

MASS READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

FIRST READING

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

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| <p>1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.</p> | <p>2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.</p> |
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SECOND READING

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.' he nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 117

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

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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		24 th /25 th April 2021 – 4 th Sunday of Easter (B)	
		Masses, Devotions and Services	
		St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday	24th April		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking
Sunday	25th April 4th Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: Private Intention Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	
Monday	26th April	No Mass	
Tuesday	27th April		9:30am: Mass: With congregation
Wednesday	28th April	9:30am: Mass: Julie Hogarth With congregation	
Thursday	29th April		9:30am: Mass: No congregation – Live Streamed
Friday	30th April		7:00pm: Mass: Liam Doyle With congregation
Saturday	1st May		5:30pm: Mass: Kathleen & John Whitley Attendance by prior booking
Sunday	2nd May 5th Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Attendance by prior booking Live streamed	

Attendance by prior booking

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

Please note that in giving your details to book Mass or to sign in at Mass at weekdays, you are giving your consent for that information to be stored for three weeks

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

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.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Prayer List

During Easter we pray for all victims of the Covid Pandemic; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

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, Agnes Conway and Richard Sutherland

Please pray for H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, Canon Michael McCoy and all those who have died recently.

Prayer for Vocations Sunday - 25th April 2021

God our Father,
you call each of us to follow Jesus, your Son,
on the path he has marked out for us –
the way of charity, service and fulfilment.

May the homes and parishes
of the Diocese be blessed with ever-renewed dedication
to the work of building up your kingdom here on earth.

May those whom you call
to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life
faithfully give themselves
to the service of your Church.

Prompted and strengthened by your Holy Spirit,
may I respond generously to the call
to follow you each day and live out my vocation,
to give you glory, for the good of those around me
and for my own happiness.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For more information please go to:

<https://www.vocations.org.uk/vocations-sunday> where there are a number of resources including Pope Francis' letter for Vocations Sunday, which is a reflection on Vocation in the light of the life of St Joseph, found at: <https://979216fa-cf6c-4695-9f27-c6e5140d6347.filesusr.com/ugd/22ea221452710fdef44b70a2f5e53586878590.pdf>

We pray that all of us may respond to their vocation.

St Cuthbert's Presbytery

Tyneside Welcomes – a charity working with mainly Syrian refugees on providing housing as part of a settlement process, have approached the diocese as to whether there are any available properties to place refugees. The programme is part of a government sponsored scheme. The diocese offered a number of spare properties in the area including St Cuthbert's Presbytery. Tyneside Welcomes have expressed a particular interest in St Cuthbert's Presbytery.

At the moment there are discussions with the diocese and Tyneside Welcomes. This matter has been brought to the attention of the Episcopal Council of the diocese, who are keen that the diocese makes the best use of its properties especially if it can also help those in need. They have also stated that they would like the parish to play a role in making those residing in the presbytery feel welcome.

A rent will be paid though the amount is to be agreed.

One of the Diocesan surveyors, Minnie Fraser, has looked around the presbytery and agreed that discussions with Tyneside Welcomes should continue. The Parish Council has discussed this issue and has agreed that this would be a good use for the house but there

were issues that needed further exploration. Fr Chris has referred these to Minnie Fraser. The points mentioned by the parish council were:

- Ascertain that it is a family that are placed as opposed to it becoming a house of multiple occupancy.
- Who will be responsible for the management of it as this is beyond the remit of parishioners? What would be the respective responsibilities of Parish and Tyneside Welcomes?
- What would be the nature of the stay? Short term lets to start families off or long-term solutions?
- What happens when things go wrong? It was agreed a strong robust agreement would need to be in place.

It should also be noted that Tyneside Welcomes is also a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens. So, this would be another way to strengthen the alliance we belong to.

In a spirit of transparency, I should also make you aware that the Chair of Tyneside Welcome, Dr Richard Young is a friend of mine and a fellow member of Leadership Group of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Also, Tyneside Welcomes' lead on seeking residences for refugees, Vin Totten, was a contemporary of mine at school in the seventies! It should also be noted that the initiative came from Minnie Fraser in the Diocesan Property department, who was unaware of my connections with Richard and Vin, nor that the parish or Tyneside Welcomes were a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens.

If anyone has any queries or comments please contact me..

Tyne and Wear Citizens Parish Membership

As of April 1st, the parish became a member for one year of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Tyne and Wear Citizens is part of Citizens UK which is a Broad-Based Community Organising charity.

Community Organising is a methodology that seeks to do bring about three goals:

- Change Society for the Better
- To develop Institutions as part of Civic Society so that Civic Society is stronger
- To develop the skills and confidence of individuals within those institutions

All these aims are totally compatible with the life and the mission of the parish.

The Covid crisis has made a big impact on society, the Church at national and local level. The extent of the impact is still to be assessed and will take years to live through, but we can as parish be passive or take action that will develop the parish and improve the society around us. It is for this reason why I totally support the decision of the parish council to become a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens. Below are details various events that will give more information as to what Community Organising is and the work of Tyne and Wear Citizens. The best way to learn is take part in the online training in May, details below. One parishioner has already signed up so you would not be on your own.

Thank you from Hilda McManus and Family

Hilda McManus and Family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, prayers and cards of condolences, they received after Alf's death. The last few years were tough but with support from everyone we got through.

Thank you to Fr Chris for support, wonderful service and Mass, and those who helped in any way at the services. God bless you all.

A Note of Thanks

Susan Ray and family would like to express their gratitude for the prayers, thoughts and condolence cards which sustained and helped us at this sad time.

Thank-you to Fr Chris for your comforting service. Felicity and Gerry for the music. Linda for the Order of Service. Charlie for streaming the Mass which supported our family in America.

Thank-you all who gave. The donation to CAFOD was £100 and to Marie Cure £50,

Mass for Marriage and Family

Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at 12:00 which will be both an open Mass and live streamed.

Due to the limited capacity and in keeping with the current COVID restrictions, anyone wishing to attend the Mass MUST BOOK in advance by contacting the Cathedral office on 0191 232 6953 or emailing office@stmaryscathedral.org.uk. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary should also provide the details of this at the time of booking and a certificate of celebration will be offered.

Community Organising and Prayer

I am also aware that as we engage with other groups in Civic Society, it is important that all that we do is rooted in our relationship with God. It is crucial that we are inspired by Gospel Values. That is why I would like to have 'Praying Citizens' in the parish. I appreciate for some, that due to health reason, shielding or shortage of time, being involved with training and campaigns, will not be possible. However, if you are willing to make a commitment in prayer, that will be very important to ensure that in all our work with Tyne and Wear Citizens, is flowing out of the dynamic interactive love and action of the Trinity.

Learning more about Community Organising

If you would like to learn more about how Community Organising is relevant to the Christian Faith, there is an Ecumenical Even online where Bishop Robert and the Anglican Bishop of Durham will be present. There might be another face you recognise as well. This is 6.30pm on 5th May. You sign by Eventbrite. Please google <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-organising-in-the-north-east-an-ecumenical-conversation-to-obtain-the-link-to-sign-up>.

On May 15th from 9.30 -12.00 via zoom there will be a parish event where I share more about Community Organising and we will discuss what the parish seeks to get out of being a member of Tyne and Wear Citizens. The link shall be given later.

There is also training available online.

This is available to anyone in the parish.

On the evenings of 11th, 18th & 25th May 5-7.30pm

Online via Zoom This introductory training aims to equip individuals to help lead community organising in their institutions. The training will cover all essential aspects of the curriculum for community organising, including:

Listening, Issues, Research, Action Negotiation Evaluation

To Book your place please contact Sara Bryson, Senior Community Organiser Sara.Bryson@citizensuk.org

I am happy to discuss with anyone who is at least curious as to what Community Organising is and what it means for the parish.

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 contact Nestah Masiwa at: nehmasiwa@yahoo.com or Ruth Corless on +44 7752 009361.

Volunteering at the Justice and Peace Refugee Project

As lockdown eases and we are able to open the Justice and Peace Refugee Project more fully, we need to recruit more people to join our existing committed team of volunteers.

We are now based at St Vincent's, the SVP Support Centre (formerly Blackfriars), Newbridge Street, Newcastle and are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.30 to 2pm.

We need people to meet and greet our project users, help with food and clothing distribution, serve teas and coffees and generally be a welcoming presence. You do not need experience or specific knowledge about the asylum system, just a willingness to be a friendly welcoming presence in the lives of people who are seeking asylum in this country. This is such vital service, especially when so many of our project users are having to endure the impact of the increasingly hostile environment directed towards those seeking asylum.

We are especially interested to hear from people who could join our teams on Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sara, our project co-ordinator, at sara.harris@diocesehn.org.uk to arrange an informal discussion. This is a real opportunity to put our faith into action.

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.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8VJlwdFns>
'God if you love me..'