

**FIRST READING***It was made impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.***Acts 2:14. 22-33**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life.****Psalm 15**

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| <p>1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.<br/>I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.<br/>O Lord, it is you who are my portion and my cup;<br/>it is you yourself who are my prize.'</p> | <p>2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,<br/>who even at night directs my heart.<br/>I keep the Lord ever in my sight:<br/>since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.</p> |
| <p>3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;<br/>even my body shall rest in safety.<br/>For you will not leave my soul among the dead,<br/>nor let your beloved know decay.</p>      | <p>4. You will show me the part of life,<br/>the fullness of joy in your presence,<br/>at your right hand happiness for ever.</p>   |

**SECOND READING***Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.***Peter 1:17-21**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.  
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL***They recognised him in the breaking of bread.***John 24:13-35**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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**Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A****Masses, Devotions and Services****St Cuthbert's Church**

		St Cuthbert's Church	
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	4:45pm-5:25pm Confessions	No Mass
	St Catherine Siena	5:30pm Mass: Mary Croake	
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter		9:30am Mass: Harry & Ada Snowdon
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
		9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
			9:30am Mass: Ral Johnpulle
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
	Sts Philip & James Apostles	9:30am Mass: David McManus	
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> May		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
	Blessed Martyrs of England & Wales		9:30am Mass: Bernard Sueli
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
		9:30am Mass David McManus	
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> May	4:45pm-5:25pm Confessions	
		5:30pm Mass:	
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> May	11:00am Mass: Deceased Members of the	9:25am The Angelus
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Lleses & Davis family	9:30am Mass: Annie & Patrick Breen

**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, Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Arbuster and Scott Oakley. We pray for all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Easter 2017

There will be acts of Worship on the following afternoons during Easter at 4 pm:

- Vocations Sunday, 4th Sunday of Easter 7th May – service at St Cuthbert's
- Stations of the Resurrection on 6th Sunday of Easter, 21st May – service at St Joseph's
- Pentecost Sunday, 4th June – service at St Cuthbert's

#### Thank-you

All the feedback of the Holy Week Liturgies has been very positive, with the Triduum Liturgies and Easter Sunday being very well attended. For both churches to look so wonderful, for all the Liturgies to run as smoothly as they did was the combined effort of many parishioners who have worked so generously and selflessly to ensure that we as a parish were able to experience the power and hope and love of God offer of salvation to all through the death and resurrection of Christ. Fr Chris would like to extend a big thank-you to all who contributed. On a personal level, he would like to offer his thanks to parishioners for cards and generous gifts, all gratefully appreciated.

#### Celebration of Baptism

This week-end at St Joseph's at 1.00pm Zara Elizabeth Legge will be baptised into Christ and into our community. We pray for Zara Elizabeth and her parents.

#### First Holy Communion Programme

We have the next of our First Holy Communion Liturgies this week-end with the theme of 'Offering ourselves'. Please continue to remember our First Holy Communion Candidates in our prayers.

#### Youth Group

The next meeting of the youth group will be next Sunday, May 7th at 6.00pm at St Cuthbert's. Members of the group will be handing out invitations this week-end which they themselves have designed and created

#### Thank-you from Liam Skelly

Liam would like to offer his thanks for the sum of £455 raised by the Coffee morning on April 18th and the generous donation from the Mercy Associates of £200. He is very grateful for the support and encouragement he has received from the parish.

#### Partnership Guidelines: First Steps

The diocese just before Easter published a set of practical steps in the following ways as we seek to develop the new partnerships. Copies of the guidelines will be available. A brief summary of key points in the areas outlined are as follows:

- Spirituality  
We are encouraged to set up a spirituality network for the partnership.
- Outreach  
This is to be an important way of working together. Could there be issues that we could work together as partnership, such as supporting refugees or those experiencing food or fuel poverty.
- Structures  
All diocesan structures are being reviewed. Each partnership to have a 'partnership president' appointed by Bishop Seamus. Mgr Faley has been appointed to this role for our partnership.
- Planning  
Each partnership will have a 'Partnership Development Group' with reps from all the parishes. Each partnership will be asked to focus on the following areas for each of their partnerships: Prayer and Spirituality, Outreach, Structures, Planning, Finances, Property and Facilities, Human Resources, Formation, Team Building and Communications.
- Finances  
Parishes will retain their finance committees and individual bank accounts but each partnership will have an account to fund joint events and activities. Chairs of parish committees and clergy to meet together.
- Property and Facilities  
There will be a review of all properties in the partnership with a prayerful reflection as to how our properties could be used for the benefit of the wider community.
- Human Resources  
Our partnership will explore how paid staff and volunteers can be fully used to develop partnership administration and development.
- Formation  
Developing leadership within the partnership is not just about formal roles but developing a 'menu' of learning opportunities for all within the partnership.
- Team Building  
Building up relationship within the partnership to develop a team spirit will be achieved through joint social event, coming together for prayer and worship and shared projects.
- Communication  
'Partnership pages' on websites and a partnership newsletter will improve communication within the partnership.

- Partnership Development Groups (PDGs)  
Each partnership will have a PDG. The overall aim is to create a forum that is genuinely representative of the clergy and laity in all of the parishes within the partnership. Its remit will be: to further God's Kingdom within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle through:
  - Co-ordinating and supporting the development of effective partnership arrangements.
  - Developing an initial action plan for the partnership.
  - Communicating the work of the partnership across the area.

#### Tea Party at St Joseph's

The tea party at St Joseph's on April 23rd was appreciated by all who took part. £314.80 was raised for parish funds. Thanks and well done to all who contributed

#### References in Sermons

Fr Chris has been asked to make a note of the references to books and music that he made during the Easter Liturgies.

- Good Friday: Reprieve by Ani di Franco from the Album 'Reprieve' Righteous Babe Records, 2006
- Easter Sunday: David Jones: Engraver, Soldier, Painter, Poet by Thomas Dilworth: Jonathan Cape Publishers, 2017. There is also a chapter on his work by Rowan Williams in 'Grace and Necessity: Reflections on Art and Love: Morehouse, 2005. The poem by Gerard Manly Hopkins was called 'The Windhover: To Christ Our Lord'. The poem can be found in the poem section of Morning and Evening Prayer and in all anthologies of his poems. For more information about him please see 'Gerard Manly Hopkins: A Very Private Life' by Robert Martin, Flamingo, 1991. The image of the rat and the seagull is in a short story by George Mackay Brown, but he cannot remember which one, he is still looking. For information regarding his life work see: George Mackay Brown: The Life by Maggie Ferguson: John Murray, 2006 There are many versions of the folk song Lord Bateman, which can be found online. He has versions by: Jim Moray, on the CD 'Sweet England, Giraffe Records, 2003; Chris Wood on the CD 'The Lark Descending R.U.F. Records, 2005; The Askew Sisters on the CD 'Through Lonesome Woods', Wild Goose Studios, 2010
- On Low Sunday Fr Chris made reference to James Macmillan's recording of 'Since it was Preparation Day' on Delphian Records, 2016.

#### Concert for Christian Aid Week

Lemington Male Voice Choir at St George's Church, Beverly Gardens, Cullercoats, NE30 4NS Saturday May 6th at 7pm. Suggested donation is £8. For more information contact: [Newcastle@christian-aid.org](mailto:Newcastle@christian-aid.org) or 0191 2280115

#### Engagement with Catholic Social Thought and Practice

Wednesday 10th May 2017: Dr Patrick Riordan SJ (Heythrop College): 'What Aristotle Doesn't Know about the Common Good ...Seminar Room B, Abbey House, Palace Green, Durham 5.30-7pm

#### Catholic Social Teaching

In the weeks ahead, if space allows in the newsletter, Fr Chris, will highlight and briefly explain a theme in Catholic Social Teaching for you explore how this theme could apply in the general election debate

#### Young People and Moving Forward Together in Hope

As we move into new partnership, an important emerging priority is our relationship with young people. The report of the young people's survey 'The Way We See It' and Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Youth invite us to reflect on this relationship. All adult parishioners and young people of sixth form age are invited to a diocesan conference at the Newcastle Assembly Rooms on **Saturday 13th May**, called 'The Way We See It: A Response'. Further details are in the booking form available from the parish priest or from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org). Details also on the YMT website [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org)

#### APF Boxes

Would all box holders please bring their boxes in for emptying. If preferred emptying at home please contact Kath 2577041 or Pauline 2581456.

#### Mercy Associates

The Mercy Associates are holding "The Regional Day" this year. It is at St. Cuthbert's Church on Saturday, 13th May, from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for the day, please bring packed lunch and tea and coffee will be provided.

#### Summer Fayre Appeal

This years Summer Fayre is to be held on the 10th June and we would be grateful for donations of goods for any of the stalls or Raffle..

#### Social Calendar

Future events are as follows:

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| 27th May  | - | Polish Night (food etc more info later) |
| 10th June | - | Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts            |

#### Future Events

Sr Lucy Kurien is the Director of Maher who will be speaking at St. Cuthbert's May 16th at St Cuthberts.