

MASS READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Psalm 117

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end.

SECOND READING

We shall see God as he really is.

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: ‘I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. ‘I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. ‘The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’


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Sunday, 22 nd April 2018 – 4 th Sunday of Easter (B)			
		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday	21 st April	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30 pm Mass: Sheila Shore	9.30 am Mass
Sunday	22 nd April 4 th Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: David McManus
Monday	23 rd April St George	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday	24 th April		9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	25 th April St Mark	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Ernest & Grace Lumsden	
Thursday	26 th April		9:30am Mass:
Friday	27 th April	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30 am Mass: Monica Knights	
Saturday	28 th April	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30 pm Mass: Kathleen Bagnall	
Sunday	29 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: Walter & Ellen Tyrell

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, 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, Katie McVay and Fr Patrick Laydon. Please pray Deborah Carr and Mel Mitchell who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Events during the Easter Season:

- Vocations at St Joseph's 22 April at 4.00 pm
- Day of Recollection 5th 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

New Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis

Pope Francis has recently published his recent teaching, called 'Gaudete et Exsultate- Rejoice and Be Glad'. It is a wonderful and inspiring reflection on the universal call to holiness. It is on the Vatican website and available from CTS at the Pauline Bookshop at the Cathedral. Fr Chris will be focusing on the first chapter in this week's sermon and on the other four chapters from time to time over the next few months. The document refers to a number of spiritual traditions with a call for us all to be 'contemplatives in action'.

Second Collection for Little Sister of the Poor

This weekend will have a second collection for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor in the Diocese .

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is Vocations Sunday where we pray that all people will follow their God given vocation. We prayer for ourselves that whatever our calling we will be courageous and generous in answering that call.

Serve the Lord with Gladness Days of Reflection for All Ministries

Ushaw College, Durham Saturday 19 May 2018 10.30am - 3.30pm (Registration and refreshments from 9.45) or St. Joseph Parish Hall, Gateshead Saturday 2 June 2018 10.30am - 3.30pm. (Registration and refreshments from 9.45) BOOKING ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED. LITURGY DEPARTMENT Cost £7.50 per person. Tea, Coffee and a light lunch will be provided. Please use the attached relevant booking form to book through your Parish or contact the Department for Liturgy on : Tel : 0191 243 3312
e-mail: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

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.

Diocesan Festival

This year the diocesan festival at the Emmaus Youth Village will be the week-end of 24rd and 24th of June. The theme is: Encounter: Coming Face to Face with Christ. Speakers include Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow OBE, Sr Judith Russi and Sara Bryson from Tyne and Wear Citizens. Please see booking forms at the back of church

Mercy Associates

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning. We raised £245.40 and a cheque will now be sent to help keep up the good work at the Sisters of Mercy mission in Muhoroni. A newsletter showing a little bit of the background and progress of the Mission along with Sr Vincent's appreciation is on the noticeboards in both churches.

Parish Council

There have been 6 definite nominations to the Parish Council: Ruth Coreless, Martyn Goodwin, Doreen Hull, Nestah Masiwa, Marilyn Redpath and Barbara Allen. Our thanks to them for being willing to serve the parish in this way.

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 or on 07970259161.

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.

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.

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.

Feedback from Parish Groups Liturgy and Formation

- A Novena to the Holy Spirit will be start on the Ascension up to Pentecost
- A pilgrimage to Holy Island, linking with the CAFOD annual pilgrimage is being investigated.
- A Harvest Festival will be held on 30th September
- There will be something to mark the Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine in September – more details later.
- The next meeting is at St Cuthbert's on 13th June at 7.30pm

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

Red Mission Boxes

Janet Martin, Pauline Rogers and Kath Kenny request all parishioners with Mission Boxes to please bring them in as soon as possible. Also Pauline and Kath are willing to collect the boxes from your home if necessary. If you wish a collection, please call Pauline on 2581456 or Kath on 2577041.

Rosary on the Coast

For Faith, life and peace in the British Isles to be held on Grand Parade, Tynemouth on Sunday 29th April 2018. Please meet in front of the grand hotel. At 2.45 pm. If raining, meet at St. Oswin's Church in Tynemouth 2.45 pm For more information ring: Marileine on 0191 2854395.

Day of Recollection

There will be an Easter Day of Recollection at the Franciscan Friary on Saturday May 5th. We will leave at 9.00am and return for 5.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Theme of the day will be 'Praying Pentecost'. We will reflect on some of the reading used by the Church for the Feast of Pentecost.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes : Appeal for Adult Helpers

The Diocesan Pilgrimage needs adult helpers for the 2018 Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We aim to take 44 sick pilgrims who need assistance in the Accueil Marie St Frai, as well as many other pilgrims in hotels who need assistance with our "outreach team". But we need the adult helpers before we can commit to accepting our assisted pilgrims. Do you think you can help? Give Lourdes a try—share the experience! The pilgrimage is entirely dependent on its many volunteers who give up generously of their time and pay for their own pilgrimage to Lourdes to enable the sick and elderly to come to Lourdes. We need people to help both on the journey to and from Lourdes, in the airport and on the plane as well as in the Accueil. Some may wish to lend a hand during the course of the pilgrimage such as outreach, carrying the banner, making tea/coffee, helping with the cleaning of wards etc. There are many different ways in which your help would be very much appreciated. Being a volunteer is an extremely rewarding experience so please consider giving up some of your time and helping on the 2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. To volunteer as an adult helper you don't need any experience or qualification. All that is required is that you are willing to help during the pilgrimage, are in reasonable health and undertake (already hold) an enhanced DBS check with the Diocese.

A day of preparation will be held for all helpers prior to travelling, where information will be shared about ways in which you can help on the pilgrimage. If you are able to help, you need a Booking Form for the Pilgrimage to book your flight and accommodation, then you need to register as an Adult Helper. Forms are downloadable from www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or Tel: 01670 513410 [Fr Peter Stott]. If you would like further information on ways in which you could help, then please contact Elaine Scannell, (President of Hospitalité) on 0191 478 7864 or by email: elaine.scan@btinternet.com

Social Events at St Cuthberts

Tuesday 8th May, 7:00pm at St Cuthberts. Fish & Chip Supper with guests from St Bedes Church at Bedlington. Tickets £3.50 with Bingo and Raffle. Bring your own drink.
Friday 18th May 7:00pm at St Cuthberts a Social Evening with 'Tom and Marge' who sing all the old songs so everyone can join in. Raffle and shared supper. Tickets £3. Bring your own drink.