

**MASS READINGS**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)**

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Matthew 21:1-11**

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly.'" This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

**THE MASS**

**FIRST READING**

***I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.***

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

**Psalm 21**

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| <p>1. All who see me deride me.<br/>They curl their lips, they toss their heads.<br/>'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;<br/>let him release him if this is his friend.</p> | <p>2. Many dogs have surrounded me,<br/>a band of the wicked beset me.<br/>They tear holes in my hands and my feet.<br/>I can count every one of my bones.</p>  |
| <p>3. They divide my clothing among them.<br/>They cast lots for my robe.<br/>O Lord, do not leave me alone,<br/>my strength, make haste to help me!</p>                           | <p>4. I will tell of your name to my brethren<br/>and praise you where they are assembled.<br/>'You who fear the Lord give him praise;<br/>all sons of Jacob, give him glory.<br/>Revere him, Israel's sons.'</p> |

**SECOND READING**

***He humbled himself, but God raised him high.***

**Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9 Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

**GOSPEL The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66 ... ..**

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**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) - Year A**

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>4:45-5:15pm:</b> Confessions <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Llesses Family	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> April Passion Sunday/Palm Sunday	<b>11:00am Mass:</b>	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> <b>4:00pm Stations of the Cross</b>
Monday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>	
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>	
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday	<b>11:45am Requiem Mass David McManus</b>	<b>7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper</b>
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> April Good Friday	<b>3:00pm The Passion</b>	
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday	<b>No Vigil Mass at 5:30pm</b>	<b>8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass</b>
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> John Ray	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Dec'd Members of More Family

**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

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### Holy Week 2017

This week as community of faith, we celebrate the central mysteries of our faith as we accompany Christ into his Passion, death and Resurrection. The Easter Triduum are by a 'long shot' the most important liturgical celebrations we have all year. Fr Chris would encourage as many of the parish as possible to make the commitment to be present at the Services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. We particularly remember Jo-Anna Barton-Gates and Lucas Richter who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

### Holy Week Services

#### 8-9th April Palm Sunday

with blessing and distribution of palms

Vigil Mass: 5.30 pm St Cuthbert's

Sunday Mass: 9.30am St Joseph's  
11.00am St Cuthbert's

Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's at 4.00pm

Monday 10th April 9.30am Mass at St Cuthbert's

Tuesday 11th April 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's

Wednesday 12th April 9.30am Mass at St Cuthbert's

#### Thursday 13th April – Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, at St Joseph's.

#### Friday 14th April – Good Friday

10.00am Churches Together Joint Witness and Procession at Northumberland Square  
3.00pm Celebration of the Passion at St Cuthbert's

#### Saturday 15th April Holy Saturday

8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Joseph's with Reception into the Catholic Church Jo-Anna Barton-Gates and Lucas Richter  
(There is no Vigil Mass at 5.30)

#### Sunday 16th April Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass St Joseph's  
11.00am Mass St Cuthbert's

### Lenten Course

This week we will have the last of our Lenten Course focusing on various ministries in the parish. This week we will be focusing on social outreach. Peter Quinn will share on his work with the SVP, Nite Bite and New to the UK. Fr Chris will share on the communal and individual responses we need to make in the light of the Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' with the call to hear 'the cry of the earth and the poor' and the work of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Our thanks to all the parishioners who have contributed to a set of varied and stimulating reflections.

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 Armbuster and baby Eliana Carter. We pray for David McManus who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Collections

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 - £823.87

Cafod - £218.48

### CAFOD Emergency Appeal for East Africa

CAFOD as part of Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) is appealing for funds for the humanitarian crisis in East Africa. We will have an emergency special collection this weekend. Please give any CAFOD envelopes in as soon as possible.

### Acknowledgement from Sister Perla

To all the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea - St Edward, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady & St Edmund and St Mary, Cullercoats, St Oswin, Tynemouth, St Cuthbert and St Joseph North Shields, St Columba, St Bernadette and St Aidan, Wallsend and beyond: My heartfelt gratitude to God and to you all for being part of my life these past 16 - 17 years. Thank you for your friendship, support, encouragement and love. I thank especially my former chaplaincy team: special ministers and priests of the deanery. Now is the time for me to say goodbye, obeying God's desire for me to go to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. I will carry you all in my heart and in my prayers. I leave on Saturday, 8th April ... Au revoir! Sister Perla, smr.

### Collection for the Holy Places

Bishop Seamus writes 'Please remember that the collection for the Holy Places is taken on Palm Sunday. The Holy Places of our faith are eloquent witnesses of the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. From those places, the Easter proclamation has spread throughout the world, and it continues to spread. A Christian community has remained in those regions down the centuries, even at the cost of great sacrifice and martyrdom. Since the first Pentecost, it has bravely shown the universal face of the Church to the world. Today, as we know, living the Christian faith in the Middle East is not all that easy. Especially in Iraq, Syria and Egypt, where Christian communities have experienced an "ecumenism of blood", individuals are daily pressured to abandon their land, or even their faith. Keeping hope alive in such circumstances is both difficult and vitally important.' There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the Holy Places.

### Parish Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint the following:

St Paul's, Alnwick (and partnership parishes) - Administrator, 12 hours per week.

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Backworth, West Monkseaton and Whitley Bay – Cleaner, 8 hours per week

Both vacancies are 12 month fixed term contracts.

For further information and an application pack please visit our website [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk) or contact us 0191 243 3301, email [human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Diocesan Chief Operations Officer

We have been informed by the diocese that it has decided for the meantime not to proceed with the process of appointing a new Chief Operations Officer to replace Kathleen Smith who retires in May. Instead, the diocesan head of finance, Mr Jeff Ledger, has been appointed on a temporary appointment for this role for six months starting in May. Please keep him and all the diocesan administration team in your prayers at this time of transition.

### Confirmation Catechists

A day for Confirmation Catechists and those interested in becoming Confirmation Catechists, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2017 10.00am - 3.00pm St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead, NE8 1LX. Please see poster at back of Church.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Job Vacancy in Hospital Chaplaincy

A part time Catholic Chaplaincy post for Durham & Darlington NHS Trust is advertised on NHS Jobs: [www.jobs.nhs.uk](http://www.jobs.nhs.uk)  
Enter the job reference: 439-AEC-13393-1.

### CAFOD'S Gap Year

There is still time to apply to CAFOD's gap year programme, including a new placement at Leeds Trinity University. For anyone aged 18 – 30: an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year) or call Catherine / Lucy on 0207 095 5308.

The speaker we had from CAFOD last week, Brigid Duffy, is one of those taking part in this Gap programme. Fr Chris thinks this is a great opportunity for a young adult to broaden her or his horizons, learn more about the developed world and to grow in faith and maturity.

### Action Hosting Open Evening

Action Hosting is part of a Newcastle based organisation, Action Foundation, that six months ago started their hosting scheme for destitute asylum seekers. They are looking for new volunteer hosts and are holding open evenings to talk about our scheme. If you have a spare room and would like to help someone who is homeless, then hosting may suit you.

Hosts will provide a safe place to sleep, for people who have nowhere else to go, for an agreed and defined amount of time. We will provide full induction training to all hosts who are eligible to become part of the scheme. Would you like to find out more? Come to our meeting and we can tell you how the scheme works and what support we will give you. There is more information about the scheme here:

[www.actionfoundation.org.uk/projects\\_hosting.html](http://www.actionfoundation.org.uk/projects_hosting.html)

If you would like to come to our meeting, please RSVP at [hosting@actionfoundation.org.uk](mailto:hosting@actionfoundation.org.uk) and let us know which date you would like to attend.

The dates for the evenings are: Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 18:00-19:00, Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 18:00-19:00. The open evening will take place at The Castle Gate, Melbourne Street, Newcastle NE1 2JQ

### Volunteers for North Tyneside General Mass

On Saturday mornings, Mass is celebrated at North Tyneside General Hospital, with special ministers taking communion to patients on the wards. More special ministers are needed. If any of the special ministers would like to be on the rota please let Fr Chris know.

### Lourdes Trip

Fr Peter Stott has been in touch with information for this year's Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will be from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please see poster at the back of the Church for more information.

### Mercy Associates

Wish to thank everyone who supported their Coffee Morning, the sum of £202.10 was raised. Thank you.

### St Joseph's Nursery

Would like to say Thank You for all the donations of Books, Toys, Wellies, etc., we are most grateful and the children love them.

### Social Calendar

Future events are as follows:

23 <sup>rd</sup> April	-	Afternoon Tea at St Josephs
27 <sup>th</sup> May	-	Polish Night (food etc more info later)
10 <sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthberts.