

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

Acts 1:15-17.20-26

We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: “Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. In the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. “We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can at with us as a witness to his resurrection.” Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, “Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.” They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102

Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

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| <p>1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.</p> | <p>2. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.</p> |
| <p>3. The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.
Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.</p> | |

SECOND READING

1 John 4:11-16

Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

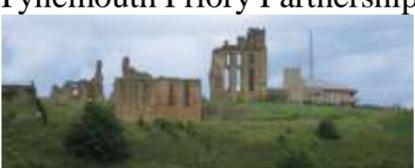
GOSPEL

John 17:11-19

That they may be one like us.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: “Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.”

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday, 13th May 2018 – 7th Sunday of Easter (B)

		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
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
Monday	14 th May St Matthias	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday	15 th May		9:30am Mass:
Wednesday	16 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Denis Jones	
Thursday	17 th May		9:30am Mass:
Friday	18 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am: Mass: George Harold 11:00am: Requiem Mass for Vincent Donohoe	
Saturday	19 th May	4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Holy Souls	
Sunday	20 th May Pentecost Sunday		11:00am Mass: John Ray

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, 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 Fr Patrick Laydon, Vincent Donohoe and Dean Louisy who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

World Communication Sunday

On the Sunday before Pentecost Sunday, the Church throughout the world celebrates World Communication Sunday. There will be a retiring collections after Mass. Pope Francis in his message for the day tells us "The truth will set you free" (Jn 8:32). Fake news and journalism for peace" is the theme of the Pope's message. The Holy Father explores what makes fake news 'fake', how to recognize it, truth as an antidote, and how a "journalism for peace" takes people as its focus.

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This weekend we have the final of our First Holy Communion Liturgies before the candidates receive their First Holy Communion on June 2nd (Syra-Malabarian Children) and June 9th. The theme for our Liturgy this week is 'Do this in memory of me'. We continue to pray for them as this important day in their journey of faith approaches.

Mercy Associates

The next meeting of the Mercy Associates will now take place at St Joseph's on Monday May 14th at 1.30pm.

Churches Together North Shields

Sunday 13th May at 6pm Christ Church Parish Church: Christian Aid Service
Sunday 20th May at 6pm North Shields Baptist Church: Pentecost Praise Service – a collection will be taken up for New to the UK
Sunday 1st July at 6pm North Shields Baptist Church: Service for Christian Unity – a collection will be taken up for Nite Bite.

Spirituality towards the end of life day

A chance to hear Dr Karen Groves MBE, a leader in encouraging a focus on the spiritual care of those approaching the end of their earthly lives and their families.

Our closest venue is Salford Cathedral Centre on Thursday 31 May, 11am-3.30pm. The day is open to anyone with an interest in this area – clergy, chaplain or hospital visitor, member of the SVP or bereavement support group, etc. It is free to attend (donations welcome!) Tea/coffee provided, packed lunch or available to purchase in cathedral café. If travel cost is an issue, please contact your parish or the Department for Spirituality for assistance. Please see poster for more information or contact the Department on 0191 243 3302, spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk

Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass of Vincent Donohoe will be on Friday, 18th May at 11:00 am at St Cuthbert's Church.

Fr Patrick Laydon RIP

My thanks to the parish for your prayers and support following the death of my uncle, Fr Patrick Laydon, on the 6th May. His death was very peaceful and it was a privilege to be there when he died. He was not in any need of any painkillers or sedatives. There will be a Mass of Reception on Tuesday 15 May at 7.00pm at St Mary's, Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle, NE12 7AB. His requiem Mass also at St Mary's, presided by Bishop Seamus, will be on Wednesday 16th May at 12.30pm followed by burial in parents' grave in Jarrow. May he rest in peace.

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

The Safeguarding Officer for St Joseph's Maria Robson, has informed me that she is standing down in this role. On behalf of the parish, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Maria for the important work she has done for the parish in this area. Clare Harvey who is the Parish Safeguarding Representative for St. Cuthbert's site is also willing for the time being to cover St Joseph's as well, though Fr Chris will be considering who could take on this role at St. Joseph's. Clare's Contact details are posted in the foyer. (07958701235 or dougal28@me.com)

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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.

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.

Christian Aid Week 13th -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 on Saturday 28th April, 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.

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

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.

Youth Group

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

Social Events at St Cuthberts

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:

- 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