

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 14:21-27**

*They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm** (to be read by the whole congregation together)

**Psalm 144**

*R/ I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding to love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R/	2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. R/
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. R/	

**SECOND READING**

**Apocalypse 21:1-5**

*God will wipe away all tears from their eyes*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new' he said. 'Write this: that what I am saying is sure and will come true.'

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.'  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**John 13:31-35**

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. You will look for me, And, as I told the Jews, where I am going, you cannot come. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**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.

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**Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April St. George	<b>5:00-5:30pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Mass:</b>	<b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> Frank Houghton	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April St Mark	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Lawrence Goveas
Wednesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>	
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April St Peter Chanel Missionary Martyr		<b>9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April St Catherine of Siena	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am:</b>	
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April Our Lady of Africa	<b>5:00-5:30pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Mass:</b> Veronica Hezelgrave	<b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>11:00am Mass:</b>	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <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 those who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Total Offertory Collection

17<sup>th</sup> April - £846.36

Little Sisters of the Poor - £884.31

#### Baptism

This week-end on April 24<sup>th</sup> at St Joseph's at 1.00pm we welcome Bonnie Antonia Durrant as she is united with Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray for her and parents as Bonnie becomes part of the Body of Christ.

#### 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](mailto: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 two more weeks.

#### Lecture on the Year of Mercy

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

7.00pm St Leonard's Comprehensive, Durham

#### May day Justice and Peace Mass

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

#### 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

#### 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).

#### 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.

#### Sick and Housebound in the Parish

Since the Special Ministers met on Ash Wednesday, Fr Chris has come across three more people who wish to receive Holy Communion on a regular basis. If any of the Special Minister are able to help please let Fr Chris know.

**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>

#### Young Adults in the Parish

I have approached as to whether a group of young adults could come to together at time to pray and support each other. I am delighted that YPC has taken off for our teenager and I would reckon that those in their twenties and thirties are the least represented group in our parish and as regular members of a faith community would be the smallest fraction in the wider community. So if you would be interested please let Fr Chris or Marci and Liz Kulik know on....

#### Jumble Sale

As this note is written the Jumble Sale of April 16th has raised £546.00. Well done and respect to all who contributed.

#### 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. Tickets on sale today.

#### 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

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:recruit@vmminternational.org)

#### Special Collection for Ukraine

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, during this time of strife within the Country and with Russia. However, because the appeal for Sick and Retired Priests is still open till this week-end, the special collection for the Ukrainian Churches will be next week-end, April 30<sup>th</sup> /May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Liturgy and Formation Group

The next meeting of the Liturgy and Formation Group will be this Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 at St Cuthbert's Centre. The meeting will be putting the finishing touches to the 24 hour prayer vigil and reviewing Lent and Holy Wek. Any comments and offers of help will be appreciated.

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### A Celebration of Deacons in the Diocese

In their vocation and ministry, deacons are closely associated with the work of mercy in the life of the Church. At the request of Pope Francis, one of the major events for the current Year of Mercy is the Jubilee for Deacons. The celebration for the deacons in our diocese and those in formation – along with their wives and children - will take place at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 29 April at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Seamus Cunningham, the homily will be preached by the Revd Dr Sean Hall and the singing will be led by the Cathedral Choir. While this celebration will offer our 30 deacons the opportunity to renew their ministry and commitment to the work of mercy, parishioners from throughout the diocese will be most welcome to take part in the celebration.