

MASS READINGS

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

We must turn to the pagans.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:14. 43-52

Responsorial Psalm

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Psalm 99

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| <p>1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.</p> | <p>2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him
we are his people, the sheep of his flock</p> |
| <p>3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.</p> | |

SECOND READING

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation

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

John 10:14

GOSPEL

I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me.

John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

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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7th/8th May 2022 – 4th Sunday of Easter - C

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 7th May		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter - C	11:00am: Mass John Ray Live streamed	
Monday 9th May	No Mass	
Tuesday 10th May		9:30am: Service of Word & Communion
Wednesday 11th May	9:30am: Service of Word & Communion	
Thursday 12th May	No Mass	
Friday 13th May		7:00pm: Service of Word & Communion
Saturday 14th May		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 15th May 5th 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

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Prayer List

Prayer Intentions for Easter: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of Media, the Church, Peace, Human Work.

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 Michael Rourke and all those who have died recently, and also for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Welcome

A warm welcome to Canon Martin Stempczyk who is saying Mass this Saturday at St Joseph's. A further welcome to members of the Society of Jesus based at St Dominic's Newcastle, one of whom will be saying the Mass at St Cuthbert's this Sunday. Fr Chris is grateful to their willing to preside while he is away.

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

Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association

The Tyneside Circle of the Newman Association is restarting after the pandemic closure in the church hall of St.Cuthbert's, North Shields.

Our first meeting at the new venue will be on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm for a talk by Father Chris Hughes entitled "Can Theology Be Practical? Encouraging Reflective Discipleship". All welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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)