

MASS READINGS
2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
FIRST READING

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased greatly.

Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Psalm 117

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| <p>1. Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.'
 Let the sons of Aaron say:
 'His love has no end.'
 Let those who fear the Lord say:
 'His love has no end.'</p> | <p>2. The stone which the builders rejected
 has become the corner stone.
 This is the work of the Lord,
 a marvel in our eyes.
 This day was made by the Lord;
 we rejoice and are glad.</p> |
| <p>3. Lord, grant us salvation;
 Lord grant success.
 Blessed in the name of the Lord
 is he who comes.
 We bless you from the house of the Lord;
 the Lord God is our light.</p> | |

SECOND READING

I was dead and now I am to live for ever.

Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Eight days later, Jesus came.

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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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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23rd/24th April 2022 – 2nd Sunday of Easter - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 23rd April		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 24th April 2nd Sunday of Easter - C	11:00am: Mass Florence Palamjar Live streamed	
Monday 25 th April	No Mass	
Tuesday 26 th April		9:30am: Service of Word & Communion
Wednesday 27 th April	9:30am: Service of Word & Communion	
Thursday 28 th April	No Mass	
Friday 29 th April		7:00pm: Service of Word & Communion
Saturday 30th April		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter - C	11:00am: Mass People of the Parish Live streamed	

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.

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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 Celebrations

All the feedback I have received about the Holy Week liturgies have been very positive. It was good to have a sense of normality for the first time in 3 years. A big thank-you to all who contributed in any way. I would also like to thank people for their Easter Cards and kind gifts. Your support and prayers are much appreciated

Sick and Retired Priests

This weekend there is a retiring collection for supporting the sick and retired priests. There are now 47 priest who are retired in the diocese. The Northern Brethren Fund spends about £15,000 a month supporting sick and retired priests. Any support will be appreciated

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter is designated as Divine Mercy. We celebrate God's unending mercy and compassion for us. There will be a Liturgy focussed on this devotion at St Joseph's this Sunday at 4pm

Celebration of Marriage

Bishop Robert has kindly agreed to preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 21st May 2022 at 12:00pm. There is an open invitation and will focus on couples celebrating significant anniversaries in 2022 but is open to engaged couples preparing for marriage, those who have been married since our last Mass in 2021 and all married couples. We include those widowed and bereaved who were unable to visit wives and husbands in hospital and homes prior to their deaths. In these unprecedented times, we remember couples in crisis and individual adults and children experiencing difficulties and abuse in their family relationships

Reflections on the Eucharist

The Diocese has prepared some reflections on the Eucharist during this Holy Year. They can be found at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Year-of-the-Eucharist-Encountering-the-Son-reflection-booklet.pdf>

Pentecost Sunday

This year Pentecost Sunday will be June 5th. The Liturgy and Formation group thought it would be a good to acknowledge and celebrate the many nations and cultures represented in our parish. So at 4pm on Pentecost Sunday we will have a vigil and Holy Hour using the readings that the Church gives for the Pentecost Vigil. This will be read in different languages with the English translation in a booklet. After the service we will have a social in the hall. We hope that you will bring food to share from your own country or culture. My thanks to Pauline Hughes who is willing to co-ordinate social side. If you would like to share some food for the event please sign up on the list at the back of Church. Pauline Hughes can be contacted at: paulinepoethughes@gmail.com

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- **Property Surveyor** – Full-time, fixed term contract – 2 years. Flexible working is available. Closing date for applications: 28th April 2022
- **Hexham, St Mary Parish Secretary** – 20 hours a week
- **Cleaner** – 14 hours a week

Closing date for applications: 4th May 2022. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 2433301.

Retreat and Holiday Time

On 25th April I will be going on retreat and then I will have two weeks holiday.

Canon Martin Stempczyk has kindly agreed to say the Masses on April 30th and May 7th, and members of the Jesuit Community based at St Dominic's in Newcastle have also kindly agreed to say the Sunday Morning Masses on May 1st and 8th. I am very grateful for all your prayers, support and encouragement over the last 12 months. I will try to come back in one piece this time!??

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act- Following the pandemic many households now face new hardships as prices rise. CSAN, The Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. The booklet can be downloaded from: www.csan.org.uk

Northern Cross

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

Holy Island Vinnie Camp 2022 – Volunteers Needed Urgently

Holy Island Camp will be running holidays for children in 2022. Our helpers are all volunteers and in order to go ahead successfully in 2022 we urgently need new volunteers to help in the kitchens, preparing food, washing up and clearing the dining hall. We also need caretaking staff who would be able to carry out a cleaning role. The work is tiring but also fun (you would be joining an established and very welcoming team) and the young people benefit enormously from a traditional seaside type holiday. The commitment can be for as little as three days a year in Term Time or more if you are able to help on multiple weeks or through the Summer Holidays. Camp 2022 will run for the first two separate weeks of the Summer Holiday and the last two. All helpers will be required to obtain a free Diocesan DBS check and some training. If you are interested, please visit our website : <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/about-camp>

Call Out for First Aiders

In completing the annual Health and Safety returns, it was realised that the parish does not have a list of trained first aiders who could help if needed. If you are trained in First Aid, could you please let me know. Thanks Fr Chris

Defibrators for the parish

Thank-you to those who made helpful suggestions about resourcing these defibrators. We shall explore them.

Pilgrimage to Holy Island with Stella Maris

Stella Maris is holding a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on Saturday 4th June 2022, led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. The pilgrimage starts at 12 noon. All are invited. Please check tide times. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplains Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).

Charity Shop

It is a sign of the times that use of our local Charity shop is increasing. Due to increased demand more volunteers are needed on a Thursday morning. Please let Fr Chris know if you are interested.

Ministries at Mass

Please consider if you would be willing to read or bring up the gifts at the offertory. I would like more people participating in our celebrations of the Eucharist.

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 or Ruth Corless on 07752009361.

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.

Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more difficult. The emergency lockdown measures we have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep our residents safe have had a massive impact on our fundraising activities and the charitable donations we rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home.

We are appealing for urgent donations to help us continue with our work of caring for the Elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping our Home.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us.

Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to: St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made by visiting: www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/

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)