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**EASTER SUNDAY - A**

**FIRST READING**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

***This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.***

**Psalm 117**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' R/
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. R/
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. R/

**SECOND READING**

*You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Colossians 3:1-4**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*He must rise from the dead.*

**John 20:1-9**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields**

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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, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Easter Sunday in Lent - A**

**Masses, Devotions and Services**

		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Closed to congregation</b>		<b>8:00pm: The Easter Vigil</b> <b>LIVE STREAMED</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Sunday - A</b>		<b>11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish</b> <b>LIVE STREAMED</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>9:30am: Word &amp; Communion</b>	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April			<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April			<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>	
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>9:30am: Mass</b> <b>10:00am: Confessions</b>	<b>4:45-5:15pm: Confessions</b> <b>5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter- A</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b>		

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**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 Joyce Downes, Tom Cunningham, Will Jones, Joseph Gillespie and Mary Stevenson, all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Easter 2020.

I am sure, like the rest of you, this Holy Week has been like no other. But I still hope at home you have been able to share in the Triduum services we have livestreamed.

Christ has risen; we are called to share in his risen life. The shadow of death and fear and reminders of human fragility can all lie heavy on our souls. At Easter we remember that all that is destructive will not have the final say. The source of all life is greater than all that destroys, that what we celebrate with the Resurrection of Christ and it is a message that has never been as relevant in these days still under the threat of the Corvid 19. The first Easter had little to celebrate. We find confusion, fear and disbelief, but like an acorn in the ground, the seed of hope with the empty tomb eventually culminated into a deep awareness that the Risen Christ is still present and that sin and death has been conquered. As you have heard me say before, hope is not the most important virtue of our faith, love is, but it is for me the most distinctive of Christian virtues and one that is needed by all in our world today. So rejoice, celebrate as best you can but celebrate. May we be a truly Easter People, like someone looking to our wonderful eastern coastline during the middle of the night knowing that over a dark horizon the sun will rise.

To quote from a song by the folk singer Kitty Macfarlane, 'Dawn and Dusk' from her album 'Namer of Clouds'

'Remember this at times when you're uncertain  
And your shaky world seems fit to fall apart  
That as surely as the rivers reach the oceans  
Dawn wages war on the dark.'

A big thanks to you as parish for all the support and prayers being offered to each other, Fr Michael and myself. This community of faith, hope love is a source of peace and strength. Thank-You  
A very happy Easter to you and all your families. Wishing you all the joy, hope, love and peace of the Risen Lord  
Fr Chris

### THE WORDS OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS INTRODUCTION

In my sermon for Palm Sunday, I made reference to the one saying we have from Christ on the Cross in St Matthew's Passion (it is also heard in St Mark's Passion) which is the harrowing 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me'. I stated that this is the first line in Psalm 22, where a faithful follower of God is feeling desolate in a time of suffering and yet despite all this he places his trust God believing that he will be vindicated and show to other that God is with him.

I thought people may find useful if each day during Holy Week, I briefly explore the six other sayings we have in the Passion stories. There are three that we only find in St Luke's Gospel and three we only find in St John's Gospel. My aim is not to try and work out what was actually said but with the belief that these sayings are given by these two evangelists to share with us their understanding of the significance of the Crucified Christ. From today to Wednesday, I will explore the three sayings in Luke's Gospel and over the Triduum period share on the three sayings in John's Gospel.

#### 1. 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do' Luke 24:34

St Luke's Gospel highlights the compassion and forgiveness of the Christ. It is only in St Luke's Gospel that we have the famous stories of the Prodigal son, the Good Samaritan and the call of Zacchaeus. It is also worth noting that in the story of the first martyr St Stephen in At Luke's Acts of the Apostles we have St Stephen saying 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them – Acts 7:58.

Note how Christ is not saying I forgive them but is praying to his Father to forgive them. At the moment of his killing, Christ is not forgiving them but he is commending those people to God's mercy. From the experience of those who have written about traumatic harm done to them or to loved ones, forgiveness cannot be automatic; it can be a very long process of healing and acceptance. We are called to forgive others, that is clear in the Gospels and in the Lord's prayers but it can be a long journey. If you are on that journey and forgiveness is hard then perhaps the way forward is to ask God to forgive them. Knowing that God forgives them as he forgives us, may forgiveness to others eventually flow from us?

It is also worth noting that Christ seems to understand his killers 'they know not what they do'. In these difficult days when we are under varying degrees of pressure which could result in words or actions that we or others regret, can we pray for a spirit of understanding of others and ourselves, as we pray for God to forgive others and ourselves.

#### 2. 'Indeed, I promise you....today you will be with me in paradise' Luke 24:43

This statement arises from the conversation between the two criminals who are crucified on either of side of them. 'One of the criminals hanging there abused him 'Are you not the Christ?' he said 'Save yourself and us as well. But the other spoke up and rebuked him.' Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. Again we have Luke focussing on the compassion and mercy of Christ. As the 'great and good' of state and religion are blind to the full truth of Christ, it is an outsider, like the Samaritan woman in John's Gospel or Zacchaeus, who can recognise the full truth about him. When we pray we are called to acknowledge two realities. Ourselves as we are, dependant on grace and the reality of that grace revealed through Christ. This what the 'good thief' is doing in statement to his fellow criminal and in his moving request to Christ.

So we can be honest with God acknowledging our gifts and strength but also those dimensions of ourselves we are not proud of, but open to Christ's presence at our side even in guilt or shame, paradise is not beyond our horizons of hope.

#### 3. 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit' Luke 24: 46

Like the saying 'My God, My God, why have you abandoned me' this saying, which are last words of Christ in Luke's Gospel is also a quote

from the psalms; this one is from psalm 31:5. Like Psalm 22, Psalm 31 is a prayer of one who is enduring a great ordeal but he still places his trust in God.

Here are some other parts of that psalm

'Be a sheltering rock for me,  
A walled fortress to save me  
for you are my rock, my fortress;  
for the sake of your name, lead me, guide me!'

Take pity on me, Yahweh,  
I am in trouble now.  
Grief wastes my eye,  
My throat, my inmost parts

For my life is worn out with sorrow,  
My years with sighs;  
My strength yields under misery,  
My bones are wasting away

But I put my trust in you, Yahweh,  
I say, 'You are my God'.  
My days are in your hand, rescue me  
From the hands of my enemies and persecutors;  
Let your face smile on your servant,  
Save me in your love.

Very similar to the plea in Psalm 22 we have someone who is acknowledging the harshness of their own experience but in a more explicit way is placing their hope and confidence in God.

These words of Christ are not just expression in facing death but a manifesto of his life, for Christ always placed his trust in the Father. In these difficult days we need to be honest and open at about the challenges of this present time, but we place our hope and trust our trust as Christ did knowing that the destructive forces of this world will not have the final say. To paraphrase Christ's words 'Indeed O Lord, into your hands we commend our (collective) spirit!'

#### 4. 'I am thirsty' John 19:28

We now move to reflecting on the sayings from the Cross in John's Gospel. Like with other of these statements from the Cross we have the psalms being referenced. The figure crying of their desperation in Psalm 22 mentioned in previous reflections acknowledges this thirst, 22:15. After Christ has said this we are informed that someone gets a hyssop stick and offers Christ vinegar. This references Psalm 69 'they gave me poison to eat instead, when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink 69:21. Again we have a cry of suffering but also a belief that God will answer their prayer. As mentioned in John's Gospel, the psalm is seen as a prophecy that was being fulfilled in the crucifixion of Christ.

Elsewhere in Psalm 69 we read:

For myself, wounded wretch that I am  
By your saving power, God, lift me up.  
I will praise the name of God with a song  
I will extol him with my thanksgiving

Then seeing this, the humble can rejoice,  
long life to your hearts, all you who seek for God

Again we have an expression of hope in being vindicated by God when they are seen to be punished by others.

What do we hope for at this present? What do we long for? What are we thirsting for in these challenging days?

These are important questions to ask. We need to be aware of the source of our hope for as Christ's solidarity with the suffering figure of psalm 69 reveals, it through hope that we can endure the struggles and pain of the present.

#### 5. It is accomplished John 19: 30

In his passion narrative St John's seeks to reveal the true significance of Christ. At his arrest, Christ uses the words 'I am' three times. The word's 'I am' are part of the Holy name of God revealed to Moses 'I am who am'. At the third time everyone present bows down to the ground because his divine power is being revealed. When Pilate shows Christ to the people dressed in purple robes and a crown of thorns he says 'Here is the man'. In Greek the word for 'the', 'o', does not have to be used. But when it is used it is note something or someone of importance. So in fact Pilate is saying 'Here THE MAN', the fullness of humanity, the ultimate paradigm of what it means to be human is before us.

This divine power, a 'calm majesty' as stated in the study notes of the Jerusalem bible, is being revealed at his death in these three words 'It is accomplished'. What is being accomplished is the salvation of the world in Christ's self-giving, this emptying of his life, on the cross. All was foretold in the scriptures which as we have seen have been strongly referenced in the other sayings of Christ on the Cross.

Later today at the Good Friday Passion Service John's Gospel will be read. In that story Christ is true to his identity, he is truly rooted, grounded, in the life and love of the Father. Almost everyone else is shaken, like leaves in the wind' but Christ faces his death enfolded by the Father's live and love.

In these days of uncertain and disruption may be rooted in God life and love so that like Christ we may be faithful to whatever work God's seeks us to accomplish as our response to God's offer of Salvation of to all humanity in Christ

#### 6. 'This is your son... this is your mother' John 19:26-27

It is very hard to imagine how Mary felt watching her son endure such a cruel death. For Christ to see his mother in such mental agony must have added more emotional pain to the physical barbarity he was experiencing. Yet in all this turmoil Christ is attentive to the needs of his beloved disciple and of his mother. Acknowledging the loss they will experience his death, he enables this mutual adoption to take place, so that his mother and beloved disciple look after each other

Of course, this is not the only adoption that takes place through the death of Christ. We are all adopted as God children through the death and resurrection of Christ. Our own baptism is our own personal claim, to share in the new relationship with God.

It is also striking that a time of death; Christ is still seeking to create a community of love, creating new relationships of care and nurture. As the shadow of death and fear hangs over us all at this time may we, like Christ, still seek to create communities of love and develop new relationships, even if just by social media, of care and nurture. In these fraught days, they are certainly needed!

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### **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](http://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>

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### **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 co-ordinators 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.

### **COVID-19 PANDEMIC – PARTNERSHIP GUIDELINES**

#### **SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES**

There will be no public Sunday or Weekday Masses celebrated in any of our churches until public gatherings are restored by the UK Government.

The Parish Priest will continue to celebrate Mass in the Parish but without parishioners, deacons or altar servers being present. The continuing celebration of Masses ensures that Mass Intentions will continue to be offered, including the obligatory Pro Populo Masses for the people of the parish. Parishioners can join in the celebration of Mass by making a Spiritual Communion (Catechism of the Catholic Church N.1364). The Parish Priest may announce the time at which he will celebrate Mass.

Live streaming of Mass from various cathedrals, basilicas and churches in the UK and other countries is available via the Internet -for example at [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and EWTN on Sky TV. Mass will also be available via the Internet from St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle and from other parishes -please see the diocesan website for the links. The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will continue its full liturgical programme, and is available at [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk).

#### **PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH**

Churches and Chapels In the Partnership will be open for private prayer at times announced in each Parish. Please see the information available on parish bulletins and via the Partnership website: [www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk).

#### **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms will be deferred until the Government announces the restoration of public gatherings. In case of necessity, baptisms will be celebrated with all the

necessary hygiene precautions. Families who have made baptism arrangements will be contacted by each Parish.

#### **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

These celebrations are postponed until a time that allows for families to gather safely within the Parish. New dates will be announced when it is safe to do so.

#### **MATRIMONY**

The Sacrament of Matrimony is deferred until the time when congregations are permitted to gather. Only in the most pressing of circumstances will a marriage take place and will then be restricted to the celebrant, bride and groom and witnesses and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar. The Parish Priest will contact couples preparing for marriage in due course.

#### **HOLY WEEK AND THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION**

These celebrations will depend on the forthcoming decisions of the Bishops for the Holy Week ceremonies. The Parish Priest will contact those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation in due course.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

The celebration of Confirmation will be deferred until the Government announces that congregations can resume public worship.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

No pastoral visits will be made to people except in an emergency. However, parishes and their ministers will offer phone support. The Anointing of the Sick will be carried out by the Priest who will avoid physical contact and adhere to hygiene procedures. Visits to people in care homes or hospitals will follow advice from the staff on infection control.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION AND PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Since many Eucharistic Ministers are over the age of 70, visits are suspended for the foreseeable future, and phone support will be offered.

#### **FUNERALS**

Funerals services will only be conducted at the graveside or crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangements will be made for memorial Masses to be celebrated later when congregations are allowed to gather. The Parish Priest and funeral director will work together to support families who are experiencing bereavement.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Confession may be offered on request only as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed -i.e.

a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest such as a grille and veil. The use of Rite II and Rite III of the Rite of Penance is not permitted as this, by necessity, requires the gathering of people in church.

For further information, please contact your local Parish Priest.

**Mgr Andrew J Faley Partnership Dean**

#### **Lockdown**

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation.

Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death.

But, they say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise You can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet

The sky is no longer thick with fumes, but blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi

People are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland

Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples

are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are. To how little control we really have.

To what really matters. To Love.

So we pray and we remember that Yes there is fear.

But there does not have to be hate. Yes there is isolation.

But there does not have to be loneliness. Yes there is panic buying.

But there does not have to be meanness. Yes there is sickness.

But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death. But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic. The birds are singing again. The sky is clearing, Spring is coming, And we are always encompassed by Love. Open the windows of your soul

And though you may not be able to touch across the empty square, Sing. (**Brother Richard, A Capuchin Fria**)r

**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