

## MASS READINGS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

#### FIRST READING

*The People of God kept the Passover on their entry into the promised land.*

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you. The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Psalm 33

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| <p>1. I will bless the Lord at all times,<br/>his praise always on my lips;<br/>in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.<br/>The humble shall hear and be glad.</p>  | <p>2. Glorify the Lord with me.<br/>Together let us praise his name.<br/>I sought the Lord and he answered me;<br/>from all my terrors he set me free.</p> |
| <p>3. Look towards him and be radiant;<br/>let your faces not be abashed.<br/>This poor man called; the Lord heard him<br/>and rescued him from all his distress.</p> |  |

#### SECOND READING

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my Father and say:

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

#### GOSPEL

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

## 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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### 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - C

#### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass: John Smiles</b> <b>Live streamed</b>	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> In thanksgiving for the healing of Ramon Danchez	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April		<b>7:00pm: Mass:</b> Fr Michael Hickey
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		<b>5:30pm: Mass</b> Sylvia Keilty
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>11:00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish <b>Live streamed</b>	

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

**WhatsApp group: text your name & 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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)**

**Parish office: 0191 257 3408**

### Prayer List

Prayer Intentions for Lent: The People of Ukraine, Peace Candidates for Sacraments, Penitents & Wanderers, Women, the Poor & Hungry

We pray for all who are sick, including Patricia Conlon, Ros McGann, 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, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Tony Cocalis, Mary Quinn and Eleanor Robson.

Please pray for Theresa Stark, Agnes Annie Taylor, Wilomena (Billie) White and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

### Holy Week Liturgies

#### The Liturgical Celebrations for the Tridium and Easter Sunday will be as follows:

Maundy Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	St Joseph's	7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Good Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	St Cuthbert's	3:00pm The Passion
Holy Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	St Joseph's	8:00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	St Joseph's	9:30am Mass
		St Cuthbert's	11:00am Mass

### Lent

The public reading of St John's Gospel will take place next week, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Cuthbert's. Stations of the Cross this Sunday will be at 4pm at St Joseph's.

### Ukraine Appeal

The appeal last week raised £682.85. Thank-you for your generosity. I will still accept donations till Easter Sunday. A big thank-you to all who have donated to the Polish Chaplaincy Appeal last week. And those who took the items to the chaplaincy.

If you would still like to help Ukrainian and Russian people living in Newcastle are organising deliveries of needed items: Sleeping bags, Blankets, First Aid kits, Painkillers, Baby food, Nappies, Backpacks, Hot Water Bottles, Thermos Flasks, Energy bars.

These may be delivered to Unit 23E (near Asda), North Tyne Industrial Estate, Whitley Road, Benton NE12 9SZ.

The collection centre is open Monday to Friday 5pm to 7pm. Items can be delivered locally to Sushi Yammi, 34 Spence Terrace, North Shields NE29 0JE – open Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon till 9pm, or Friday and Saturday 12 noon till 10pm and to St John's Church, Percy Main – open Monday 9.30 am till 11.30 am.

### CAFOD

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

### Mothering Sunday

**Happy Mother's Day.** Hope all you mums have a great and special day. We remember all mums of this parish, past and present.

### British Summer Time

British Summer Time starts in the early hours of 27<sup>th</sup> March. The clocks go forward an hour. That means Mother's Day is only 23 hours. Mums you are being short changed 😊

### Survey for Catholic Women

Catholic Women Speak, an international forum for dialogue and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church, invites Catholic women to take part in a survey that will form part of a submission to the Synodal process. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available in six languages, with further information available here:

<https://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey>

### Government Ukrainian Refugee Programme

The Diocese in consultation with Caritas Social Action Network and other agencies are considering what the diocesan response should be. I have asked the diocese for guidance as to whether refugees can be welcomed into parishes that have a priest living in it. The diocese is also considering if empty parishes could be used. The Diocese is also aware of the need to support individuals or families who have offered accommodation on an individual basis. It is felt that support from the wider community is important rather than asking individuals to take on the responsibility. If you have offered accommodation as part of the Government scheme could you please let me know so you can be linked up to diocesan support.

### Lent

Thank-you to all who have come to the first two readings of the Passion Story. The next public reading of St John's Passion Narrative is Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at St All are welcome. Stations of the Cross this Sunday will be at 4pm at St Joseph's.

### Remembering the Past

This project is collecting people's memories of work and life around Northumberland Square and Howard Street as part of the Heritage Action Zone project.

Having heard about the Good Friday Procession of Witness being centred around the Square, they're keen to gather the recollections of those who took part years ago.

If you'd like to contribute to the project, please contact Kath Smith via any of these channels: Remembering the Past, Room R11b, The Linskill Centre, Linskill Terrace, North Shields, NE30 2AY. Tel. 0191 2584623 [manager@rememberingthepast.co.uk](mailto:manager@rememberingthepast.co.uk)

### Lenten Events in North Shields Churches Together

#### Three Pictures for Lent – St Columba's, on Zoom 7.15 pm, Thursdays 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March, and 7<sup>th</sup> April

Gentle conversation and prayer, around pictures of the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus 'cleansing the temple, and the Last Supper.

Email [stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com) for the Zoom details

### Thoughtful Art for Lent – St Columba's

2 pm to 4 pm, Fridays 18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> April. Creating a shared artwork, where your gender, age, previous experience (or lack of artist talent!) is no bar to taking part. Each session will end with a short act of worship, followed by a cuppa and a hot cross bun.

More information from [stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com)

### Caring for Creation: Lenten Bible Study

#### – St John's and St Peter's

6pm-7.30pm Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Session 1 The Environment – St Peter's, Balkwell

Session 2: Global Warming and Climate Change – St John's, Percy Main

Session 3: The Age of Humans – Anthropocene Era – St Peter's

Session 4: Coming Out of Denial and Facing Crisis – St John's

Session 5: Faith, Hope and Love – St Peter's

### Prayer Walk on the Beach – St Columba's

#### 2 pm, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April

A guided stroll with pauses for listening and for praying, both with and without words.

More information from [stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com](mailto:stcolumbasevents8@gmail.com)

### 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: 7:30pm

For more information contact Nestah Masiwa at: [nehmasiwa@yahoo.com](mailto:nehmasiwa@yahoo.com) or Ruth Corless on 07752009361.

### Sycamore for Lent

This a note from the diocesan co-ordinator for the Sycamore programme, Mike Weetman:

"We are pilgrims 'journeying together' whose listening and speaking is that of those who seek and not that of those who believe they have found."

This quote leapt out at me when I attended Synod meetings.

I have been extremely privileged to host two online sycamore.fm get togethers. Sycamore opens up the heart of the Christian message and helps people to grow in faith. The films give an inspiring vision of Catholic Christianity. They involve some clear teaching and thought-provoking testimonies. The discussion groups, even online, help people grow in friendship and build a sense of community.

I invite you to join me on such a journey this Lenten season. We will gather online each Sunday from 6 March to 10 April at 4.00pm until 5.15pm. Why not invite a friend to come along too?

This is a free course. Please register at:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/lent-sycamore-course/>.

### Northern Cross

Paper copies of the Diocesan Newspaper are now available at the back of church. Cost is £1.50.

### A Prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy. Amen

(Prayer from the Methodist church)