

MASS READINGS FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125

Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

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| <p>1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.</p> | <p>2. The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.</p> |
| <p>3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.</p> | <p>4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.</p> |

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin anymore.'

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

<p>Saint Cuthbert Catholic Church <i>Albion Road West North Shields</i></p>	<p>Tynemouth Priory Partnership </p>	<p>Saint Joseph Catholic Church <i>Wallsend Road North Shields</i></p>
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<p>Parish website information at: http://www.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk <small>We are three Roman Catholic Parishes in the eastern half of the borough of North Tyneside, within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Our website gives an overview of our three parishes and seven churches, as well as mass times, and details of parish ministries and groups.</small></p>		
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Sunday, 7th April 2019 – 5th SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 6 th April		9:30am: Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 7 th April 5 th Sunday of Lent – Year C	11:00am Mass: 4:00pm Stations of the Cross	
Monday 8 th April	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 9 th April		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 10 th April	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Margaret & David Howells	
Thursday 11 th April		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 12 th April	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Jim Ollson	7:00pm: Mass:
Saturday 13 th April		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Mary Austin
Sunday 14 th April Palm Sunday – Year C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	4:00pm: Stations of the Cross

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 Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, James Laing, Patrick McAdam and Frank Whillis.

Please pray for Fr Jim Keane, all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Holy Week Liturgies

13th - 14th April - Palm Sunday with blessing and distribution of palms

- Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm St Joseph's
- Sunday Mass: 11:00am St Cuthbert's
- Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's at 4:00pm

Thursday 18th April - Maundy Thursday

- 7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, at St Joseph's

Friday 19th April - Good Friday

- 10:00am Churches Together Joint Witness and Procession at Northumberland Square
- 3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of Jesus at St Cuthbert's

Saturday 20th April - Holy Saturday

- 8:00pm Easter Vigil at St Joseph's

Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday

- 11:00am - Mass at St Cuthbert's

Lent 2019

Now that Lent has started here below are the regular events that will be taking place during Lent

- Sundays at 4.00pm Stations of the Cross. This week we Stations will be at St Cuthbert's.
- In our readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent we have story of the woman caught in adultery. Christ challenges the crowd by asking the person who has not sinned to throw the first stone. People gradually walk away. We are reminded that our priority is be open to god reforming and redeeming grace rather than judging other.
- Tuesdays. The DVD Course on the Mass will continue at 7.00pm on April 9th.
- Wednesdays at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's April for the Churches Together Lenten course called 'Embracing the Cross: A Lenten Course on the possibility of peace, grace and hope in Christ.
- The next session on April 10th will be led by Rev Gordon Connacher, a retired URC Minister who chaplain for a number of years for the Newcastle hospitals.
- Fridays at 7.00pm, on April 12th, at St Joseph's: Evening Mass.

Feedback from Partnership Development Group (PDG)

The PDG met on March 28th. It has been decided that there will be an Open Meeting to all the partnership. This will take place after Easter. The date is to be confirmed but the venue will be St Thomas More's Academy. The purpose of the meeting is not to give any major announcement but an update of progress. There was an honest admission that the mission and identity of Partnerships has yet to be clarified, with the general way forward for partnership in general yet to be decided. Steps made will be acknowledged but the main purpose of the evening will be to hear the views and comments of anyone in the partnership. Details of the meeting will be confirmed once finalised. The next meeting of the PDG will be at St Aidan's on Thursday 2nd May.

Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young Adults (20s and 30s)

Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April 2019.

A time to walk along part of St. Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation. For more information email lynnefcj@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network).

Pilgrimage to Lourdes for those needing Nursing Care

Our diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 26th July – 2nd August still has several places available for those who need Nursing Care or who are unable to travel or stay in Lourdes on their own. Flights are from Newcastle, directly to Lourdes, Accommodation will be in the Accueil Marie St Frai and there will be the assistance of the pilgrimage nurses and doctors throughout the week in Lourdes as well as many helpers. The cost for those staying in the Accueil is £895.00 per person. Anyone wishing to go is asked to contact The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office at St Robert's Morpeth (01670 513410 or lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) for a Booking Form and Medical Consent Form. A medical assessment will be made to make sure the pilgrimage can offer the appropriate care. Closing date for application is 21st April 2019.

Day of prayer for the Victims and survivors of Sexual abuse in the Church.

The Bishops' Conference has designated the Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent, April 12th, as a day of prayer for the Victims and survivors of Sexual abuse in the Church. The Liturgy Office, the Marriage and Family Life Department, CSAS and the NCSC have prepared a suite of reflections, prayers and other liturgical materials for use on this day. These can be found on the CBCEW Webpage at: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/day-of-prayer-abuse-survivors-120419>

We will remember all victims and survivors at both Masses this Friday.

Penitential Service

The Lenten Penitential Service for the Partnership will be on Thursday, 11th April at 7:00pm at St Columba's Wallsend

Parish Council

I have decided that it would be helpful if I met all the members of the parish councillors on an individual basis. I would be grateful if members of the parish council contacted me to inform me as to when it would be a good opportunity to meet. Thank-you Fr Chris.

Chapel at St Joseph's

Members of the parish council are seeking quotes on a new carpet and reupholstering of chair. Please see samples at the back of Church.

Diocesan Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancy:

Administrator, Dept. for Safeguarding – full-time, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 10th April.

Serve the Lord with Gladness:

Days of Reflection for All Ministries

Ushaw College, Durham Saturday 4th May 2019 - 10.30am - 3.30pm Led by Fr. Mark Millward Dean of the Benedict Partnership. (Registration and refreshments from 9.45) A light lunch will be provided.

Or St. Joseph Parish Hall, Gateshead Saturday 15th June 2019 - 10.30am - 3.30pm Led by Veronica Murphy from the Archdiocese of Liverpool (Registration and refreshments from 9.45) Please bring a packed lunch **BOOKING ESSENTIAL AS PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED** Please contact Fr Chris to book through your Parish or contact the Department for Liturgy on 0191 243 3312 or e-mail: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

Diocesan Festival statement:

For six years we have had a highly successful annual diocesan festival. In good biblical tradition this year will be a fallow year. We will be back in June 2020 with a bigger and brighter vision inspired by 'The God who speaks' (Bishops Conference of England and Wales Year of the Word 2020). To receive updates and to be the first to book check out our Diocesan social media page and website. Now lost for something to do on the 22nd June 2019? Join us at the Emmaus Youth Village for a family day filled with Fun and Faith - details to follow.

Decoration of Parish Property

When the property survey took place, it acknowledged that quite a bit of decoration needs to take place on parish properties. If anyone can recommend a good decorator to carry out this work, please inform Fr Chris.

Tyne & Wear Citizens North of Tyne Mayoral Assembly

As you may know a new combined authority of North of Tyne is being established. This will bring together the local councils of Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland. There will be an elected Mayor for this authority, with elections taking place on May 2nd. Tyne & Wear Citizens are organising an assembly where key 'asks' on areas such as food poverty, mental health provision, hate crime and rural issues will be put to the candidates. The assembly will be taking place on Tuesday, April 30th at 6:30pm at the Tyne Opera House on the West Road. If you want to see the candidates and hear the promises they will be making you are very welcome to attend and encourage others to do so. The event will also give you an opportunity to learn more as to how Community Organisation enables grass roots groups such as churches to use their power to bring about the common good. For more information contact Fr Chris at: chris1707hughes@live.co.uk. You have to register for the event. You can do so at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tyne-wear-citizens-mayoralassembly-tickets-56500739232.

Settlement Scheme for EU/EEA citizens who wish to remain in the UK after Brexit.

Fr Chris is aware that many parishioners will be applying for the above scheme after the UK leaves the EU. The Bishops conference would draw people's attention to a dedicated website recently launched by the European Commission: www.eurights.uk. This site includes:

- Impartial information about the Settlement Scheme
- Details of local information sessions across the country
- An option for parishes, groups or organisations to book an immigration solicitor free of charge to attend information sessions that they are hosting

I hope this website is of help to anyone who is thinking of applying for the Settlement Scheme.

Prayers for those who feel uncertain regarding their future in the UK

Coffee after Sunday Mass at St Cuthberts

Please note there will be no coffee after Mass on Easter Sunday.

Thanks for the response to our request for volunteers for serving coffee after Sunday morning Mass, we are always happy for more help.

Offerings for 31st March 2019 - £650.30 – Thank you.