate shrine, the monks found not bones, but an incorrupt body, which looked just as it had on the day of his death.

Saint Bede said of Cuthbert: **"Like a good teacher, he taught others to do only what he first practiced himself. Above all else, he was afire with heavenly love, unassumingly patient, devoted to unceasing prayer, and kindly to all who came to him for comfort."**



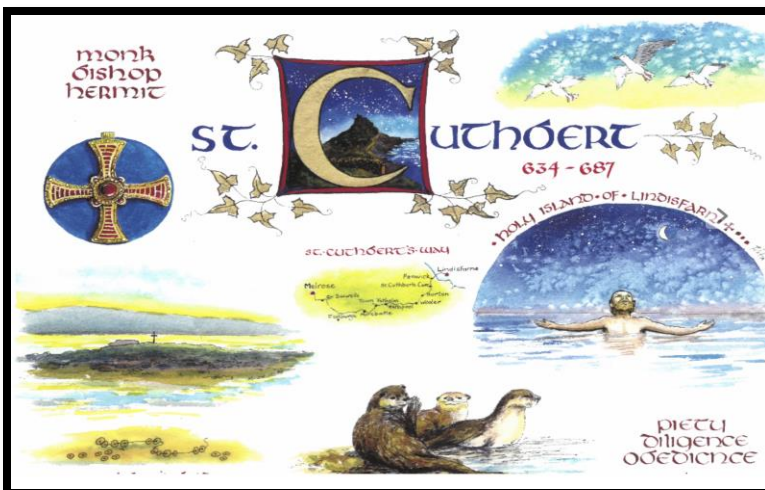
St Cuthbert's
Crook



St Cuthbert's
Hartlepool



St Cuthbert's
Stockton



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Thoughtful Thursday 21st March 2024

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Sign of the Cross and Gather

During the final two weeks of term, we will walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross. As we pray each Station, we bring before God those who are suffering at this time.

Jesus takes up His Cross

Jesus bears the heavy weight of the cross upon His shoulders. Lord, help us with the heavy burdens we carry in our hearts.

The Word - The Second Station - <https://youtu.be/qRviVRJ57C4>
(Use this link if you wish)

From the Gospel of John

"Then Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus who carried the cross by himself to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha." (John 19:16-17))

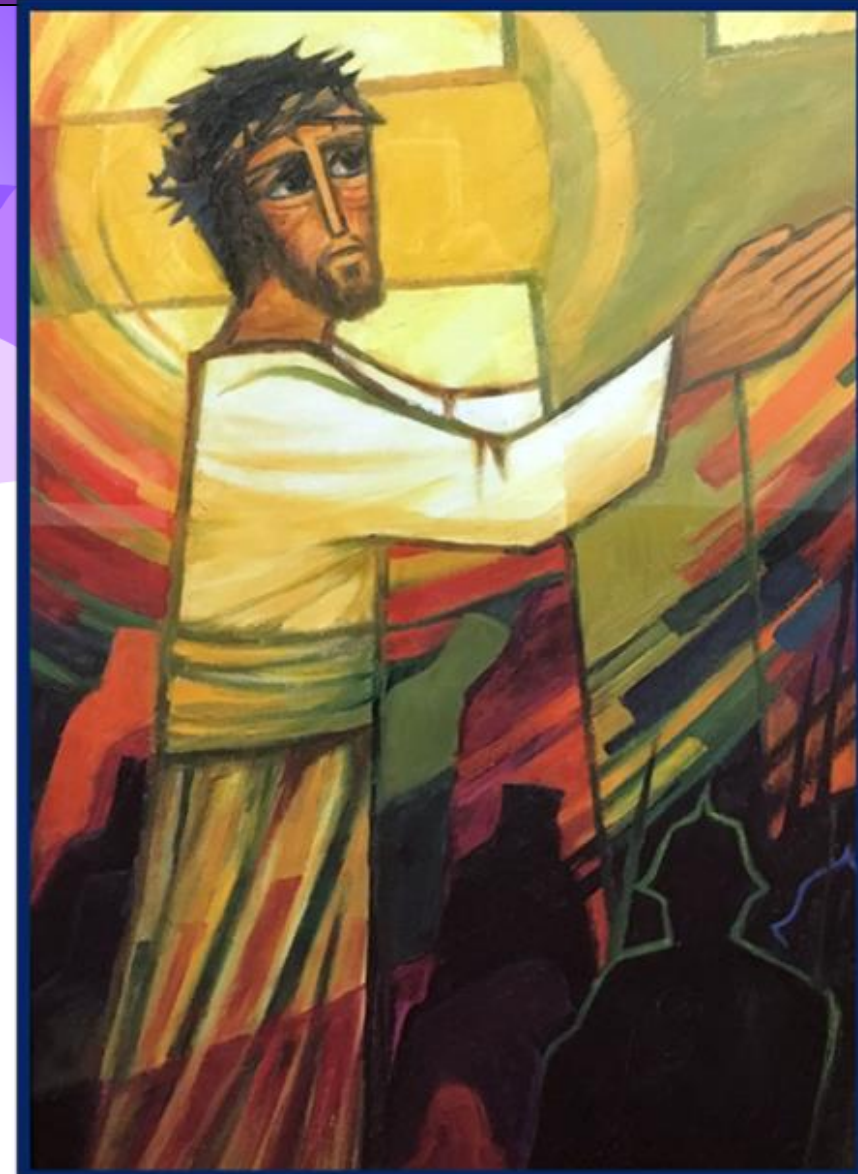
Living the Word of God

Bring hope to someone who is struggling today.

We Go Forth

Lord, we bring before You all those who are carrying heavy burdens in their hearts today. The sick, the sad and the lonely. Give us hearts of compassion so that we might recognise when someone is struggling and be there to support them..

Amen



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Friday 25th March 2024

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Jesus falls for the 1st Time

Jesus falls under the weight of His cross, he is becoming weak. He is in pain. Lord, help us to get back up again when we are knocked down by hurtful words from others.

The Word

From the Psalms- <https://youtu.be/U82vDGs1ybo> (You this link if you wish)
"I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the Lord helped me. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation." (Ps 118:13-14)

Living the Word of God

Have the **Resilience** to try again when you have a set back.

We Go Forth

Lord, sometimes we are knocked by negative experiences and sometimes feel like giving up. By the help of Your spirit, make us resilient and open our eyes to those that need 'lifting up.'
Amen

