

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

FIRST READING

God has made him both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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| <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.</p> | <p>2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.</p> |
| <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.</p> | <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.</p> |

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 7th May 2017 – 4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

Masses, Devotions and Services			
St Cuthbert's Church			
Saturday	6 th May	4:45pm-5:25pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Kathleen Bagnall	
Sunday	7 th May 4 th Sunday of Easter	11:00am Mass: Deceased Members of the Lleses & Davis family	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Annie & Patrick Breen
Monday	8 th May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	9 th May		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	10 th May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:	
Thursday	11 th May		9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday	12 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: James McGowan	
Saturday	13 th May Our Lady of Fatima	4:45pm-5:25pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	
Sunday	14 th May 5 th Sunday of Easter	11:00am Mass:	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Sr Bernadette

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership

The clergy in the partnership have agreed that at the end of the bidding prayers we will have a short litany of saints to include all the Churches in our partnership. Those writing bidding prayers please note: That in seeking the way ahead or our partnership, we will be open to your Holy Spirit. We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

- Holy Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us.
- St Joseph, Pray for us.
- St Columba, Pray for us.
- St Aidan, Pray for us.
- St Oswin, Pray for us.
- St Cuthbert, Pray for us.
- St Edmund, Pray for us.
- St Edward, Pray for us.
- St Bernadette. Pray for us.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer. / Lord Hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

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 Kathleen Bagnall, Tony King and Maureen Golightly who have died recently and for 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

Vocation Sunday

This week-end we are asked to pray for vocations to the Ordained Priesthood and Religious Life. We pray that those who are called to this way of life will have the courage and generosity to respond to that call.

Celebration of Baptism

We have two baptisms this Sunday. At the 11.00am Mass Rosalita Maja Kulik will be baptised. Rosalita's mother, Elizabeth was baptised at the Easter Vigil last year. At 12.30, also at St Cuthbert's, Joseph James Swift will be baptised. The celebration will be presided by Rev Michael Swift, a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Liverpool, who will be baptising his grandson. We pray for Joseph and Rosalita and their respective families

Confirmations 2017

Any of our young parishioners who are in year 9 or above eligible to be confirmed. This year the confirmations will be on July 20, at St Cuthbert's, Church The starting date for the programme is June 15th at 6.30pm at ST Thomas More's Academy. Please let Fr Chris know asap if you or your child like to be confirmed on July 20th

Day on the Ministry of Consolation

In response to feedback from Forward Together in Hope, there will be a day on Ministry of Consolation, focusing on support for people and their families during terminal illness, or the journey through dementia.

Date: Saturday 10 June 2017

Venue: Ushaw College, Durham, DH7 9RH

Time: 10:00am for 10:30am start. Refreshments will be served on arrival. Lunch is provided, kindly sponsored by 'Walker & Morrell Funeral Directors Gateshead, Washington & Houghton le Spring.'

There is no charge for this day but booking is absolutely essential, no later than Friday 2 June 2017. Please contact spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3302.

Fr Chris thinks that this is very important ministry and would invite encourage parishioners to think if they would like to take part in this day. 'Having 'Ministers of Consolation' would be a very important part of our pastoral ministry as a parish

An Appeal from the SVP

Kettle, toaster and any other kitchen items along with bedding - double and single size urgently needed for a family recently arrived in the parish

Annual Collection for the Little Sister of the Poor

This week-end we have the annual collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Their care for many of the sick and retired priests in the diocese is much appreciated by the diocese.

Catholic Social Teaching: The Common Good

In the weeks ahead, when 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. This week he will look at the theme of 'The Common Good'

In his encyclical 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis quotes from the Second Vatican Council document 'Gaudium et Spes' The common good is "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual member's relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment".

The common good means that we do not ask what is best just for me but what is best overall for society. Nor does the common good mean 'the most happiness for the most people', since that view could still enable some people to have their needs and rights to be completely overlooked. To seek the common good is seek what is best for our world overall and not particular groups, with a special focus on the needs of the weakest and most vulnerable in our society

Maher (Mothers House)

Works with thousands of people each year. Beginning 20 years ago Sister_Lucy Kurien, has helped women at risk of domestic violence, abandoned members of society and many people to reach safety and have dignity restored. She will be speaking at St. Cuthberts Hall on Tuesday 16th may at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Come and be inspired by this incredible lady. Drinks and nibbles available from 7.00pm. All proceeds from the evening will go to the work of Maher. All welcome.

ENCOUNTER - Experience the loving presence of Jesus

Sat 20th - Sun 21st May 2017, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 9HU - donation only event.

Justice and Peace AGM

The AGM of the Diocesan Justice Peace Council will be on Saturday 13th of May from 10-3.30pm at St Joseph's in Gateshead. The theme is 'I, Daniel Blake and the Challenge of Discipleship'. The meeting will be exploring how the issues of the film relate to the mission of the Diocese. All are welcome. There will also be a showing of the film on May 12th at St Joseph's in Gateshead at 7.30. Door will be open by 7.00pm

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)

Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life Dates: 26th - 28th May 2017 Location: Broadstairs, Kent

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit their website www.fcjsisters.org

Polish Night

This is the next evening arranged by our Social Group on May 27th. The event is open to all parishioners not just for our Polish parishioners. It is an opportunity for us to experience their food and hospitality. Fr Chris is very aware that other nations in Eastern Europe are also represented in our parish such as from Lithuania, Romania and Slovenia. If they would like to contribute to the evening please contact Kath Jakos.

Pilgrimage to Ladywell, near Preston, Lancs.

on Saturday 24 June 2017, (Nativity of John the Baptist) Cost £20 approx. Rosary and packed lunch required. For details please contact Jose Blay on 0191 2678693

Diocesan Festival 2017

This year will be 24-25th of June at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. The theme will be 'Changing Hearts: The Challenge of Discipleship with David Wells, Sr Judith Russi and Clare Dixon. Please see poster at back of Church for more details

Training Course for Special Minister of the Eucharist

The Diocese has asked the parish to host the training course for Special Minister of the Eucharist on June 6th and June 13th from 7-9pm and then on 17 June from 10-4pm with the Commissioning Mass at 3pm.

Peer Talk

This is peer support group starting on May 11th for those with mental health concerns, such as anxiety, depression, is now running in Newcastle at Brunswick Methodist Church, Brunswick Place, Newcastle, NE1 7BJ every Thursday evening, 7 – 8.30pm. This Peer Talk project is underpinned by the Methodist Church and offers a safe space to share without being judged. Be heard, respected and accepted, and receive peer support to help you work through mental health concerns.

Celebration of Marriage

Partnership of Life and Love, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, Saturday 10th June 2017, 11.00am Everyone is welcome

Youth Group

The next meeting of the youth group will be this 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.

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.

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. Details also on the YMT website www.ymt.org

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, tea and coffee will be provided.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning at North Shields Methodist Church on Saturday, 13th May, from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. See Notice Board.

Our Parish supports our Fellow Christians in North Shields by providing a Fancy Goods Stall at the Coffee Morning. Please support this worthy cause if possible. Thank you.

Christian Aid Service

Churches Together in North Shields invite you to a Christian Aid Service at 6:30pm on Sunday, 14th May 2017 at St. Columba's United Reformed Church, Northumberland Square, North Shields.

Social Calendar

Future events are as follows:

- 27th May - Polish Night (food etc see notice)
- 10th June - Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts (Goods needed for stalls and raffle)