

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The People of God kept the Passover on their entry into the promised land.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7. R/ v.9

R/ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R/	2. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. R/
3. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. R/	

SECOND READING

Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my Father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

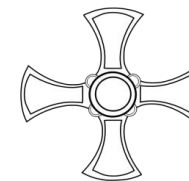
'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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Sunday, 6th March 2016 – 4th Sunday of Lent C

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 5 th March	5:00pm-5:30pm Confessions 5:30pm Vigil: Irene Fatkin	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 6 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish 4:30pm Stations of the Cross	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Joan Taylor
Monday, 7 th March Sts Perpetua and Felicity	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Word & Communion	
Tuesday, 8 th March		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Peter Keilty
Wednesday, 9 th March	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: David Pearson	
Thursday, 10 th March		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Ellen Tyrrell
Friday, 11 th March	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Deceased Bunting Family 7:00pm Mass:	
Saturday 12 th March	5:00pm-5:30pm Confessions 5:30pm Vigil: Ellen Hughes RIP	9:30am Mass: Lawrence Boyd
Sunday 13 th March 5 th Sunday of Lent C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: J. Kelly 4:30pm Stations of the Cross

24 Hour Vigil for Moving Forward Together in Hope

The Worship and Formation group are preparing for a 24 hour prayer vigil. It will take place on May 12th starting after the Confirmation Celebration at St Cuthbert's and at roughly 6.30 am on May 13, the vigil will move to St Joseph's and finish there after a Mass at 7pm on the Friday evening. It was decided that each hour would have a theme and the themes would come from a combination the fruits and gifts of the Spirit as we approach Pentecost on May 15th and the Corporeal Works of Mercy. There is a list of the themes at the back of Church and if you would like to lead one of the hours you would be welcome to do so. We do hope to involve other parishes in the Cluster, the local Catholic Schools, and the diocesan departments of Evangelisation, Spirituality and Development. Please pray for this and spread the word. Fr Chris hopes that this will be a great opportunity for people to come together and pray for our parish at this time of change.

Parish Mission Statement

"You send forth your spirit they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." (Psalm 104)

We are a community who meet Jesus in His words and in His Sacraments.

Filled then, with the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community of faith, hope, love and hospitality.

As the Gospel is proclaimed, celebrated and lived out in our daily lives, we are sent out to renew the face of the earth."

Please pray for ... A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews: Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, Human Life and Seafarers. Those who are sick: please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Jackie Kelly, Joseph Ackerley, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Vonne and Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Betty Fenby, Canon Frank Kearney, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Jean Williams, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Maura Lang, Kathleen Lavery, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Joan Fenwick and Gloria Gascon. We pray for all those who has died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Offertory Collection
28th February - £852.46
Cafod - £40.00

First Holy Communion Programme

This week-end we have our next of the First Holy Communion Liturgies. We will have the Rite of Election for our Candidates. We continue to pray for them and their families.

Deanery Lenten Penitential Service

The Deanery has now decided that there will be two Penitential Services in the Deanery during Lent. The first will be at St Edward's Whitley Bay on March 19th at 10.30 am. The second will be at St Aidan's Wallsend on Tuesday March 22nd at 7pm. There will be no Penitential Service at St Joseph's or St Cuthbert's.

Stations of the Cross

This will take place every Sunday during the Lent. This Sunday, March 6th, at 4.30pm Stations it will be at St Cuthbert's and the venue will alternate till Palm Sunday.

Lenten Reflections at Cedarwood

On every Wednesday during Lent at the Cedarwood Centre on Avon Avenue in the Meadowell from 12.00 there will be a Lenten Reflection followed by Soup. This week the reflection will be led by Fr Chris.

Holy Week Triduum Liturgies

The three most important Liturgical Celebrations of the Church throughout the year are the Triduum Celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. The date, time and venues for these great celebrations of our Faith are as follows:

Thursday 24th March 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper at St Cuthbert's.

Friday 25th March 3.00pm The Good Friday Liturgy at St Joseph's
Saturday 26th March 8.00pm Easter Vigil with the Christian Initiation of Elizabeth Kulik at St Cuthbert's.

Fr Chris hopes that parishioners will try as best as possible to be present at these key celebrations that express the essence of our faith. Please invite others to come along as well.

Young Person's Council (YPC)

Our thanks to YPC for the cake stall. £122.59 was raised! This will be given to CAFOD'S Emergency fund. Well done to YPC for raising that total! YPC would like to thank all those who contributed cakes to the stall. YPC will be meeting after the Sunday Morning Mass at St Cuthbert's at c.12 noon.

Growing in Christ

The third of this Lenten Session to help us grow in knowing, understanding and sharing in the rich diversity of Christian Spirituality will be this Wednesday at 7pm at St Joseph's. On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank Ruth Grant for her meditation on praying with the Cosmos.

This Wednesday, March 9th we welcome one of our own parishioners, Sean Crews, who will lead us a reflection on Benedictine Spirituality for Lay People: A balanced Life in a busy world. Fr Chris is delighted that one of our parishioners is leading us in deepening our faith. Please see poster and leaflets, which will give you more information on the course.

Confirmations

First of all apologies for changes in the programme. The details below are 'in stone' and will not be changing. If you or your child wish to take part please take an application form at the back of Church and let Fr Chris have it as soon as possible. The programme will be as follows: All the Confirmation preparation sessions will take place at St Cuthbert's, Albion Road West, North Shields NE29 0JB, 7.00pm – 8.30pm, apart from an overnight retreat at the Diocesan Youth Mission Team at the Emmaus Village, Allensford. The dates of the sessions are:

- 16 March Session 1: Information evening for candidates, parents and sponsors at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields
- 15 – 16 April, Retreat with the Youth Mission Team at the Emmaus Village, Allensford
- 20 April, Session 2 at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields
- 27 April, Session 3 at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields
- 4 May, Session 4 at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields
- 12 May, Confirmation Mass with Bishop Séamus, 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields.

Fr Chris has only received two firm applications for Confirmation. Could he have any other applications as soon as possible.

Minsteracres:

Minsteracres has added a series of quiet days to its programme for Lent the following three Wednesdays, different leaders will steer you through a day of reflection:

9 March - Rosarie Spence RSM

16 March - Anne McCarthy RSCJ

All from 10am-4pm with a Lenten lunch provided.

Followed by our Holy Week retreat Thursday 24 - Sunday 27 March.

For bookings visit www.minsteracres.org.

Minsteracres Weekend Retreat - 3rd - 5th June 2016.

The theme this year is 'Blessed are the merciful'. The retreat will start with supper at 7pm on Friday evening and finish at 2pm after lunch on Sunday. The cost is £116.00 per person however there is a bursary fund to support people who would struggle to pay the full cost. A booking fee of £20.00 per person is required. Special dietary requirements can be catered for. For more information and bookings, please contact Kath Kenny on 2577041.

A Parish Mission

St Michael's, Houghton le Spring, are holding a mission 7th-12th March. The theme of the Mission, which will be delivered by Fr. Jim McManus CSSR, a renowned writer and Retreat Conductor, is 'Divine Mercy'.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last Sunday, Elizabeth had a 'scrutiny' as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, where she was presented with the Creed and she led the community in this proclamation of our Faith. Please pray for her as she prepares to be united in Christ in Baptism and welcome in to our Community of Faith. Elizabeth will be baptised and confirmed and receive her First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil on March 26th.

Proclaiming the Gospel March 19th

Our thanks to Yorick Jackson who joined us last week-end in telling us the Gospel Story of the Women at the Well. He hopes it gave you a taster of his telling of the second half of John's Gospel that he will give at St Joseph's on March 19th. He and Fr Chris are very grateful for people's affirming comments. Yorick was encouraged by your comments and he is looking forward to be with you in two weeks time. Of course, March 19th is the Patronal Feast of St Joseph's Church, so we will have a Mass in honour of one of our parish patrons at 9.30. This will be followed by coffee and the Yorick will start his proclamation from John's Gospel at 11.00am. After he has finished there will be a time of reflection and prayer. Lunch will be at 12.30. We will have a shared table at 1.15 we will have the workshop for young people to present the Good Friday Passion Gospel

Invitation to Youth Ministry Meeting on March 13th

All parishioners who are concerned about how we can support young people on their faith journey are invited to a co-workers' gathering at the Emmaus Youth Village on Sunday March 13th 3.00pm – 5.00pm. (Tea, coffee and cake served from 2.15pm). 'Forward Together in Hope' asked us to reflect on how we can encourage the presence and witness of young people in our communities. There are a number of opportunities that YMT will share with you and this will also be a time to share good practice and network with other parts of the diocese. Please let YMT know if you are coming on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org.

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Lay Co-ordinator Development Officer

A unique and exciting opportunity has arisen for a full-time Lay Co-ordinator Development Officer to research, develop and implement a programme for the training and formation of Lay Co-ordinators in the Diocese. 3 year fixed term contract. For an informal chat about this role please contact Fr Jim O'Keefe on 0191 243 3304.

Data Analyst/Manager

A temporary Data Analyst/Manager, full or part-time, is required to analyse quantitative and qualitative data from a range of questionnaires arising from the Forward Together in Hope project, summarise findings and produce high quality written reports. Please contact Tony Sacco for more information on 0191 243 3304.

Further information and details on how to apply are available on our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Coffee Morning

The Mercy Associates will be running a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 15 March at St Joseph's after the 9.30am Mass

Department of Evangelisation: Reflections on the Year of Mercy

Karen Kilby, Bede Chair of Catholic Theology at the University of Durham will offer reflections on the Spiritual Works of Mercy
Wednesday 20 April 2016
11.00am, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
7.00pm, St Leonard's Catholic School, Durham

Fr Chris Hughes, Chair of the Justice and Peace Coordinating Council will offer reflections on the Corporal Works of Mercy
Wednesday 27 April 2016
11.00am, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
7.00pm, St Leonard's Catholic School, Durham

To book please email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313

A Day of Reflection for Women

In partnership with the National Board of Catholic Women and the Department for Ecumenism "If only you knew the gift of god and who it is that is asking you" jn 4. With Sr Anne McCarthy
Saturday 9 April 2016 10.30am - 3.30pm (refreshments from 10.00am). St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle, NE15 7PY (opposite St Cuthbert's House).
There is no charge for the day but booking is essential. Please book by Friday 25 March 2016. Please bring a packed lunch.

To book please email adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313

Missionary Red Boxes

Could all those who have the APF Missionary Red Boxes, please hand them in from next week-end (March 12-13th) to be counted

Mother's Day

Fr Chris hope the mums in the parish will have a blessed day and be duly acknowledged and celebrated by their children. Prayers, thanks and best wishes to all mums 'on earth as they are in heaven'.

Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball money due today, Sunday, for 4 weeks £4.00.

Parish Ceilidh

This will be on Saturday March 19th at St Cuthbert's from 7-00 till 10-30pm. Tickets are now available after mass. £6-00. There will be a Raffle and bring your own drink. Fr Chris says since St Patrick's Day is March 17th, St Joseph's on March 19th and St Cuthbert on March 20th you can choose which Saint to celebrate!

CAFOD Family Fast Day

If you have a CAFOD Family Fast envelope please bring in over the next two week-ends

CAFOD Lunch

There will be a simple lunch of soup to raise money for CAFOD after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday 13th March at .St. Cuthbert's. Tickets available at £2-50.