

FIRST READING Acts 15:1-2. 22-29
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond the essentials.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66
 R/ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. R/	2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. R/
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. R/	


SECOND READING Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23
He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it. The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:23-29
The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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Sunday, 1 st May 2016 – 6 th Sunday of Easter		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 30 th April Our Lady of Africa	5:00-5:30pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Veronica Hezelgrave	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 1 st May 6 th Sunday of Easter	11:00am Mass: John Ray	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass:
Monday, 2 nd May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday, 3 rd May Sts Philip & James Apostles		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday, 4 th May Blessed Martyrs of England & Wales	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Walter O'Flanagan's 90 th Birthday	
Thursday, 5 th May		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday, 6 th May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Saturday, 7 th May	5:00-5:30pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Joan Craw	9:30am No Mass
Sunday 8 th May The Ascension of the Lord	11:00am Mass: In thanksgiving Doupe & Beldon Family	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass:

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 those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Total Offertory Collection

24th April - £851.67

Sick & Retired Priests - £79.60

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 venue for the second day will be Saturday 21 May 2016 - St Aloysius' Church Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. 10.30am - 3.00pm (refreshments from 10.00am). This is free but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. Please confirm your attendance by emailing adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone on 0191 2433313

Diocesan Festival 2016

This year the Diocesan Festival at the Emmaus Youth Village near Consett is called 'Limitless Love: Making All Things New'. It is taking place from June 25-6th The main speakers are Barry and Margaret Mizen who seek to bring peace and reconciliation after their son Jimmy was murdered in knife attack on May 10 2008. Since then, they started the Jimmy Mizen foundation that works with young people. Both Barry and Margaret were given the MBE for their service with young people. Their work for reconciliation and young people is inspired by their faith. Their testimony will be very powerful. The other key speaker is Professor Karen Kilby, who has the Bede Chair in Catholic Studies. She is able to communicate her thinking with clarity and humility that is not always the case with theologian! Also worth listening to.

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

Thank-you for your support to Barbara's appeal on behalf of the Little Sisters of the Poor. This collection will be kept open for one more weeks.

May day Justice and Peace Mass

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

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 22nd June 7-8.30 Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton
First Holy Communion 6th July 7.30-9pm St Cuthbert's North Shields.

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

Young Person Council (YPC)

The next meeting of YPC will be after the tea party this Sunday, c.4.00pm. All young people are welcome

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 11th March 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.

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 14th May and 4th 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.

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 as 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>

Celebrating our Parish Patrons

This Sunday May 1st 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. All are welcome. Tickets are available at the back of Church.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Further to a request from Fr Peter for nurses and assistants to help with Lourdes, I have also received an appeal from Fr Michael McCoy for young people to take part in the Lourdes Pilgrimage for this year. Application forms for the Pilgrimage for young people are available from him – email – frmccoy@gmail.com or phone 0191 5342346. The Catenians and the Duchess of Leeds fund may also be able to help with some of the costs

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. Our parish will be represented by two of younger married couples, Marcin & Elizabeth Kulik and Kuba & Cath Jakos. Fr Chris would like to thank them for their willingness to represent the parish. Other parishioners are all also welcome to attend this Mass.

Musicians

We have a great group of musicians who are willing to have more play with them. If anyone is able to play do not hide your light under a bushel. More musicians would be welcome.

Volunteers Missionary Movement VMM

Volunteers usually work in regions of Africa for one year or more. Our newest short term programmes allow volunteers to help those in need for 4 weeks. Skills are not required and this is a chance for many to find a new interest in mission or a new career. We have several posts available for this summer and are diligently trying to fill the posts for our partners in Africa. VMM are looking for people to be part of their short term programmes. They are for 4 weeks, for all ages over 18 and no skills are required. Our main volunteer contact is recruit@vmminternational.org

Special Collection for Ukraine

This week—end there will be a special collection announced by the Holy Father has announced that there will be a special collection across the Universal Church for the Ukrainian Rite and Latin Rite Catholic Churches in the Ukraine this week-end. It is reminder that there are millions of Catholics in communion with Rome who are part of the old Soviet Union

Prayer Novena for the re-evangelisation of our nation

In response to the call of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Archbishop Sentamu of York, there will be a prayer Novena called Thy Kingdom Come from Ascension Thursday to Pentecost – 8-15 May – for the re-evangelisation of Britain. We have been invited to take part .There are to be 6 Beacon Cathedrals in England as focal points for prayer. Durham Cathedral is one of these and the final prayer liturgy will be there on Pentecost Sunday 15th May at 7pm.

This is a free event, but for planning purposes tickets do need to be booked through the website: <http://thykingdom.co.uk/>.

Bishop Seamus is anxious that we are well represented so book your ticket and let us be seen to pray together.

From 8th to 15th there will be prayer spaces set apart in the Cathedral for this intention. You might be able to visit during that week or pray in your own church communities. During the Novena a prayer event will be held each day in the Galilee Chapel focusing on the Northern Saints.

E.U. Referendum Better In or Better Out?

A conversation to help us think about the EU Referendum from a Christian perspective. Chair: Canon Sheila Bamber Contributors: Dr. Mary McHugh Dr. Mark Hayes Prof. Robert Song Mr.Paul Brannen M.E.P. Mrs. Anne-Marie Trevelyan M.P.
Friday May 13th 6pm – 9pm Sunderland Minster, High St West, Sunderland SR1 3ET, 6.00pm registration & food, 6.30pm start (donation £3 requested) 6 mins walk from Metro multi storey car park nearby. Please see poster for more details. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement which is also at the back of Church.

D.V.D. Course

The next session of the course 'Life to the Full' is on Tuesday 3rd May at 1.30pm and 7.30pm. The title of this session is: Our Royal Inheritance, the speaker is Jenny Baker. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

24 hour Prayer Vigil - May 12-13

This will be next week, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May. All the 24 hours have been accounted for. The Liturgy and Formation group would like to offer their thanks to all who all who have volunteered. They would encourage as many of as possible to be join us at some point. You certainly do not need to do the whole 24 hours! One hour would be great or even ten minutes Even if you cannot be present please pray during the 24 hours. The vigil will be accessible through social media. The vigil is not meant to be an endurance test but an opportunity to pray for our life and mission as a parish community, to discern what God is calling from us as part of the Moving Forward Together in Hope

Bishop-Elect Paul Mason

Jim and Maria Mason informed that me that their son, Fr Paul Mason, a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, has been appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of that diocese. Bishop-elect Paul was baptised, confirmed and ordained at St Edmund's, Backworth and educated at St Anselm's, North Shields. As a parish, we would like to give our prayers and congratulations to Bishop-Elect Paul and his delighted parents. He will be ordained Bishop at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on the Feast of the Visitation, May 31st

Finance Committee

There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee this Thursday, May 5th at St Joseph's Presbytery at 7.00am. Since we will be looking at the accounts for the financial year that finished on March 31st Fr Chris hopes that as many members of the committee as possible will be able to make the meeting.

Christian Aid Week

The development charity has its Christian Aid Week from May 15th- 21st. There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th May 10.00am to 12 Noon at St Columba's Church. Our parish will provide a Fancy Goods Stall. The annual Service for Christian Aid will be at Christ Church on Sunday 15th May at 6.00pm. Please support our fellow Christians in Churches Together North Shields

Elections

Important elections are taking place this week at local government level and for the devolved administrations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We pray for all those who are willing to serve in local politics and if you have a vote Fr Chris asks you to consider very seriously on using a right that is not available to all people on this planet

Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, near Preston, Lancashire.

This is taking place on Wednesday, 29th June (Ss Peter and Paul)

Pick-up points will be Peterlee, Heworth Metro, Central station Newcastle, St Mark's Westerhope and Hexham near St Mary's church. The cost is approx. £15 but it depends on numbers. Contact Jose Blay a.s.a.p. on 0191 2678693 or e-mail: josephabl14@gmail.com.

Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball money to be paid today, £5.00, 1st May.