

MASS READINGS
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Matthew 21:1-11

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly.'" This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!' And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

THE MASS

FIRST READING

I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Psalms 21

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| <p>1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.</p> | <p>2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones.</p> |
| <p>3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!</p> | <p>4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'</p> |

SECOND READING

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9 Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

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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, 5th April 2020 – Palm Sunday in Lent - A

Masses, Devotions and Services

		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 4th April	Closed to congregation		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 5th April Palm Sunday - A		11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish LIVE STREAMED	
Monday 6th April		9:30am: Mass:	
Tuesday 7th April			9:30am: Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 8th April		9:30am: Mass:	
Thursday 9th April Holy Thursday		7:30pm: Mass of the Last Supper LIVE STREAMED	
Friday 10th April Good Friday			3:00pm: The Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord LIVE STREAMED
Saturday 11th April			8:00pm: The Easter Vigil LIVE STREAMED
Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday - A		11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish The Mass of the Resurrection LIVE STREAMED	

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

WhatsApp 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.norhtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Please contact us for help needed or offered

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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.

Holy Week

This is going to be a very different Holy Week. I do intend to preside and lead the Triduum services, that will be live-streamed to you on Thursday evening, 7.30pm, Friday afternoon, 3.00pm and Saturday evening at 8.00pm Although it will be a very different week we are still invited to walk with Christ to share in the mystery of his death and resurrection. With the shadow of death and fear so great over our nation at the moment, it may be easier to imagine what Christ faced. If you can in your own time gently go through one of the passion stories, imagine you can see Christ. It may give you a different perception of Christ with the Cross. In my own prayer and reflection of the Passion stories I am struck how Christ is so grounded, he is calm, real, honest and true to himself. He exudes peace and trust, focused on what is required of him, rooted in the love of the Father. I pray that as a parish at this time of uncertainty, with the shadow of death so powerful over our world, we too may be rooted in trust and faith that we ground in the love of the Father that enable Christ to face his passion and death and ultimately to overcome it and be totally vindicated

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>

SOCIAL CONTACT AND KEEPING TOUCH

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

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.

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 Friar)**

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