

MASS READINGS - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

FIRST READING

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of compassion.

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 129

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

SECOND READING

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

I am the resurrection and the life.

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied: ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.’ He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’ On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said: ‘I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept, and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: ‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.


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Sunday, 18 th March 2018 – 5 th Sunday of Lent		
	Masses, Devotions and Services	
	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 17 th March St Patrick	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass:	No Mass
Sunday 18 th March 5 th Sunday of Lent	11:00am Mass:	9:30am Mass: Frank Turnbull (sick child) 4:00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 19 th March Feast of St Joseph		9:30am Mass
Tuesday 20 th March Feast of St Cuthbert	9:30am Mass:	
Wednesday 21 st March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Special Intention (TH)	
Thursday 22 nd March		9:30am Mass:
Friday 23 rd March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Pat Taws	7:00pm Mass:
Saturday 24 th March	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Eric Nimmo	No Mass
Sunday 25 th March Palm Sunday	11:00am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross	9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership

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

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, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Mel Mitchell, Father Bill Bellamy, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Armbruster, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater and Katie McVay. Please pray for all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Pastoral Care for the Bereaved

We have a group of parishioners who are willing to spend time with anyone who has suffered the death of a loved one. They can be contacted on the Pastoral Carers phone line on: 07526080729.

The Season of Lent.

This special time of grace started on Wednesday 14th February. The following will take place

- **Stations of the Cross, Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm, this week at St Josephs.**
- **Friday evening Mass at St Joseph's at 7.00pm**

Lenten Talks based on the Seven sayings of Christ on the Cross

These will take place at St Cuthbert's starting at 7.00pm

- March 21st 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me' Hearing the voices of victims of torture', Tony Wright
- March 28th 'Father forgive them for they know not what they do'. Though not in person we shall show video clips of Richard Moore, blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British officer with his powerful story of forgiveness

Partnership Penitential Service

This will be on Thursday 22nd March St. Bernadette's Wallsend at 7pm

Parish Patron Feast Days

The parish celebrates its two patrons this week. There will be Mass for St Joseph on Monday 19th March at St Joseph's at 9.30am and Mass for St Cuthbert on at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 20th March. I hope as many of the parish will be able to take part in the Masses. St Joseph's school will join us on the Monday and St Cuthbert's school will join us on the Tuesday.

Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Group

In the light of the General Meeting of the Parish, there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council with Mgr Andrew Faley on March 21st at 7.00pm. I hope every member of the Parish Council will be able to attend

Lenten Talks

This week on March 21st, we will be exploring the scripture passage 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me'. Our own parishioner Tony Wright will share on his experience on supporting those who like Christ have experienced torture. The talk by Kathryn Mannix that had to be cancelled due to the bad weather has been rearranged for Wednesday April 11th at 7.00pm

Partnership Development Group

This group had a very fruitful morning with Amy Cameron. We agreed on the following Mission Statement:

We aim to be open to the Holy Spirit in prayer and humble trust, creating a vibrant Church for the future, a welcoming faith community called to grow in the love of God.

We aspire to bring Jesus into the community, providing opportunities for all to find their way in the Church to belong, participate and thrive.

Feedback from Parish Groups

Parish Proclaimers

The newly established Parish Proclaimers met last week and discussed how to create a welcoming, meaningful space in the porch at St. Cuthbert's. The fact that it is well used by the public presents us with an ideal opportunity to create a space that says something positive about our faith to the wider community. In the short term, it was suggested that notice boards would have more impact with clear headings and that all notices should be reviewed on a monthly basis. Our next meeting is 7pm on Tuesday 20th March at St. Cuthbert's. Please come along if you'd like to get involved in proclaiming and presenting ourselves as a community of disciples to those beyond our parish.

Liturgy & Formation

- Lenten talks and Stations of the Cross continue for the rest of Lent
- Services during the Easter Season:
 - Divine Mercy at St Cuthbert's 8 April at 4.00 pm
 - Vocations at St Joseph's 22 April at 4.00 pm
 - Stations of the Resurrection 6 May at 4.00 pm
- Trip to Holy Island 1 September providing tide times are suitable
- DVD course, Led by love, commences 1 May at 7.00 pm

Medical Aid Sacred Heart

It's been 25 years since Medical Aid Sacred Heart first started trying to support brothers and sisters in need at home and abroad with medical aid. We'd like to invite you to join us for two events to celebrate our silver jubilee. The first is our thanksgiving and celebration Mass on Sunday 18th March at 6.30 pm at the Sacred Heart Church, North Gosforth. The second is our MASH Wine tasting, mini-auction fun and games on Friday 27th April in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start. All funds raised will support 5 brilliant projects:

Lucy's Huddleston fundraising to help her dance again
EducAid Sierra Leone

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle Refugee Project
Sister Dr Mary Hickey's surgery at the Cardinal Hume Centre
The Child Health Africa Charity, finding a more effective way of treating Kwashiorkor - an acute form of malnutrition that kills thousands.

Wine tasting tickets are £10 a ticket. Please spread the word and come and join us with friends and family. A great evening is guaranteed! Tickets are available via the Mash team at the Sacred Heart Church or please ring John Dowling: 07427 837813 or Steve Williams: 07530 258731 or via email to Gerry O'Hanlon gerryohanlon@gmail.com. Let us know if you'd like to book a table with friends or if you'd like to make a donation to the projects. Many thanks and God bless you and your loved ones. Gerry and the Medical Aid Sacred Heart team

Collections for 11th March 2018
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Do you do Facebook?

If so please like and share our parish page. It's a great way to see what's going on in our Catholic community

Job Vacancy

Unique opportunity on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne working at Marygate House as a Retreat House Assistant. We are seeking a friendly, conscientious and confident person to help us in providing a ministry of hospitality. The role requires somebody confident in the kitchen, enjoys working with people and who likes serving others. In return you will receive a salary of £14,430 p.a. plus a single person's accommodation on the island and other benefits. For more information go to: <http://marygatehouse.org.uk/job-opportunities.html> or contact Sam & Don Quilty (Wardens) Marygate.house@gmail.com, Marygate House, Holy Island, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 2SD, Tel: 01289 389246 <http://www.marygatehouse.org.uk>

Diocesan Vacancies

The parish of the Durham Martyrs are looking to appoint a Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. Full-time, 3 year fixed term contract. Closing date for applications: 23 March. For further information and details of how to apply please visit the diocesan website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

Tyne and Wear Citizens' Mental Health Campaign

One of the campaigns of Tyne and Wear Citizens is to explore how provision for Mental Health Care can be improved. Last week a listening campaign was started as part of seeking evidence for a commission that has been established to propose changes to mental health care in the area. The questions that are being asked are:

1. What has worked well, in relation to mental health and wellbeing for you or for family, friend or colleagues?
2. What hasn't worked well, in relation to mental health and wellbeing?
3. In an ideal world, what would things look like when it comes to mental health?

If you would like to provide a written answer to these questions or speak to Fr Chris about them, please contact him by e-mail or phone

Churches Together in North Shields Teaching Week-End: Grow in Christ

On the Saturday before Palm Sunday, March 24th, there will be a teaching day on three themes: Discipleship and Teaching led by Rev Liz Edwards, Evangelism: A Possible Mission led by Lieutenant Co van der Woude and Meditation and Prayer by Fr Chris. The events will be shared at the Salvation Army and the North Shields Baptist Church. The day will start with refreshments at the Salvation Army at 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Please see poster for more details

St. Joseph's Presbytery

Fr Chris is very grateful to parishioners who once a week spend the Monday morning sorting out some of the chaos that he leaves in the presbytery, mainly in the kitchen and office/study and ensuring he is not too scruffy by kindly washing and ironing for him. For personal reasons they will no longer be able to continue in this role after Easter so if anyone is willing to help, Fr Chris would be very grateful.

Practical Steps For Parishes And Partnerships

A conference will take place on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn to help parishes and partnerships engage with young people in their communities. The keynote speaker is Fr Dominic Howarth, responsible for Youth Services in Brentwood Diocese, and the programme includes 12 workshops. The conference is for everyone who is concerned about our young people and will offer inspiring examples of good practice. The conference fee is £10 and includes lunch. Further details are in the booking forms available in parishes, downloadable from www.ymt.org or contact admin@ymt.org

Annual Training for Confirmation Catechists, or those interested in becoming catechists, will take place this year within the Youth Ministry Conference on Saturday 12th May at St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. Details on the booking form.

COFFEE MORNING POSTPONED

Unfortunately the Mercy Associates Coffee Morning due to take place on Tuesday March 20th has had to be postponed. Tickets already bought will be valid for the new date (still to be arranged) or you may return them for a refund. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.

Key Holders

A discussion took place at the recent parish council regarding who are the current 'key holders' for our parish properties. It was decided to ensure this information is up to date. Therefore if you currently have keys for any of our parish properties could you inform Ian Pearson either by phone call 07534992873 or email ian@ymcanorthtyneside.org this will also ensure we are meeting the requirements of our insurers and the current DBS guidance. Once we have a list complete we will discuss the roles and responsibilities for key holders. If you currently have a set of keys and no longer feel it is necessary to do so please could they be returned to Ian Pearson or Fr Chris.

IT infrastructure

Ian Pearson would be interested in having a conversation with any fellow parishioners who have knowledge of IT. If you're that person please contact him on 07534992873 or email ian@ymcanorthtyneside.org

Parish Council Elections

It was agreed that Parish Council Elections will take place in April 14th/15th. There are 6 vacancies on the council. Fr Chris would like all parishioners to consider if they or someone else in the parish would be suitable to be in the parish. The council would like its membership to represent the broad diversity that exists within the parish.

Coming up at Minsteracres:

Quiet days of reflection during Lent, all from 10.00am – 4.00pm, with lunch provided: Wednesday 21 March – Sr. Sheila McNamara RSCJ. For our full 2018 programme visit our website: <http://www.minsteracres.org/> or call us on 01434 673248.

Social Events

Saturday 24th March – Jumble Sale at St Cuthberts. **ALL DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED. NO ELECTRICALS.**