

MASS READINGS

MASS READINGS THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – A FIRST READING

It was made impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Acts 2:14. 22-28

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: **Show us, Lord, the path of life. (or Alleluia)**

Psalm 15

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| <p>1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and my cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'</p> | <p>2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.</p> |
| <p>3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.</p> | <p>4. You will show me the part of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever.</p> |

SECOND READING

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

They recognised him in the breaking of bread.

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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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, 26 th April 2020 – 3 rd Sunday of Easter - A		
Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 25th April	9:30am: Mass No confessions	5:30pm: Mass: No confessions
Sunday 26th April 3rd Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish LIVE SCREENING AVAILABLE	
Monday 27 th April	9:30am: Mass:	
Tuesday 28 th April		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 29 th April	9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 30 th April		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 1 st May	9:30am: Mass:	
Saturday 2nd May	9:30am: Mass No confessions	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish No confessions
Sunday 3rd May 4th Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: Vincent Donohoe LIVE SCREENING AVAILABLE	

Closed to congregation

The Parish of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's, North Shields

What'sApp group: text your name and number to 07752009361 to be added to StCuthStJosNshields Group

Facebook: search - - The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields.

Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Please contact us for help needed or offered

In the Cycle of Prayer for Lent Pope Francis invites us to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse
 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, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Veronica Owens, Sheelagh Goodwin, Alf McManus, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment' and Jenny Toscin.
 Please pray for Kath West who has recently died and all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Being a Lockdown Church

As the lockdown is extended for at least another three weeks and even when it is eased whether large public gatherings will be allowed that as a Community of Faith we need to reflect carefully as to how we can minister and live out our mission as Church despite the restrictions of lockdown. The live streaming of Holy Week and Sunday Masses have been important but as a parish we need to reflect on what else can be done. That is why I have e-mailed reps from the various parish groups and our schools to reflect on how their group or school could still contribute to the life of the parish. I appreciate that there could be very little that can be done but I sense there is no harm in asking the question and as from the live streaming of masses and other use of social media there can be creative solutions.

I appreciate that reps from the various parish group only represent a fraction of the community so if you yourself have any ideas as to how we as a parish can live out our mission please let me know.

There is a great sense of community and support despite that we cannot meet together. Please continue to pray for each other and support each other as best we can.

The parishioners are in my prayers when I say Mass on Sunday and in an empty chapel during the week-days

Offers of Help

I am very grateful to those parishioners who have offered to help anyone who needs. You have not been forgotten and I have contact details for you if anyone should need help. If you need any help or support it is not a sign of weakness. These are stressful and challenging times and we are not alone and there people who do wish to help. So please feel free to contact me if help is needed.

Easter

I am sure this has been an Easter week like no other but I hope the peace, joy hope and love of the Risen Christ has been experienced by you and your families.

I see that there were over 3,300 hundred views for the Holy Week Liturgies, so I am pleased that something of the Holy Week liturgies have been experienced by many. As someone said, 'it is as if you are almost there'.

Fr Michael, our live stream expert, Gerry Beldon and myself are all very grateful for your kind and supportive comments. We are all pleased that we have been able to offer some comfort and support to people during Holy Week at what is a challenging time.

Financial Offerings

I am reluctant to talk about money knowing that many people have lost jobs or have had incomes reduced during this crisis. But this will be the fifth weekend with no offerings taken and it could be some time before the Church re-opens. With about £700 taken each weekend the Church income is down by £3,500. church income has also been reduced with the Church hall not being rented out and with the Trinity Charity shop having to close for the time being. Measures have been taken to reduce costs including the furloughing for at least three weeks of the parish administrator, Katherine Main.

I am grateful for some of you who have posted through your envelopes or asked to make standing orders. I am also aware that the offertory envelopes have now run out. We are exploring how we could get the envelopes to you though we would prefer it if you kept them to one side and gave them when church re-opened safer rather than risking coming out to put them through either presbytery letterbox.

The safest and most efficient way of giving to the Church at the moment is either to set up a standing order for your weekly contribution or a one off payment. I appreciate that in these restricted times many will not be able to do this. If you are able to and would like to set up a standing order or a one off payment the details of the parish account to enable you to do this are below. If your contributions are not gift aided I can arrange for you to receive the relevant form. Please contact me if you have any queries

Name: DHN North Shields: St Cuthbert & St Joseph
 Bank: HSBC
 Sort code 40-34-45, account number 91146513

DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT- FOOD AND FINANCE URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to restrictions in supermarkets and limited attendance at churches, our food supplies are diminishing quickly. We would urge food collection coordinators in parishes to explore different ways of collecting the food items that you would normally provide and continue to get as much to the project as possible. Suggestions might include asking parishioners (via parish websites, bulletins and other means) to drop items at identified collection points such as parish offices and/or directly at the project. Collection from you may also be possible.

We are very happy to receive any of the following: Biscuits, Coffee, Sugar, Chick Peas, Salt, Teabags, Cooking Oil, Tinned Fish, Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Spaghetti, Toothpaste and Soap.

There will be a basket in the respective chapel for people to leave donations. St Cuthbert's, Monday, Wednesday and Friday and St Joseph's, Tuesday to Thursday. 10.00am-2pm.

Financial contributions are also very welcome too: Cheques to DH&N DESTITUTE ASYLUM FUND.

Address: Refugee Project, 2 Summerhill Grove, Newcastle NE4 6EE

Bank transfers – HSBC Sort code: 40-34-18 Account number: 52854058

We will also be communicating this urgent request via the Diocesan Website and other means.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support – it is vital at this time. God bless you.

VODA Good Neighbour Project

VODA have been running the Good Neighbours project for some time, but have stepped it up in response to COVID-19. They are coordinating grocery, medicine and essential deliveries for those having to self-isolate. Many neighbourhoods have already organised amongst themselves, but this project provides capacity for where that has not been the case.

Anyone not in a high-risk group (whether for their own health or the risk of passing the virus on to a vulnerable person in their household) with some time to offer is invited to participate. DBS clearance is necessary, of course, and any fuel expenses will be covered.

More information can be found on VODA's website: <https://voda.org.uk/covid-19-volunteering>.

HELPING THE POOREST IN THIS CRISIS

Church Action on Poverty's national office is shifting its focus during the outbreak. We'll be sharing news every week of how people in our networks are responding together; resources for staying well and safe; and ways you can take action. If you'd like to stay in touch, you

can sign up for our email updates at www.church-poverty.org.uk, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

Church Action on Poverty have launched a campaign action, calling on the government to make sure people on low incomes have the financial resilience they need to self-isolate during the outbreak. Please take part if you can - you can email your MP using our e-action at <https://churchpoverty.e-activist.com/page/57910/action/1>

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

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Cartoon for our Time

