

of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle and bishops in the diocese are always consecrated on his anniversary.

Cuthbert was buried at Lindisfarne Priory. After his death his tomb attracted pilgrims and he came to be regarded as a miracle worker. His relics were made available for prayer. Eleven years later when Cuthbert's coffin was opened for the declaration of his sainthood, it is reported that his body was incorrupt. Unsurprisingly many more pilgrims followed. In 793 the Vikings attacked and in the late 9th century the Lindisfarne monastery was finally abandoned, Cuthbert's body having been moved to the mainland, and finally settling at Durham. In 1104 it was decided to place Cuthbert's body in a shrine in the new Durham Cathedral. The Durham Benedictine monks opened the coffin. Again the body is reported to have been incorrupt. There he remained as a continuing place of pilgrimage until the Reformation when the shrine was dismantled and the body (still said to be incorrupt) was hidden by the monks and buried in a simple grave behind the Cathedral's High Altar. In 1827 the grave was reopened revealing only a skeleton. Objects from the coffin were removed and can now be seen in the Cathedral Treasury. The bones were re-interred. In Northumberland eider ducks are known as "Cuddy Ducks", since Cuthbert was said to have protected and tamed them during his years as a hermit.

-Stephen S

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 103: Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13

SEQUENCE

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

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Memorial Acclamation: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



Pentecost Sunday, Cycle B, 2024

Weekly Reflection: Anglo-Saxon Saints (2) St

Cuthbert: St Cuthbert was born in about 634 A.D in the north of Northumbria which then included part of Southern Scotland. His parents were wealthy. He was raised in the [Celtic] Catholic faith. In the evening of 31st August 651 he was in charge of some sheep when he saw what he believed to be a light coming to earth and returning with a human soul to heaven. This

date was the night when St Aidan had died. Cuthbert spent some time as a soldier but then determined to enter the monastery at Melrose, founded by Aidan. When aged about 30 he became Prior (number two to the Abbot). In 661 a plague struck Melrose. It killed the Abbot and Cuthbert succeeded him. He then helped plague victims while carrying out his missionary work in the countryside, evangelising the people. When in 664 the Synod of Whitby decided to follow the Roman, rather than the Celtic, practice of calculating Easter, the Lindisfarne monks went back to Iona. After that Cuthbert, who accepted the decision in favour of Rome, though raised in the Celtic rite, also became the prior of Lindisfarne. Cuthbert remained there for some 10 years, a popular and outgoing person, it is said. He was renowned for his gentleness and tact, his devotion to the Mass and to the task of educating people in the Roman rite.

At about the age of 40, Cuthbert felt the vocation to become a hermit, fighting evil through a life dedicated to solitude. He built a hermitage on Inner Farne. People visited him from time to time in search of guidance and spiritual healing. In the 680s the King and Church asked Cuthbert to leave his hermit life and become a bishop. It was not something he wished to do, and he resisted for some time, but he eventually agreed and was active as a travelling bishop, following the example of Aidan. At York he was consecrated Bishop of Lindisfarne at Easter 685. After a couple of years he felt that his life was coming to an end and he returned to his Inner Farne hermitage where he died on 20th March 687. 20th March is his feast day. He is the patron saint



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Eucharistic Prayer – II or III

Pentecost Sunday

Day of Special Prayer for the Church

R.C DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY REG. CHARITY No.234025

Saturday (Vigil) 6.00pm

Sunday 8.30am

Parishioners

10:00am

Monday 10.00am Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday 9.30am The Dedication of the Cathedral

Wednesday 9.30am *Benedict Fenlon 2004*

Thursday 9.30am Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest

Friday 9.30am Our Lady Help of Christians (Principal Patron of the Diocese)

Saturday 11.30am St Bede the Venerable

Saturday (Vigil) **6.00pm**

Louise Dunkerley

Sunday **8.30am The Most Holy Trinity**

Parishioners

10.00am

Sacrament of reconciliation (Confessions) and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Saturday at 11.00am

Sick List: Josh Reeder

Confirmation – 2024: Last Sunday, 12th May 2024, ten young people from our Parish celebrated their Confirmation at St Vincent De Paul, Knutsford with Bishop Mark Davies: Lucy Atkinson, Jensen Richardson, Georgie Kilroe, Matthias Latchimy, Janu Onunekwu, Muna Onunekwu, Aaron Peter, Cian Coulthurst, Jack Whelan and Elisabeta Kothai. A Big Thank You to our Confirmation catechist Paulette Tildesley. Thank you also to the parents / families and the candidates who devotedly took part in Confirmation Mass and congratulations to our young people.

Missio Red Box Results 2023: The total Red Box donations figure for 2023, in the Diocese of Shrewsbury was a remarkable £127,801 to support the global mission of the Church. Bishop Mark expresses his gratitude to

everyone who donated to the ongoing work of Missio. Bishop Mark will preside the Shrewsbury Diocesan Mass for Missio on Saturday 1st June 2024 at Saint Michael & All Angels Church, Woodchurch at 11.00 am.

Diocesan Mass for the celebration of Marriage 2024: ‘This year’s Diocesan Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday June 8th, 12 noon at Saint Columba’s Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If any of our parishioners are celebrating a special anniversary in 2024 and wish to receive an invitation please provide the following details: -Names, Address, which anniversary they are celebrating - (this would usually be – 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or a 1st wedding anniversary) to Fr Mathew. Please submit any requests for an invitation through the parish office to avoid private emails ending up in the SPAM folder!’

Year of Prayer 2024 Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a ‘Year of Prayer’, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don’t miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is very grateful for this parish’s prayer and financial support of its work on Sea Sunday last year. To report back on the use of those funds, it invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Our Lady Help of Christians: Devotion to Our Lady under this title developed after the success of the Christian’s at the battle of Lepanto 1571, and was later popularised by St John Bosco and the Salesians. Adopted as patron by the young Church in Australia 1844 and unanimously chosen as principal patron of the new diocese of Shrewsbury at the first meeting of its clergy 1851.