

MASS READINGS**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)****FIRST READING***Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.***Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm**Response: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.****Psalm 21**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
3. Any my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

SECOND READING*His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.***John 3:18-24**

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.***John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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Sunday, 22nd April 2018 – 4th Sunday of Easter (B)**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
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
Monday 30 th April St George	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 1 st May		9:30am Word & Communion:
Wednesday 2 nd May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Thursday 3 rd May		9:30am Mass:
Friday 4 th May	10.00 am Mass: Requiem Mass for Mel Mitchell	
Saturday 5 th May	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30 pm Mass: Michael McChrystal	
Sunday 6 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: Gloria Gasgon

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, 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, Mel Mitchell, Paul Younger and Nella Nicholson who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Events during the Easter Season:

- 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'.

Confirmations

This year Confirmations in the Partnership will be on July 19th at St Cuthbert's. The first session for the candidates will on Thursday June 7th. If you or your children are in year 10 or above and you have not been confirmed, please contact Fr Chris

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

Diocesan Festival

This year the diocesan festival at the Emmaus Youth Village will be the week-end of 24th and 25th 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

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

- 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

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.

Parish Proclaimers Group

Next meeting at 7pm May 1st at St Cuthbert's. All welcome to help us plan our next project. . All welcome

Feedback from Parish Groups

Youth Mercy Associates (YMA)

The group at St Joseph's School is special because it was the first ever group of Young Mercy Associates in the country and we are happy to say that it has become active again. We are 12 Year 4 pupils and we meet on a Monday lunchtime. We are learning about Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy and sharing ideas on how we can carry on her work today. During Lent we asked the Mini Vinnies and our class to join with us in collecting for Mary's Meals. We raised over £220. This means at least 16 children will now be able to receive a meal at school for a whole year.

In May we are hoping to visit the Little Sisters of the Poor and have our meetings at the grotto in honour of Our Lady's special month.

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

Youth Group

Second Sunday of May, May 13th at 6pm, St Cuthbert's. all Secondary school age welcome

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.

Dying Awareness Week

Every year in May, Dying Matters and our coalition members host an Awareness Week, which gives us an unparalleled opportunity to place the importance of talking about dying, death and bereavement firmly on the national agenda. In 2018, the week will run from 14th to the 20th of May.

In the light of the challenge given by Kath Mannix, when she spoke to the parish, we will be using the after Mass coffee on a Wednesday to reflect on some of the resources available. For more information please go to:

<https://www.dyingmatters.org/AwarenessWeek>

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