

FIRST READING*He was lifted up while they looked on.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Acts 1:1-11**Responsorial Psalm (Read all together)****Response:** *God goes up with shouts of joy the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

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| <p>1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.</p> | <p>2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.</p> |
| <p>3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.</p> | |

Psalm 46**SECOND READING***He made him sit at his right hand in heaven.*


May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Ephesians 1:17-23**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL*As he blessed them he was carried up to heaven.***Luke 24:46-53**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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Sunday, 8 th May 2016 – The Ascension of the Lord		
	Masses, Devotions and Services	
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday, 7 th May	5:00-5:30pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Joan Crow	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:
Monday, 9 th May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: George Bunting Snr	
Tuesday, 10 th May		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion
Wednesday, 11 th May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Thursday, 12 th May	7:00pm Confirmation Mass	
Friday, 13 th May	24 Hour Vigil finishing with Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church	
Saturday, 14 th May	5:00-5:30pm Confessions 5.30pm Mass: Denis Jones	9:30am Mass:
Sunday 15 th May Pentecost Sunday	11:00am Mass: Patricia Hyde	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Gloria Gasgon

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 Raj Johnpullie and Moira Joyce who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Confirmations

On Thursday we welcome Bishop Seamus for Confirmations for our Cluster Confirmation Mass. The Mass is at 7.00pm. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. All are welcome

24 hour Prayer Vigil - May 12-13

This will be next week, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th May. Fr Chris would encourage as many of you 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 also 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. Please pray that this vigil will be a source of blessing for the parish and cluster. As we prepare for Pentecost may the Holy Spirit bless us with gifts and graces.

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

Young Person Council (YPC)

At the meeting on Sunday, the following was agreed

- The input for the Vigil will be on Christ as Light of the World based on Scripture reading
- To start to advertise for the BBQ at Holy Island on July 24th in June
- To have a couple of stall at the summer Fayre. The stocks and 'hooking the duck' were favourites
- To have a cake stall for the Queen's Birthday Party on June 11th
- To discuss the idea of some drama event at the next meeting.
- To have a summer project of making the garden area at St Joseph's more attractive with parts as a vegetable garden with raised beds. This was an opportunity to use the skills of parishioners across the ages

Next meeting on June 5th at St Cuthbert's after 11.00am Mass. All young people are welcome

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.

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.

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.

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

Mercy Associates

Meeting on Monday, 9th May, at 1:30 at St. Josephs. All welcome.

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.

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

Pilgrimage to Ladywell, 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: josephblay114@gmail.com.

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.

Tea Party for St Joseph

Thanks to all contributed to the Strawberry Tea Party in honour of St Joseph's the Worker. There was about 60 people who took part. £230 was raised for the parish.

Ascension Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Ascension. It is a celebration of hope for where Christ has gone we hope to follow. It is an opportunity also for us to acknowledge how God has gifted us for the mission we have been given. May we count our blessings and gifts as seek to respond what God is calling us

World Communication Sunday

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Church to promote the Gospel through social communication

Sr Maureen

As announced at the week-end, Sr. Maureen has been informed by her order that she will be moving to a community in Oldham at the end of August. We keep her in our prayers at this time of transition. This an opportunity for the parish for reflection in terms how the important roles Sr Maureen carried out in the parish can now be fulfilled. We are as a parish are invited to reflect on the use of the presbytery at St Cuthbert's. We can bring these areas into our prayer during the vigil.

A Day of Reflection on Laudato Si'

Professor Karen Kilby will this day of reflection on Laudato Si and the ecological vision of Pope Francis in the beautiful setting of Ushaw College, led by Professor Karen Kilby. Saturday 14 May, refreshments from 10.00am. Booking essential. For further information please contact the Department for Spirituality tel: 0191 243 3302.

Catholic Social Thought and Practice Lecture:

Thursday 12 May: Nick Spencer (Theos): 'What has Christianity to do with Welfare?' Senate Suite, University College, Durham 4.00pm - 5.30pm. Please email: ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk to book a place.

Ushaw Lecture: Thursday 26 May: Judith Champ:

'The English Secular Priesthood: History, identity and renewal' Ushaw College; 5.30pm drinks; 6.00pm - 7.15pm lecture. Please email: hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk to book a place.

A Spiritual Spa Day for Women - with Cathy Fava

Come and be refreshed in the Living Water - A day for women to experience the renewing love of God. Saturday 11th June 2016 Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - DONATION ONLY EVENT.

To book or for more information: Web: www.coretlumenchristi.org
Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org Tel: 016973 45623

Barber Shop Singer's Concert

This will be at St Cuthbert's on June 20th at 7.00pm. Tickets available at the back of Church.
Cost: £2.50

First Holy Communion Programme

The next Liturgy of the Holy Communion programme will be next week-end. The theme will be 'In Memory of Me'. Please continue to pray for our children as they prepare for their First Holy Communion next month.

Bishop Seamus' Jubilee Mass

Bishop Seamus will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee Mass as a Priest on June 10 at 7pm St Mary's Cathedral. All from the Diocese are welcome.