

MASS READINGS - PALM SUNDAY – B

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

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

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly." ' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus, had told them, and, the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

Mark 11:1-10

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?

Psalm 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

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. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL (short form)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Mark 14:1-15,47

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, C. "Are you the king of the Jews?". N. He answered, "it is you who say it". N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, C. "Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!" N. But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, C. "Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?". N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. C. "But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?". N. "They shouted back. C. "**Crucify him!** N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him. C. "**Hail, king of the Jews!**" N. They struck his head with a reed and spate on him, and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews'. And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, C. "**Aha! So, you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!**". N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said, C. "**He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe**". N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

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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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27 th /28 th March 2021 – Palm Sunday - B			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church	
Saturday 27th March Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday	Attendance by prior booking	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking	
Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday		11:00am: Mass: Alan Curran Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	
Monday 29 th March		No Mass	
Tuesday 30 th March		9:30am: Mass: Neil Melvin With congregation	
Wednesday 31 st March		9:30am: Mass: With congregation	
Thursday 1 st April		7:30pm: Mass of the Last Supper David McManus Live Steamed	
Friday 2 nd April Good Friday		3:00pm: The Celebration of the Lord's Passion Live Streamed	
Saturday 3rd April Easter Vigil		8:00pm: Mass: Easter Vigil Live Streamed	
Sunday 4th April Easter Sunday		11:00am: Mass: Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking

/Gospel continued....

"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?". N. This means "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" N. When some of those who stood by heard this, they said, C. "**Listen, he is calling on Elijah**". N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying, C. "Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down". N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died and he said. C. "In truth this man was a son of God". N. There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him. It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day (that is, the vigil of the sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who bought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Joset were watching and took note of where he was laid.

Prayer List

During Lent we pray for all victims of the Covid Pandemic; Candidates for Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers and Survivors of Sexual Abuse We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Mary Wood, Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Pat Skelly, Jean Slater, Frank Whillis, Barbara & Tony Hicks 'Baby Stevie Dawn Roadment', Jim Campbell, Marilyn Redpath, Jim Burfield and Richard Sutherland.

Please pray for Colin Monaghan, Kathleen Veronica Ross and all those who have died recently.

Holy Week 2021

Who would have thought that a year on we would still be lockdown for Holy Week 2021? But at least this year as I preside with you the main liturgies of Holy Week, I will not be faced with empty pews like last year. It will be wonderful to have people in front of me and to know that others will be able to join us via the live stream.

The Holy Week Services will be pared down. There will be no gatherings for the blessings of Palms or for the blessings of the Fire at the Easter Vigil. There will be no washing of feet at the Maundy Thursday Mass nor the Veneration of the Cross in the normal way. Having said that we can still gather and celebrate the heart of our faith. That, Christ, the Word Made Flesh, gave his life on the Cross and rose from the dead. Through these events we are reconciled to God, called to be liberated from sin and death.

The shadow of death and the destructive aspect of human nature is very prevalent in our society. The pandemic and the violence done to women are a reminder of the fragility and the flaws of human nature. But as we recall those events that took place in the streets and gardens of Jerusalem just under 2,000 years ago, the power of God that creates is also able to re-create. Death and sin do not have the final say no matter how overpowering they may appear.

We hope and pray that this Easter will coincide with the easing of restrictions. As the new life of spring shoots forth and our freedoms hopefully increase, the new life of Easter will have a sharper focus. The pandemic has impacted on us all, some more than others. As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of the Crucified and Risen Christ, may all experience the God who seeks to liberate us from the shadows of sin and death into the new life God gives us now and promises for the future.

Time of Lenten Prayer on Wednesday

This week we will have a Lenten Reflection presented by members of the Indian Syro-Malabar Community

To join the meeting the link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87491793137?pwd=K1ljeXRsdUlweldG>

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Meeting ID: 874 9179 3137 Passcode: 645340

Stations of the Cross

This week Stations of the Cross will be at St Joseph's at 4.00pm lead by Fr Chris

The link for the social time after Stations is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81333755948?pwd=Y2lIOFMzT0phSIJ1aVlsNkxNb1EyZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 3375 5948 Passcode: 244058

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE			
Saturday	27 th March	St Joseph's	5:30pm: Vigil Mass
Sunday Palm Sunday	28 th March	St Cuthbert's	11:00am Mass Live Streamed
Thursday	1 st April	St Cuthbert's	7:30pm Mass
Mass of the Lord's Supper			
Friday	2 nd April	St Joseph's	3:00pm
Celebration of the Passion of Jesus Christ Live Streamed			
Saturday	3 rd April	St Cuthbert's	8:00pm: Mass
Easter Vigil – Live Streamed			
Sunday Easter Sunday	4 th April	St Joseph's	9:30am: Mass
		St Cuthbert's	11:00am: Mass Live Streamed
BOOKING FOR ALL THESE MAIN SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK IS REQUIRED			

Reduction in International Aid

On Monday 29th March at 6.30pm, there is an online event with those who want the Government to change its decision to reduce International Aid.

Over the last few weeks, we have heard of the impact which the potential aid will make to lives on the ground, which will result in programmes which support with the various programmes on the ground to be cut including vaccinations, education and clean water. Here is a clip from Channel 4- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-a4c9lalmw>

This event allows you to listen and ask any question to the speakers seeking to change the Government's policy. Please follow the link below to book your free place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/powerpostcodes-how-does-u>

The Partnership Youth Group

We would like to Invite you to a half hour session of sharing and prayer every Monday on Zoom. Each week we look at a bit of scripture and usually link this with a poem which is relevant and which we chat about, sharing how we see it link to our faith and spirituality. We finish with 15 minutes of meditative prayer based on the readings and what we have shared. The details of our zoom meeting are: - Every Monday 7pm -7.30pm

Meeting ID: 740 4052 1010 Passcode: 9V4XHY

All are very welcome. Please email me at alistairhain@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

North Shield Churches Together

This month's Common Good Canteen, a lunchtime gathering with input from a guest and a chance to meet others thinking about and discussing the big issues around money and meaning, is on Wednesday 24th March from 12.30pm until 1.30pm.

It will feature guest Mike Royal and a particular focus on how racial injustice is manifested. You can book up at:

https://commonchange.uk/events/?fbclid=IwAR27Lp2-7NdaVXs0YL2KZ7P_eSqE6RR0MfBw59bRtQJvdCuAShYLbypjiM0

Requiem Mass

The Requiem Mass for Kathleen Veronica Ross will be on Wednesday 7th April at 12 Noon at St Cuthbert's. May She Rest in Peace,

Genocide of the Uyghur Muslim Community

There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to genocide including forced abortions.

Lord Alton is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, to help put international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop these horrendous human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against the Uyghur community. The amendment passed in the Lords on 23rd February by 367 votes to 214, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly.

accessed If you would like to email your MP asking them to support the amendment, you can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website, which can be by visiting the link below: <https://genocideresponse.org/>

Barriers to employment

One of the current campaigns of Tyne and Wear Citizens is 'Dignity and Diversity at Work'. There is a sense that people are still be discriminated from obtaining employment due their difference be that racial background, disability, sexuality, age, ethnicity. The campaign is looking for further testimonies of people facing such barriers. Please contact Fr Chris if you have such a story to tell.

Parish Nursing

At the Churches Together meeting, we had an inspiring talk from a Parish Nurse, based with the Methodists in North Tyneside. They are looking for any retired nurses or health care professionals who would like to be involved with this valuable project. If interested please contact Fr Chris.

St Cuthbert's Care and Lent Aims

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kindness throughout the pandemic - it has been truly heart-warming. Parish support makes all the difference, allowing us to go that extra mile in ensuring we provide outstanding care and peace of mind to families and loved ones. If you are able to do so, please may I ask that you consider supporting our work once more. Thank you. My very best wishes, Moira Ashman, CEO St Cuthbert's Care.

If you would like to make a donation for their work, please go to: <https://www.stcuthbertscare.org.uk/>

Caritas Grants

Caritas is the diocesan organisation that coordinates social action initiatives across the diocese. It has a limited amount of money to make available as small grants (£500max) to groups which are responding to their communities needs particularly in the context of COVID information about the criteria and the short application form are attached. Applications must be submitted by March 15th and money must be spent by the end of the year.

Rosary group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom.

Day: Thursday - Time: 2pm to 2:40pm.

During this year of St Joseph the group is sharing on the document issued by Pope Francis. Link to Pope Francis document: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzU-K_PrL7s

For more information please contact via the Parish WhatsApp Group

Diocesan Refugee Project

This project re-opened on December 9th. It will be re-opening in new premises at St Vincent's, New Bridge Street, Newcastle. If you have any donations for the Refugee Project please leave at the back of St Joseph's or St Cuthbert's

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.

Financial Offerings

I am very grateful to parishioners who have either posted envelopes or offerings through the door. I am also aware that many of you are now making your contributions through standing orders and/or bacs transfer. Your continued support is much appreciated at a time when many are facing financial difficulties. A big thank-you.

If you would like to set up a standing order or make a transfer please see the details below.

Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph

Bank: HSBC

Sort code 40-34-45, account number 91146513

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic – Church Response:

Do you need to speak to someone for support?:

For those who are seeking a Priest with whom they can speak at this time, could you please contact the Parish Priest at your local Church. For this parish it is 0191 2575801.

Dedicated counsellors and listeners are also available at the Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and on the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732 980740.

Telephone booking system for Masses at St Cuthbert's Mass Booking line: 07506 176996 at the following times

8pm	Tuesday 11am-1pm & 6pm-	Thursday 11am-1pm
	Wednesday 11am-1pm	Friday 11am-1pm

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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.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Please contact us for help needed or offered

QR Code for young people

This week's clip is about bullying and the need for all to make a stand.

