

**FIRST READING***We must turn to the pagans.***Acts 13:14. 43-52**

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 99:1-3. 5. R/ v.3***R/ We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

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| 1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.<br>Serve the Lord with gladness.<br>Come before him, singing for joy. R | 2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.<br>He made us, we belong to him<br>we are his people, the sheep of his flock. R/ |
| 3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,<br>eternal his merciful love.<br>He is faithful from age to age. R/                    |   |

**SECOND READING***The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.***Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

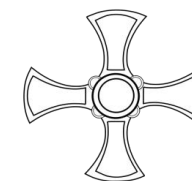
Alleluia!

**John 10:14****GOSPEL***I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.***John 10:27-30**

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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**Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

|   | Masses, Devotions and Services   |   |
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|   | St Cuthbert's Church   | St Joseph's Church  |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> April<br>St Bernadette Soubirous        | <b>5:00-5:30pm Confessions</b><br><b>5.30pm Mass:</b>                              | <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Walter & Ellen Tyrrell                          |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> April<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | <b>11:00am Mass:</b> Lillian Shotton   | <b>9:25am</b> The Angelus<br><b>9:30am Mass:</b>                    |
| Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> April                                    | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament<br><b>9:30am Word &amp; Communion</b> |   |
| Tuesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April                                   |  | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament<br><b>9:30am Mass:</b> |
| Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April                                 | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament<br><b>9:30am Mass:</b>                |   |
| Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> April<br>St. Anselm                    |  | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament<br><b>9:30am Mass:</b> |
| Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                                    | <b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament<br><b>9:30am:</b>                     |   |
| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April<br>St. George                     | <b>5:00-5:30pm Confessions</b><br><b>5.30pm Mass:</b>                              | <b>9:30am Mass:</b>   |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | <b>11:00am Mass:</b> Frank Houghton  | <b>9:25am</b> The Angelus<br><b>9:30am Mass:</b>                    |

**Forward Together In Hope**

Glory be to the Father – in whom we live and move and have our being.

Glory be to the Son – whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit – pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us. Inspire us all in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, to be open to change and to move forward together in hope.

**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, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Maura Lang, Kathleen Lavery, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright and Florence Redpath. We pray for Joan Fenwick and Patricia Hyde who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Baptism

Last week-end at St Cuthbert's, Alicia Jane Stephenson was united in Christ in the sacrament of Baptism and welcomed into our Christian Community. We pray for her and her parents Leo and Natasha

#### Diocesan Day on the New Rite of Confirmation

For priests and catechists - this is also an opportunity for parishioners who are interested in becoming catechists. The day will be offered in two venues: Saturday 23 April 2016 - St Patrick's Church Hall, Stockton, TS19 7PL  
Saturday 21 May 2016 - St Aloysius' Church Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. 10.30am - 3.00pm (refreshments from 10.00am) The days are free but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [adult.formation@diocesehh.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehh.org.uk) or telephone on 0191 2433313

#### Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. We pray for all those who are in a process of deciding on the direction of their life that they will be aware of and open to God's particular call to them whatever that maybe. This call is not for individuals but for communities as well. It is clear that Moving Forward Together in Hope is calling for more lay leadership within our communities. As I will say in my sermon, leadership is not just about administration or managing but having for vision of what particular areas of living out the Gospel could be. The areas Fr Chris identifies are: Prayer and Worship, Evangelisation and Witness, Teaching and Formation, Pastoral Care, Prophetic and Social Action, Administration, Peace and Reconciliation and Parish Community Development. If you have a vision of what any of those areas could be for our parish, please share with Fr Chris or any member of the parish council.

#### A Note from CAFOD'S regional representative David Cross

I hope this finds you in good health and spirit as we approach the great season of Easter. I have been asked to coordinate and develop the work of a CAFOD Hexham and Newcastle Advisory Group. The aim of the group is to offer advice and suggestions on developing CAFOD's work in the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and to reflect more broadly upon the work of CAFOD across England and Wales. With this in mind I am emailing to invite you to attend an initial meeting of what we hope will become such a group for us here in Hexham and Newcastle. It is intended that the group will meet no more than four times a year and no less than twice a year. We hope that our initial meeting will take place on Thursday, 21 April from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the CAFOD Hexham & Newcastle Volunteer Centre.

#### 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

#### Special Collection for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor

At the end of the Mass this week-end we will an appeal and a special collection for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Their work in care for the Elderly gives a great witness to their dignity and value. They have also be very generous in their care of sick and ageing clergy. Envelopes are available at the back of Church.

#### Young Person Council (YPC)

Thank-you for all who came to the meeting last Sunday and all who offered DBS cover. The following was agreed:

- Lead one of the hours during the 24 hour prayer vigil
- Day trip with Barbeque at Holy Island on July 24<sup>th</sup>
- To prepare a drama and performance sometime in the summer.
- The next meeting will be on May 1st at 4.00pm at St Joseph's

#### 24 hour Prayer Vigil - May 12-13

Now that we are in Easter, we can look forward to the 24 hour prayer vigil starting at the end of the Confirmations on May 12<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's. The Liturgy and Formation group met last week, with the Diocesan Director for Spirituality, Kathryn Turner, and a member of the Diocesan Evangelisation team Gerry Laidler present. You will see with the list at the back of the Church that some of the themes are covered but many are not. If you would like to lead a prayer time please sign the list at back of church. At the meeting it was stressed that numbers involved will not be great, especially in the middle of the night and we are not looking for the whole hour to be filled but to begin the hour with something to help our reflection, so it can be very simple. Please also be aware that there are plenty people within the parish and the wider diocese who are happy to help people lead prayer slots. The event also hopes to use social media so that people from across the world will be able to take part. Anyone who would like to help with this would be welcome to do so. Food will also be an integral part of this event to offers of food in both churches will be most appreciated. Now that we are in April this event is next month (eek!) so please consider how you can help with this event which Fr Chris hopes will be a source of blessings to the parish and diocese.

Thank-you to all who have offered to help in any way. Further offers will be appreciated.

#### Diocesan Department for Justice and Peace

The Justice and Peace Co-ordinating Council AGM is on the Saturday 23 April 9.30am - 3.00pm at St Charles', Gosforth. All welcome. Speakers: Catherine McKinnell, MP and Dr Anna Rowlands. Share your ideas, comments, hopes and desires for Justice and Peace in this Year of Mercy.

#### May day Justice and Peace Mass

Saturday 7 May 10.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

#### Youth Ministry Team:

The Source, the final gathering for this academic year, takes place on Wednesday 4 May 7.00pm - 8.30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Praise and worship, prayer, a guest speaker followed by social time and refreshments. Year 9 and above. FLAME, the third National Catholic Youth Congress takes place at Wembley Area on Saturday March 11 2017. We are hoping that 1,000 young people from our diocese will join Bishop Seamus on our Flame pilgrimage. Further information from YMT on 01207 592244 or email: [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org).

#### Mass for Marriage and Family

There will be a Mass of Celebration of Marriage on Saturday 14th May at 11.00am in St Mary's Cathedral. The Diocese hope that each parish will be represented by at least two couples. Please let Fr Chris know if you are interested in representing the parish

#### Diocesan Launch of the 'The Gift': A Life in the Spirit Course

This diocesan launch for people who would consider running this course in their parishes will be hosted in our parish, at St Cuthbert's Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Please let Fr Chris know if you would like to take part. With the parish hosting a diocesan event, Fr Chris hopes that local people can take advantage of this diocesan event so close to home.

#### Lectures on the Year of Mercy

Professor Karen Kilby on the Spiritual Works of Mercy  
20 April 11.00am St Mary's Cathedral  
7.00pm St Leonard's Comprehensive, Durham

Fr Chris Hughes on the Corporeal Works of Mercy  
27th April 11.00am St Mary's Cathedral

7.00pm St Leonard's Comprehensive, Durham

#### A Day on Christian Meditation

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday there will be a day based on the great spiritual classic the 'Cloud of Unknowing'. At the Quaker Meeting House, West Avenue, Gosforth, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, NE3 4ES led by Graeme Watson, 10.00am for 10.30am until 3.30pm. Cost £8.00 (full time students free). (Please bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and cake provided).

**Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love'**, is the 2016 post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation "on Love in the Family". It was published last Friday It brings together the results of the two Synods on the family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015. I have yet to read the full document but I will endeavour to do. Please find below web links to the actual document, a summary and a brief introduction by Bishop Peter Doyle. If you have any comments concerning the document or ideas at to how this important document can be reflected in the parish please let Fr Chris know. Amoris Laetitia <http://catholicnews.org.uk/amoris-laetitia-download>  
Amoris Laetitia Summary <http://catholicnews.org.uk/amoris-laetitia-download-summary>  
WATCH: Bishop Peter Doyle welcomes Amoris Laetitia (YouTube) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9W0rThEQo5Q>

#### Special Collection for Ukraine

The Holy Father has announced that there will be a special collection across the Universal Church for the Ukranian Rite and Latin Rite Catholic Churches in the Ukraine next week-end, April 23-24<sup>th</sup> during this time of strife within the Country and with Russia.

#### Celebrating our Parish Patrons

At the parish social committee meeting last week it was acknowledged that with the feast day of our parish patrons falling near and around Palm Sunday, the parish did not have the opportunity to celebrate them. Fortunately, both our parish patrons have other dates when we can celebrate their lives and our parish. On Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> we have the Translation of St Cuthbert. On the night of Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> before we will have the annual parish hog roast at St Joseph's (tickets £10). Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> is the feast of St Joseph the Worker. In his honour we will have a parish afternoon tea party at St Joseph's at 2.30pm.

#### Other Parish Social Events

Apart from celebrating our parish patrons the following events are also being planned at St Cuthbert's Parish Centre:

Barber Shop Singers - May 20th 7-pm tickets £2-50.

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea - June 11th 1.30 - 4.00pm

Summer Fayre - June 25th. 12.00 Noon

#### Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life Dates: 27th - 29th May 2016 Location: Broadstairs, Kent.

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life.

It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters!

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit their website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

#### Cluster Sacramental Preparation

Mgr Faley as co-ordinating pastor for the cluster has announced that there will be a meeting for catechists for the following sacraments:

Baptism 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7-8.30 Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton

First Holy Communion 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.30-9pm St Cuthbert's North Shields.

If possible could all our catechists for these sacraments please attend.

#### Fr David Nixon

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Fr David Nixon, finished in his role as hospital chaplain for North Shields General, Northumbria and Wansbeck Hospitals. I know that many of you who have been hospital or had family or friends in hospital or have been hospital volunteers, have very much appreciated Fr David's ministry, presence and care. We would like to thank Fr David for his care, dedication and witness as hospital chaplain. It is hoped that Fr David will stay in the diocese and we know that wherever he may serve they will be a blessed parish or parishes. We give thanks to God for his ministry and we pray for him during this time of transition. His successor has yet to appointed. Fr Chris will inform you when this appointment has been made.

#### Lourdes Pilgrimage

Fr Peter has send out an urgent request for nurses and helpers for the Lourdes pilgrimage this year. Please see details on poster at the back of the church. Fr Peter can be contacted on 01670 513410.