

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

**PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL**

*Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly." ' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus, had told them, and, the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

**Mark 11:1-10**

**THE MASS**

**FIRST READING**

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

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.

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

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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>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>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>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> |
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**Psalm 21**

**SECOND READING**

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

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!

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**GOSPEL The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 14:1-14,47 ... ..**

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

<p><b>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church</b> <i>Albion Road West North Shields</i></p>	<p>Tynemouth Priory Partnership </p>	<p><b>Saint Joseph Catholic Church</b> <i>Wallsend Road North Shields</i></p>
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**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Palm Sunday (B)**

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	4:45pm-5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Eric Nimmo	No Mass
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	11:00am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross	9:30am Mass: Charlie Hartwell
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> March Holy Week	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup> March		9:30am Mass: Ellen Tyrell
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Margaret & David Howells	
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> March Maundy Thursday	7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper	
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday		3:00pm The Passion
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> March Holy Saturday	8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass David McManus	
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> April Easter Sunday	11:00am Mass: Kerry O'Neill	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: H. James

**Bidding Prayers and our Partnership**

We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

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| 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 Armbuster, 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.

#### Holy Week Triduum Services

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 Celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil are the most important and significant 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 these three great liturgical celebrations We particularly remember Eileen Race, who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil

#### Holy Week Liturgies

**24th -25th March 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 Cuthbert's at 4.00pm

#### Thursday 29th March – Maundy Thursday

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

#### Friday 30th March – Good Friday

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

#### Saturday 31st March Holy Saturday

- 8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Cuthbert's
- Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday
- Mass 9.30am St Joseph's
- Mass 11.00am St Cuthbert's

#### Partnership Development Group

##### Lenten Talks

Our saying on the Cross will be ' Father forgive them for they know not what they do.'

This week we will be reflecting on the life and work of Richard Moore. Richard was shot by a Rubber Bullet fired by a British Officer during the 'troubles'. Richard powerfully believes in the power of forgiveness. Using clips from u tube we will explore the importance of his message

#### 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

#### Celebration of the Word of God

The Bishops' Conference Scripture Working Group has been working alongside the Northern Dioceses and religious orders to organise events celebrating the Word of God – one in the north-east, the other in the north-west. The event closest to our own diocese is to be held on Saturday 12 May at All Saints School, York (5 minutes from the railway station). It is open to all but might be of special appeal to clergy, school and university chaplains Readers and students (6th form and above). More information on the poster or from Kathryn Called to Glory V - Dig deep into the Riches of the Catholic Faith.

#### 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](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)  
Email: [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org) Tel: 016973 45623 or 07516 075896.

#### Rosary on the Coast.

This is an initiative to pray for our country. Gathering to say the Rosary at 3pm on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk).

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

Your warmly invited to our 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk)

#### The Season of Lent.

This special time of grace started on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

The following will take place

- **Stations of the Cross, Sunday afternoons at 4.00pm, this week at St Cuthberts.**

#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> '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

#### 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 Huddlestone 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](mailto: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

#### 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

**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.

#### 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

#### 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](http://www.ymt.org) or contact [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org)

#### 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](mailto: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.

#### Parish Council Elections

It was agreed that Parish Council Elections will take place in April 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. 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.