

MASS READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond the essentials.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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| <p>1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.</p> | <p>2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.</p> |
| <p>3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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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, 26th May 2019 – 6th Sunday of Easter (C)

Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 25 th May		9:30am: No Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: Joseph Flynn
Sunday 26 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter - Year C	11:00am Mass: People of the Parish	
Monday 27 th May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Tuesday 28 th May		9:00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 29 th May	10:15am: Mass: Requiem for Kath Quinn	
Thursday 30 th May Ascension of the Lord	7:00pm: Mass:	9:30am: Mass: Haraltas Povilas Kasparavicius
Friday 31 st May	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am: Mass: Mick Durkin	
Saturday 1 st June		9:30am: Mass 4:45-5:15pm: Confessions 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 2 nd June 7 th Sunday of Easter – Year C	11:00am Mass: Kerry David O'Neill	

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 and natural disasters. 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 & Andy Holmes. Please pray for Kath Quinn, and all those who have died recently.

Ascension Thursday

This Thursday May 30th, will be Ascension Thursday. There will be Mass at St Joseph's at 9.30 am and later Mass at St Cuthbert's at 7.00pm. The Ascension continues as a celebration of Hope, since as the Preface says 'Where he has gone we hope to follow'. The Resurrection is not just about conquering sin and death but sees our journey and final destination as sharing in God's life and glory

Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Kath Quinn will be on Wednesday 29th May at 10.15am. There will be no morning Mass at 9.30am. Kath Quinn's Coffin will be received into Church on Tuesday 28th May at 7.00pm.

CAFOD Pilgrimage to Holy Island

Sat 22nd June. CAFOD Hexham and Newcastle 'Our Common Home' Pilgrimage to Holy Island. Safe crossing times are between 9.35am and 5.20pm. Fr Chris is celebrating Mass in St. Mary's Priory Church at 3pm. There will also be the opportunity to participate in the Walk across the Sands (optional) and a Liturgy at 12 noon in St. Aidan's. If you are interested in joining us please sign up on the lists in the porch or at the back of church. Transport will be provided. Cost and timings will be confirmed once we have an idea of numbers.

Corpus Christie Procession – 23rd June

The liturgy and formation group discussed the possibility of having this and decided we should go ahead. There are a number of roles to enable this to happen. Therefore if you would be willing to be involved please contact Ian Pearson ian@ymcanorthtyneside.org. The plan is to begin the procession 3pm at St Joseph's and end with benediction at St Cuthbert's. This will be followed by picnic and BBQ in the grounds of St Cuthbert's. The BBQ will be provided and everyone is welcome to bring their own food for cooking. Roles involve: Servers, Poll bearers, Marshall's, BBQ preparations and supervisors. Drinks serving. Hopefully this will be a wonderful celebration and act of witness and an opportunity for all our parish to come together, Best wishes, Ian Pearson

Open Meeting for Tynemouth Priory Partnership

A warm welcome awaits at this important meeting: Do you want to know what is planned for the future in your parish? Do you want to know what has been going for in your Partnership for the last two years? Would you like to have your opinions heard and your needs listened to? An open meeting is taking place on 13th June at 7pm at St Thomas More High school. We would really like you to join us - your presence (or absence) plays a role in shaping our future.

What's on in our parish. All are very welcome to participate in these activities.			
Monday	Mercy Associates meet Monthly in the afternoon. More details to follow. Prayer and practical compassionate support for those in need. SVP meets fortnightly. More details to follow. Putting concern into action. Visiting the sick and housebound and providing practical support for those in need in our community.		
Tuesday	Mum's Space <i>Parents and Children Together</i>	1.30pm	Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's
Wednesday	Coffee Morning Craft Class	10.00am 1.30pm	Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
Thursday	Mum's Space <i>Parents and Children Together</i> Bible Study <i>A study and discussion on Scripture for Masses the following weekend.</i>	9.30am 7.30pm	Church Hall at St Cuthbert's Upstairs Room at St. Cuthbert's
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word <i>A Focus on the Word adapted for young children</i> Coffee/Tea	Mass After Mass	Children to meet in the chapel before Mass Church Hall at St. Cuthbert's

Live Simply Tip

As has been mentioned in the parish, the parish is seeking to obtain CAFOD'S 'Live Simply' award. The Live Simply award is awarded to Catholic communities who can show they have been living:

- simply
- in solidarity with people in poverty
- sustainably with creation.

It has been decided that as part of our campaign every week in the newsletter there will a 'Live Simply Tip of the Week' This week the tip is:

Have a weekly meat-free day

Further information on the Live Simply initiative can be found on the Cafod website at: <https://cafod.org.uk/>
A small number of leaflets with the 100 tips are available for those who do not have access to the internet

"Dementia Café at St Mary's Cathedral

A new Dementia Café in Newcastle City centre will launch May 28th. The café will run every week on Tuesday from 10am to 12noon at **The Mercy Project, St Mary's Cathedral, Neville Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH.**

This central location is easily accessible by public transport being on major bus routes and next to a metro line. The Mercy Project will also cover the costs for people who would like a taxi to bring them to the venue and return them home safely.

What does a Dementia Café do?

A Dementia provides a safe and supportive place to:

- Discuss your own dementia diagnosis, or someone else's, and think about what it means for the future
 - Get answers and meet and learn from other people in similar situations
 - Keep active, make new friends and feel more confident.
- For more information contact: Tel: 07904 881430 or email joe.kirwin@themerproject.org.uk".

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.

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

Lay Leaders of Word and Communion

Volunteers are required to be trained to take up this ministry of the Church. Leaders are required for weekday services when Fr Chris is not available. If you interested, speak to Fr Chris.

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.

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.

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.

Offertory Collections for 19th May 2019 - £754.33