

**MASS READINGS**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

**FIRST READING**

***They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.***

**Acts 8:5-8. 14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Response: Cry out with joy to God all the earth.**

**Psalm 65**

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| <p>1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,<br/>         O sing to the glory of his name.<br/>         O render him glorious praise.<br/>         Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!</p> | <p>2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;<br/>         shall sing to you, sing to your name!<br/>         Come and see the works of God,<br/>         tremendous his deeds among men.</p>        |
| <p>3. He turned the sea into dry land,<br/>         they passed through the river dry-shod.<br/>         Let our joy then be in him;<br/>         he rules for ever by his might.</p>          | <p>4. Come and hear, all who fear God.<br/>         I will tell what he did for my soul:<br/>         Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer<br/>         nor withhold his love from me.</p> |

**SECOND READING**

***In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.***

**Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

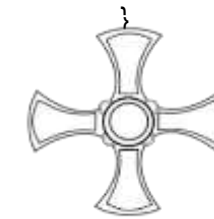
***I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate.***

**John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A**

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>4:45pm-5:25pm</b> Confessions <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> Barbara Smith	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> No intention	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Gloria Gascon
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May		<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Maureen Golightly RIP	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May St Bede the Venerable		<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9:00am:</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>	
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> May St Augustine of Canterbury	<b>4:45pm-5:25pm</b> Confessions <b>5:30pm Mass:</b> No intention	<b>9:30 am Mass:</b> No intention
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May The Ascension of the Lord	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> No intention	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Teresa Hobson

**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. Or 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, Scott Oakley and David Shieber. We pray for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Easter 2017

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

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

#### Catholic Social Teaching: Solidarity

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 'Solidarity'. This important concept of Catholic social teaching comes into play when the primary principles such as the common good and the dignity of the human person is not acknowledged. When this is the case then there will be injustice and suffering and anguish caused by poverty, denying people basic rights, discrimination, violence, unnecessary medical conditions, depression.

We as a community of faith are called have some empathy and to appreciate that though we may be on the other side of the world we are in a relationship with these people and have a responsibility to meet their needs. Nothing can replace being at person face to face to encourage a feeling of deep solidarity but the media at time can give us powerful images that provoke a deep cry of compassion and a desire to do justice. One thinks of the young woman during the Vietnam War on fire with napalm. More recently the body of a little boy washed up at the shore of Italy during the recent refugee crisis. Are there images you have seen in your real life or in the media or in a film such as 'I Daniel Blake' that arise a profound feeling of solidarity with others. What response does such solidarity arise from you?

#### First Holy Communion Liturgies

This week-end we will have the final of the First of the Holy Communion Liturgies for this week-end before our children make their first Holy Communion on June 17th. We continue to pray for our children as they prepare for this special day

#### Liturgy and Formation

There will be a meeting of this group at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 23rd May at 7.30

#### Social Committee

There will be a meeting of the Social Committee on Monday, 22nd May at 7:00pm.

#### Mass for Our Lady and May Processions

On Wednesday 24th of May at St Cuthbert's at 9.30 am, we will have a Mass for Our Lady with a member of each class acting as Mary and we will have a procession with Statue of our Lady after the Mass.

#### New guidelines for infant baptism

Following the diocesan wide consultation on baptism, the new Guidelines for Infant Baptism have been completed. These will be launched on Wednesday 7 June, 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Gateshead. All are welcome. The guidelines include theological, spiritual, pastoral and liturgical reflections, examples of good practice, recommended resources and specific recommendations for the preparation and celebration of infant baptism. In order to support the ongoing formation of baptism catechists, there will be five events planned around the diocese in June:

Saturday 10 June	Anne's, Darlington	9.00am-12noon
Thursday 15 June	St Robert's, Morpeth	6.00pm-8.30pm
Saturday 17 June	St Aloysius, Hebburn	9.00am-12noon
Monday 19 June	St Michael's, Houghton	6.00pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 28 June	St Cuthbert's House, Newcastle	6.00pm-8.30pm

Attendance at all events can be booked online at <http://adultformationhn.eventbrite.com> or contact us at [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) | 0191 243 3313

#### CAFOD Fundraiser

Who?: 2econd Wind, a local band playing music from the 60s to the present day.

Why?: To have a good time, raise the profile of Connect2 and also some funds in the process!

When?: Saturday 10th June from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m.

Where?: St. Joseph's Parish Centre in Birtley

How much? Tickets cost £3 and your invited to bring some food to share, though there is a licensed bar.

To purchase tickets contact::

[hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk](mailto:hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk)

#### Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator – Holy Family, Hartlepool, full-time, permanent.

Administrator – Immaculate Heart, Lobley Hill, 16 hours per week.

Organist – St Mary, Barnard Castle, 2 hours per week.

Business Administration Apprentice - Diocesan Offices, Newcastle, full-time.

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)

#### Tyneside Circle Newman Association

The next talk is Medjugorje by Fr. Martin Morris, at St Mary's RC Church Hall, Farringdon Road, Cullercoats NE30 3EY at 7.30 Wednesday 31st May. All welcome.

#### Spirit Spray

On the week-end of Pentecost, 2-4 June, Churches Together in North Shields are holding a teaching day to help Christian throughout North Shields to deepen their Christian faith. There will be outside speakers together with local clergy including Fr Chris giving some input.

Saturday 3rd June 10am-3pm Teaching and Worship

Saturday 3rd June 7.30pm Concert with Worship Leader and Singer-songwriter John Alexander Wilson

Sunday 4th June 6.00pm Churches Together North Shields Pentecost Praise with Rev Jona Sewell preaching. All the events will be taking place at North Shields Baptist Church in Howard Street, North Shields.

Please sign form at back of Church if you wish to attend

#### Day of Reflection for Lay Leaders of the Eucharist

Led by Fr. Paul Jenkins O Carm. A Day of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Leaders to be held at Saint Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY, Saturday 8 July 2017 10.30a.m. - 4.00p.m. To attend please book through your Parish Priest or contact: The Department for Liturgy, St. Cuthbert's House, West Road, Newcastle NE15 7PY Telephone 0191 243 3312 e-mail [liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk). Cost £5.00. Please bring a packed lunch Tea and Coffee provided.

#### Confirmations 2017

Any of our young parishioners who are in year 9 or above are 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](mailto: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

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit their website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

#### Polish Night

This is the next evening arranged by our Social Group on Saturday 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.

#### 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, please)**

#### Forward Together in Hope Prayer:

God all Creation, you have constantly poured out your Spirit upon our Diocese and kindled here a light which has spread throughout the world.

Lord Jesus, you gathered disciples to yourself to learn from you and to model their lives on you. Your Holy Spirit empowered them to continue your work in the world.

Come upon us, Holy spirit, deepen the faith you invite us to share and inspire us to become faithful witnesses.

As we begin to develop our partnerships, help each one of us to use the gifts you give us to nurture one another, to serve the world and to live in harmony with the whole of creation. All this we ask in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.