

MASS READINGS  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)  
FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35  
*United, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117  
Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.'

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.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die.
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad.

SECOND READING John 5:1-6  
*Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31  
*Eight days later, Jesus came.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Easter (B)		
	Masses, Devotions and Services	
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30 pm Mass: Luther & Lillian Shotton	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: Maureen McLoughlin
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April Annunciation of the Lord	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April		9:30am Mass: Margaret Young
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Billy Moloney	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		9:30am Mass:
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00am Mass: Bridget Adams	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30 pm Mass: A Sick Person – V. Donohoe	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: Kevin More

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

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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.

**Baptisms**

This weekend we will have the baptism of Adaline Ivy Healy.

**Events during the Easter Season:**

- Dr Kath Mannix April 11<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's at 7.00pm Please see <https://www.bbc.com/ideas/videos/dying-is-not-as-bad-as-you-think/p062m0xt?playlist=imho> for a taster of what she will be saying
- Divine Mercy at St Cuthbert's 8 April at 4.00 pm
- Vocations at St Joseph's 22 April at 4.00 pm
- Day of Recollection 5<sup>th</sup> May at Alnmouth 9.00am-5.00pm
- Stations of the Resurrection 6 May at 4.00 pm
- DVD course, Led by love, commences 1 May at 7.00 pm

**Easter 2018**

There has been a lot of positive feedback to the Easter Liturgies. Fr Chris would like to express his sincere thanks to all who assisted in any way to the preparation and celebration of these liturgies. It was wonderful to see the parish working together in such a positive way. Below is one comment from a parishioner, Catherine Kelly, who attended the end of term Mass for St Joseph's on Maundy Thursday.

"Thanks To St Joseph's School - As a parishioner I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to St Joseph's School for their end of term Mass on Maundy Thursday. It was a joy to come together with the children who displayed such respect and sense of occasion. Year 5's active reflection to "Were you there when they crucified my Lord" using the sticks to portray the cross and the whole school's beautiful singing of "Gethsemane" were both hugely powerful and deeply moving. The thoughts and feelings they provoked have stayed with me throughout the Triduum. This was by no means a "one-off". I have seen before how thoughtfully they participate in their school masses and other parish events such as the Crib Festivals. In my mind the parish is very blessed to have a Head teacher, teachers and pupils who can provide such profoundly spiritual liturgies for us to experience. Thank you."

**Birthday Congratulations**

Sincere congratulations to Catherine West who was a 100 on April 4<sup>th</sup>. As a parish we add our congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen's to her and the family on the centenary of her birth.

**Elections to the Parish Council**

Nominations to the Parish Council Close April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please give any nominations to Fr Chris, Ian Pearson or Linda Shotton.

**New Mass Times**

This weekend the new mass times come into being. I appreciate that the changes have not been easy and for some in the parish there is a profound sense of loss. I hope that in our two week-end celebrations of the Eucharist there can be a real sense of welcome, openness, unity and community united in the Crucified and Risen Lord. We as a parish will need to be honest and attentive to whether the new Mass times and the venues are meeting the needs of the parish. As a parish we need to all we can to ensure that people feel they belong and can be nourished and inspired by the two week-end Masses. I am sure that there will be practical issues that need to be addressed. Please bring any such issues to my attention. Let us pray for each other so that we as a Community of Faith can be sacramental presence of Christ in this area.

**Sunday Youth Group**

The group meets this Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> in St Cuthbert's. All young people are welcome

**Parents and Children Together**

The parish is working in a partnership with (PACT) that is piloting a scheme in North Shields that is like a mother and toddler's group but with a 'mums space' that will give mums ( and any dads) the opportunity to support each other and raise any concerns for them or their children. Any parents of young children can join the group and volunteers are needed to look after children. 'Mum Champions' are also needed The group will meet for a couple of hours in St Cuthbert's every week. For more information please contact the PACT project worker Wendy O'Connell at: [Wendy.McConnell@citizensuk.org](mailto:Wendy.McConnell@citizensuk.org) or on 07970259161

**Saying Goodbye Service**

Sunderland Minster, 22 April at 3.00pm. This Saying Goodbye Service is for people who have lost a child at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, whether the loss be recent or 80 years ago.

**Day Conference and AGM of the Justice and Peace & Co-Ordinating Council**

This will take place next Sunday here in the parish at St Cuthbert's. The conference is exploring 'Community Organising for Catholics' with Fr John Armitage and John Battle. This day will celebrate how Catholic Communities have been transformed and have helped transformed local communities. It is hoped that parishes and the diocese will be inspired to follow suit

**Centre for Catholic Studies**

- Wednesday 18 April 2018: Centre for Catholic Studies 10th Anniversary Public Lecture: Catholics in Public Life: A UK Perspective by Daniel, Lord Brennan of Bibury QC. 5.00pm in central Durham City.
- Monday 30 April 2018: Public Lecture by Professor Eamon Duffy: "To Doe Our Countrie Good": Douai, Rome, and the Tridentine Seminary. 6.00pm at Ushaw College.
- Tuesday 1 May 2018: Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture: HE Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi: Universities as Places of Encounter Between Faith and Culture: A public conversation with Bishop Paul Tighe. 6.15pm at Ushaw College.

**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.

**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 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).

**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

**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.

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

**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

**Youth Sunday Group**

This will be this Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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.