

MASS READINGS
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)
FIRST READING

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97

Response: The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

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| <p>1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R/</p> | <p>2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.</p> |
| <p>3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.</p> | |

SECOND READING
God is love.

St. John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!'

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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Sunday, 6th May 2018 – 6th Sunday of Easter (B)

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 5 th May	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30 pm Mass: Repose of the soul of Michael McChrystal	
Sunday 6 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: Gloria Gascon
Monday 7 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 8 th May		9:30am Mass: Requiem Anne Wilson
Wednesday 9 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm Vigil Mass: Repose of the soul of Grace Pausa-Demerim	
Thursday 10 th May The Ascension		9:30am Mass: Raj Johnpulle
Friday 11 th May	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30 am Mass: Kathleen & John Whitley	
Saturday 12 th May	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30 pm Mass: Elsie Cowans	
Sunday 13 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter		11:00am Mass: Elmer Holipas

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 for Anne Wilson who has died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Events during the Easter Season:

- Stations of the Resurrection 6 May at 4.00 pm
- DVD course, Led by love, commences 1 May at 7.00 pm

Feast of the Ascension

Last year the Bishop's Conference have decided to revert the Feast of the Ascension to the Thursday in the 6th week of Easter and not the 7th Sunday of Easter. So this week, we will celebrate the feast of the Ascension. There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday 9th May at St Cuthbert's and Morning Mass on Thursday 10th May at St Joseph's. We celebrate Christ affirmation of sharing in the Glory of the Father and the gift of mission and empowerment given to us, the Church, by Christ to represent him throughout the earth and continue his mission

Mass Times

When it was announced that the Mass times would be changing it would be on the provision that St Joseph's had the capacity. It would seem that this is the case so until there is evidence to the contrary, the Vigil Mass will continue to be at St Cuthbert's at 5.30pm and the morning mass at 11.00at St Joseph's.

To establish new rotas for both Churches could you please put your name down for the respective ministry or role you are willing to undertake in the respective Churches. New volunteers would be especially welcome and for those already exercising ministries please put your name down. Of course people can put their name down whether they have been worshipping there for decades or for weeks.

There is Disabled access at St. Joseph's using the side entrance for those who have difficulty accessing St Joseph's due to the steps.

Safeguarding in the parish

Clare Harvey is the Parish Safeguarding Representative for St. Cuthbert's site. Contact details are posted in the foyer. (07958701235 or dougal28@me.com)

A reminder that in line with safeguarding requirements, children and vulnerable adults must be accompanied by a known and trusted adult when using the toilet facilities. Children should not visit the toilet alone. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who only administer Holy Communion during Mass and who do not take Holy Communion out to the sick and housebound, no longer require a DBS. However, they are required to sign a declaration to be held by the diocese, stating this. Could any such minister please inform Clare Harvey so that the relevant paperwork can be completed.

Many DBS certificates are in need of renewal. Due to a backlog at the diocese and a review of roles for which a DBS is still required, these are being handled in order of priority. Clare will contact you when yours needs to be updated.

If anyone needs to return any safeguarding paperwork at any time, then it can be posted in an envelope addressed FAO Clare Harvey through either presbytery door. Thanks.

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 9 (not year 10 as incorrectly stated in the newsletter last week) or above and you have not been confirmed, please contact Fr Chris.

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the Mercy Associates will be on Monday May 14th at 1.30pm in the Convent, 17 Cartington Road.

Feedback from Parish Groups

Parish Proclaimers

Parish Proclaimers would like to attend the next Liturgy Group meeting on 13th June so that both groups can share what they each do and consider how we can work closely together.

A display on serving with justice has been put up in the porch at St. Cuthbert's in an effort to share our faith with all those who visited our Parish Centre on Election Day.

The Youth Group will help to create two banners for outside each church for Pentecost.

Furthering our work to enhance the impact that the porch at St. Cuthbert's has upon community users and ourselves, as a place of worship, we would like to install a more permanent display along the front of the piety stall. We would appreciate any thoughts on this from parishioners. Is there a quote from Scripture that you think would be suitable? Something that speaks of our witness? Please pass on any ideas to Fr Chris!

The children will be asked to be givers of gifts as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us. The date of our next meeting will be posted soon.

Days of Reflection

Saturday 19 May 2018, between 10.30am and 3.30pm - Day of Reflection for All Ministries. Venue: Ushaw College.

Saturday 2 June 2018, between 10.30am and 3.30pm - Day of Reflection for All Ministries. Venue: St. Joseph Parish Hall, Gateshead NE8 1LX.

Reviving the Passion for Christ

Short notice, but if you want to come the next day is Saturday 12th May 10am – 4pm at St Cuthbert's, North Shields. Tea & Coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

The feedback from the 4 days we have already had has been most encouraging. Fr Michael, Hilda & Michael Hedley are thrilled to be giving these days which invite you to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Everyone is welcome but please give Fr Michael a ring on 07912 060 628 if you would like to attend.

Christian Aid Week 13-19th May

Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th May at St Columba's Church, North Shields, 10.00am-12 noon. Our own parish contribution is a Fancy Goods Sale at the Coffee Morning. Please support our Fellow Christians. The Christian Aid Service at Christ's Church, Sunday 13th May at 6.00pm

Car damaged in car park – A request for information

One of our young students, who is studying nursing at Northumbria University, came out of St Cuthbert's last Saturday after the Vigil Mass, to discover that her car had been damaged in the car park. It would appear that another car had collided with it. If you have any information about this incident could you please inform Fr Chris.

New Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis

Pope Francis has recently published his recent teaching, called 'Gaudete et Exultate- 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'.

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 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

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.

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

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.

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

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.

Youth Group

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

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.

Summer Fair – 23rd June

The Annual Summer Fair at St Cuthberts will be held on 23rd June. Donations for goods for all the stalls will be gratefully appreciated.

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>

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies: Parish Secretary, St. Mary and St. Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland, 10 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 11 May.

- Caretaker, The Holy Family, Darlington, 40 hours per month, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 11 May.
- Caretaker, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street, 20 hours per month, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 13 May.
- Cleaner, St Philip Neri, Dunston, 1.5 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 17 May.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk