

MASS READINGS
EASTER SUNDAY
FIRST READING

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 117

Response: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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| <p>1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'</p> | <p>2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.</p> |
| <p>3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation


Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed;
let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Sunday, 1 st April 2018 – Easter Sunday (B)			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	31 st March Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass David McManus	
Sunday	1 st April Easter Sunday	11:00am Mass: Kerry O'Neill	9:30am Mass: H. James
Monday	2 nd April	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	3 rd April		9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	4 th April	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: John Loughbrough (RIP)	
Thursday	5 th April		9:30am Mass:
Friday	6 th April	9:00am Mass:	
Saturday	7 th April	5:30 pm Mass: Luther & Lilian Shotton	
Sunday	8 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: Maureen McLoughlin

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 Arbuster, 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.

Easter 2018

He is Risen Alleluia Alleluia

Fr Chris would like to wish all the parish the joy and peace and hope of Easter to you and your families. May we know the power of love of the Risen Christ. Easter celebrates that the power of God is greater than any destructive powers in our world. It is a time of renewal, hope, love and peace. We have daily reminders of violence and the destructive powers we can have but may Christ's peace and love reign in our hearts. I am also aware that it has not been an easy time in the parish with the uncertainty and sense of loss re change of Mass times. I hope at this unsettling time of change and uncertainty we can allow the power of the Risen Christ to transform our community to give us hope and a sense of purpose in Christ.

Thank-you

Thanks to all who have contributed to all that has gone on in Lent. People's generosity and commitments is inspiring. For Holy Week a great deal of work is done by a whole range of people often unsaid and unseen but invaluable to enable the community to celebrate worthily and inspiringly the mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. A huge thank-you for people's commitment and service to the Parish. In a week where there has been some understandable reaction to the Mass times, it has helped Fr Chris a great deal to know that the parish is working together to ensure that the Liturgical Celebrations go well.

Our Schools contribution to Lent and Easter

Thanks to St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's for their contribution to the their telling of the events of Holy Week along with Christ's Church School starting at Northumberland Square on March 28th. It was a very moving and inspiring event. Our thanks to the staff of all three schools willing to overcome all sorts of logistical obstacles to make that event happen

Baptisms and Reception

Congratulations to Eileen Race who was received into the Church and confirmed at the Vigil Mass. At the 11.00am Mass we will baptise Colette Marie-Bernade Lleses. Next week-end, we will have the baptism of Adaline Ivy Healy.

Mercy Associates

The Mercy Associates Coffee Morning in aid of the Mercy Mission in Muhoroni will now be held on Tuesday April 17th at 10.15am in St Joseph's Church. Tickets £1. Everyone welcome. Next Meeting of The Mercy Associates will be on Monday April 16th at 1.00pm in the Convent, 17 Cartington Road.

Change of Mass Times

As announced last week, the new Mass Times starting from April 7th-8th will be

Saturday Vigil 5.30 St. Cuthbert's

Sunday 11.00am St Joseph's.

I appreciate that the changes are very difficult for some people and I appreciate people's honesty and sensitivity. As I said we will need to be careful to ensure that St Joseph's has the capacity. In the light of this the parish needs volunteers for the following tasks at St Joseph's

- To steward the St Joseph's school car park with responsibility for its opening and closing
- Putting out chairs at the back to ensure there are enough seats
- To ensure that people who come to St Joseph's from the St Cuthbert's community feel welcomed next Sunday helped to find empty places in the pews

Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Séamus will celebrate Mass in St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 5th May at 11.00am to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage.

He has invited each parish community to be represented by at least two couples, young or old, newly married or celebrating a significant anniversary.

In addition, everyone is welcome to attend. This promises to be a wonderful celebration and will provide affirmation and support for Marriage across the diocese and to the wider North-East community. Fr Chris has been assured that the liturgy will be very sensitive to the real pastoral difficulties in Marriage which affect so many of our parishioners and which Pope Francis addressed so sensitively in his Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family, entitled The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia).

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.

Rosary on the Coast.

This is an initiative to pray for our country. Gathering to say the Rosary at 3pm on Sunday April 29th, all are invited to support by joining a meeting point on our coastline. More details to follow, keep up to date with www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk.

The Summit – A lively evening of praise, worship, teaching and testimony.

Your warmly invited to our 4th Summit event, which is taking place at St Mary's, Bishop Auckland DL14 6PQ on 7th April, 7-9pm. This reflective and faith filled evening will have worship led by Ronan Johnston of Emmaus music and we would love you for to join us and be part of this experience. For more information, please contact Amy on 0191 243 3316 or at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk

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.

Feedback from Parish Groups

Pastoral Carers Groups

- The dedicated telephone number in the church bulletin now in use and is being used
- The format for contacting recently bereaved families was agreed upon.
- It was felt to be important that parishioners understood that this service is open to anyone who is bereaved regardless of timescale.
- Further training and support possibilities to be investigated.
- The next meeting is at St Cuthbert's on April 19th at 7.30pm

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

Cor et Lumen Christi

During this weekend we will be exploring the nature and glorious work of the Holy Spirit.

Sat 14th - Sun 15th April 2018, Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - DONATION ONLY EVENT.

To book or for more information: Web: www.coretlumenchristi.org
Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org Tel: 016973 45623 or 07516 075896.

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.

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

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. Nominations to Parish Council close on 8th April, please give nominations to Fr. Chris, Ian Pearson or Linda Shotton.

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

Collection for 25th March 2018

£875.44

Youth Sunday Group

This will be on Sunday, April 8th, and not Easter Sunday, April 1st.

Note from Maria regarding Bonus Ball

Due to the change in Sunday mass time, I will not always be at St. Joseph's to collect money and distribute winnings of the bonus ball. As a result, the bonus ball will be suspended but will be reinstated if the Saturday Vigil mass has to be moved to St. Joseph's or someone else wishes to take over running it. If you have paid any weeks in advance I will get your over payment back to you as soon as possible. Can I take this opportunity to thank everybody who has taken part in the scheme over the past seven years, in that time we have raised £8,906 for the church funds. Many thanks and with great regret, Maria.

Red Mission Boxes

Janet Martin requests all parishioners with Mission Boxes to please bring them in as soon as possible.

Happy Easter