

MASS READINGS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

We must turn to the pagans.

Acts 13:14. 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Psalm 99

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| <p>1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.</p> | <p>2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.</p> |
| <p>3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.</p> | |

SECOND READING

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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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.

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Sunday, 12th May 2019 – 4th Sunday of Easter (C)

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 11 th May		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Kathleen Bagnall
Sunday 12 th May 4 th Sunday of Easter – Year C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 13 th May Our Lady of Fatima	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 14 th May		9:30am: Mass: Sr Perla Golden Jubilee
Wednesday 15 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Denis Jones	
Thursday 16 th May		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 17 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 18 th May		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 19 th May 5 th Sunday of Easter – Year C	11:00am Mass: Margaret Flood	

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 ... Victims of violence including the Catholic Community in Sri Lanka, people impacted by cyclones and storms including the people of Mozambique

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, Frank Whillis and Andy Holmes. Please pray for Betty Nicholson, Lisle Kelso and all those who have died recently.

Good Shepherd Sunday

This Sunday is the annual day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Whatever our calling our primary call comes through are knowledge, love and service of Christ in Baptism. We all need to be faithful to that call and then be open as to how we live that call. At a time when there are fewer priests, also need to be open as Church and individual followers as to what is God call to all of us at this time.

There will be a prayer service for vocations at St Cuthbert's at 4.00 pm this afternoon, Sunday, 12th May.

Parish Council

There is a meeting of the parish council this Tuesday, May 14th at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's meeting room.

Feedback from Partnership Development Group Meeting of May 2nd

At the Development Group meeting held on 2nd May, Fr Chris Hughes led a presentation on the work of Tyne & Wear Citizens, which is part of the national organisation Citizens UK and has been operating for four years in Tyne & Wear, to considerable beneficial effect. Aspects of their work are mental health care for the young, social injustice, child poverty and the dignity of the human person. The speakers presented the challenge that these issues present to the church collectively and to us individually. The organisation is able to provide tools to respond to that challenge, including training and the opportunity for networking and collaboration to push issues into the public domain, where lies the energy to drive them. The PDG will invite students from STMA to speak to its next meeting. Our partnership is exploring ways of streamlining the administration of parishes. The PDG is planning an open meeting in the near future for all parishes to look into our strengths and resources and to explore opportunities for parishes and parishioners to be active and involved in collaboration.

Little Sisters of the Poor

There is a retiring collection of the Little Sisters of the Poor who offer so much are to sick priests in the diocese

Feedback from Parish Proclaimers Group

The next stage of becoming a Live Simply Parish is to agree 3 areas of focus for our action plan.

- At both Masses this weekend parishioners will be given the opportunity to make a personal "Live Simply Pledge" which collectively could have an impact on the climate change agenda.
- A 'litter pick' has been organised for 3pm on Sunday 30th June starting at St Joseph's and ending at St. Cuthbert's. Afternoon tea will be provided when we get to St Cuthbert's. The purpose of this is to take care of our common home.
- In support of CAFOD's (our common home) pilgrimage on Saturday, June 22nd, we hope to organise a coach to Holy Island to take part in this event. Lists for those interested in joining us will be displayed in both churches next weekend.
- Pentecost will be celebrated with a reflection on the gifts of the Holy Spirit by Fr. Chris during his homily. We will be given the opportunity to take part in this in a practical way.
- As Pentecost is known as the Birthday of the Church we hope to celebrate this by giving gifts.
- Date of next meeting, Tuesday, 2nd July at 7:15pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Confirmations for 2019

Confirmations for the Partnership will take place at St Cuthbert's on Thursday July 18th. If you or your child is in year 9 or older at secondary school, you are entitled to be confirmed. The first session is on Thursday May 16th at 6.00pm at St Thomas More School. Please pick up a consent form at the back of Church.

Trinity Shop

Last week I received a cheque for £1,900 from the Trinity Shop Committee. This is the highest quarterly total ever. Well done to all who contributed. A big thank-you to all the volunteers who work in the shop, with gratitude to the new volunteers who have ensured that the parish can still be involved with and benefit from the shop.

Serve the Lord with Gladness', a day of reflection open to all ministries

Saturday 15th June at St. Joseph Parish Hall, Gateshead. This day is being led by Veronica Murphy from the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Places are limited and booking is essential. A further day will be arranged later in the year. For further information and booking, please visit our webpage or contact the Department for Liturgy on 0191 243 3312 or by email: Liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk

The Mission to Accompany' with Bill Huebsch

The Diocese is looking forward to welcoming Bill Huebsch back to the Diocese on Saturday 18 May to lead us on a day exploring 'The Mission to Accompany'. The day will be held at St. Mary's Catholic School, Newcastle upon Tyne from 9.45am – 3.30pm. Our day will look at pastoral ministry in the era of Pope Francis and how we are called to accompany each other in our Partnerships and parishes. We anticipate that this will be a popular day so please let us know as soon as possible if you are attending. Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day, though donations to cover the costs would be welcome. Booking is essential, do so online or contact the Department by email or tel: 0191 243 3302.

Climate Change

The United Nations day of the family on May 15th will be focusing on Climate Change. This week, you can make a pledge as to what you can do to protect the environment.

St. Mary's Cathedral:

Matt Maher in bringing his Cathedral tour to St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle on Wednesday 29th May from 7.00pm – 9.00pm. It will be an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration. Matt is an international contemporary Christian music artist, songwriter and eight-time Grammy nominee who has had success writing and recording songs like 'Lord I need You', 'Hold Us Together' and 'Because He Lives'. One of the highlights of his ministry was leading three million young people in adoration as he knelt on stage with Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Rio in 2013. Tickets are £10 and places are limited and going fast! Buy yours online now!

Newman Association

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm in the Church Hall at St. Mary's, Cullercoats (on Farringdon Road) when Michael Porteous will talk on "King Arthur: The Truth Behind the Legend", accompanied by an exhibition of icons painted by the speaker, illustrating Arthur's veneration as a saint. It will be preceded by our annual AGM. All welcome to the talk.

Camino Way - October 2019

Following a very enjoyable pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela recently, Kevin Foster from Explore4all is delighted to announce the next Camino Frances pilgrimage to northern Spain in October 2019. For more information and a chance to meet fellow pilgrims, a short meeting will be held at St Cuthbert's, North Shields on Monday May 20th at 6pm. Please come along to hear more about this wonderful week long pilgrimage/walking experience, as featured in this month's Northern Cross.

No One Outside His Love

Mental Health Awareness Week is from May 13th-19th. The Diocese is marking the end of the week with a Celebration and Liturgy at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle at 3.00pm on Sunday 19th May. All are welcome. The event is call 'No One Outside His Love'.

Apostleship of the Sea

Invites you and your congregation to a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne Saturday 8th June 2019 led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, AoS Bishop Promoter, England & Wales.

A peaceful day of prayer and reflection. Join us to pray for seafarers and for everyone involved in our ministry and charity.

- Celtic Prayers on the Beach 12noon
- Concelebrated Mass in St Mary the Virgin Church 3pm
- Saturday Safe Crossing Times 10:15am - 5:25pm

Parish groups, families & individuals all welcome. For further information please contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504) Apostleship of the Sea is an agency of the Catholic Church working to support the spiritual and practical needs of seafarers.

Day of Recollection

We are looking forward to welcoming Bill Huebsch back to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle on Saturday 18th May to lead us on a day exploring 'The Mission to Accompany' at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Benton, Newcastle upon Tyne from 9.45am – 3.30pm. Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day, and we are suggesting a donation of £10.00 to help cover the costs of the day. Booking is essential by telephone: 0191 243 3302 or www.billhuebsch.eventbrite.co.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.

Summer Fayre

Summer Fayre will be at St Cuthbert's June 8th. From 12 noon. Goods are needed for all stalls. We also need helpers before and on the day. Please help as much as possible so that all the parish can be involved and make it a great success.