

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – A
FIRST READING

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of compassion.

1.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.
2.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.
3.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.)
4.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 129

SECOND READING

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. – It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, ‘Lord, the man you love is ill.’ On receiving the message, Jesus said, ‘This sickness will end not in death but in God’s glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.’ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, ‘Let us go to Judaea.’ The disciples said, ‘Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?’ Jesus replied: ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.’ He said that and then added, ‘Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.’ The disciples said to him, ‘Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.’ The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by ‘rest’ he meant ‘sleep’, so Jesus put it plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.’ Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, ‘Let us go too, and die with him.’ On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, ‘If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.’ ‘Your brother’ said Jesus to her ‘will rise again.’ Martha said, ‘I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said: ‘I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ she said ‘I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.’ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, ‘The Master is here and wants to see you.’ Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.’ At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, ‘Where have you put him?’ They said, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus wept; and the Jews said, ‘See how much he loved him!’ But there were some who remarked, ‘He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man’s death?’ Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, ‘Take the stone away.’ Martha said to him, ‘Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.’ Jesus replied, ‘Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: ‘Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, here! Come out!’ The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, let him go free.’ Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

John 11:1-45

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25th/26th March 2023 – 5th Sunday of Lent – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 25 th March		9.30am Station of the Cross 10.00am Mass People of the Parish 4.45pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 26 th March 5 th Sunday of Lent A	11:00am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey Live streamed	
Monday 27 th March		
Tuesday 28 th March		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 29 th March	9:30am: Mass: Victoria Orkas	
Thursday 30 th March		9:30am: Mass with St Joseph’s Primary School
Friday 31 st March	9.30am St Cuthbert’s School Holy Week Passion Play Starting at St Cuthbert’s Church 7.00pm Mass 4, Kelso Drive, North Shields NE29 9NS	
Saturday 1 st April	9.30 Gathering for Station Walk to St Joseph’s	10.30am Mass 4.45pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30pm: Vigil Mass:
Sunday 2 nd April Palm Sunday - A	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live streamed	

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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time in Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who to Combat It; The Unemployed

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, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Vera Reay, Paul Atkinson, Leigh Miranda, Francis McSherry, Bishop Robert and Mary Kidd..

Please pray for Jenny Jordan, David Mills, and James Davis who have died recently.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

In this final week-end before Holy Week, we have clear resonances of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection in the story of the raising of Lazarus. Resurrection is not framed as future event but a reality that being in the present whenever we encounter Christ who proclaims himself as the 'Resurrection and the Life'. Christ confronts the culture of death 'on earth as in heaven'. The call for Lazarus to come out of the enclave of death and be unbound from all that destroys life is a call that is meant for us all. As we approach Holy Week we are called to acknowledge all that is destructive in our life to ourselves and others. It is also important to acknowledge all that echoes 'the resurrection and the life'. It also essential to realise all that is life giving in our world and in our own lives. Hence it is very appropriate to have Mark Maughan from CAFOD this week-end who can share with us the life giving and saving work they are engaged in across the world.

Baptism

This Sunday 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's we have the Baptism of Wiktorija Wichrowska. We pray for her and her parents as she is united in Christ and welcomed into the family of the Church.

Station Walk

Instead of Stations of the Cross being at St Joseph's next Saturday, April 1st at 9.30. We will gather at St Cuthberts at 9.30 and we will walk to St Joseph's. We will carry a Cross and stop along the way to consider some of the stations. Mass will begin afterwards at St Joseph's c .10.30

Holy Week

The celebrations for Holy Week Triduum Services will be as follows

Holy Week Triduum Liturgies

Celebration of the Last Supper

Thursday 6th April 7.30pm St Cuthbert's

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus

Friday 7th April 3.00pm St Joseph's

The Easter Vigil

Saturday 8th April 8.00pm, St Cuthbert's

Masses for Easter Sunday

Sunday 9th April 9.30am, St Joseph's
11.00am St Cuthbert's

Lenten Reflections

Diocesan Lenten Reflection can be found at: The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Lent-Reflections-Part-2.pdf>

Tyne and Wear Citizens Issue Workshop

The first of the issues workshops for the listening campaign is on Thursday March 30th at 6pm at the Recovery Collective College at 1, Clariol Square Newcastle- just opposite St Andrew Church, Worswick Street. To sign up please go to: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-issues-workshop>

Diocesan Investigations

The investigation commissioned by the Dicastery for Bishops has issued a survey to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, all answers are provided in complete confidence, and you are asked to give your own individual views. The survey will run until Monday 27th March 2023 and can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zrj1t8SCxNq5> or through the Diocesan website. Please complete the survey only once, even if you hold more than one role in the Diocese.

CAFOD

This week-end at the 11.00am Sunday Mass, we will welcome Mark Maughan, who is the Diocesan representative for CAFOD. He will be talking about their work.

On May 2nd at St Cuthbert's at 7pm Karen Kilby, the Bede Professor of Catholic Theology will be giving a talk titled:

"On Cafod and camels: theological reflections on a recent trip to the horn of Africa"

She recently travelled with CAFOD to a region in East Africa suffering drought. She will speak a little of what she saw and heard, and offer some reflections on the complexities of compassion and the nature of hope. Karen has served as a Trustee of CAFOD for the last 6 years."

Training for Altar Servers

Altar servers general training and training for Holy Week. Saturday 1st April from 9.30am. There will be refreshments for servers available when the training is finished. This is also open to those children who may wish to serve once they've made their first holy communion this summer.

Wedding Congratulations

Our sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Austin and Christiana Oshegbu who were married on March 18th. It

was a joyful and colourful occasion! We wish them every joy and blessing for the future.

Communion Under Both Kinds

The Bishops have announced that from Maundy Thursday, priests are permitted though not obliged to offer the Precious Blood at Mass. I will use this permission from the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday April 6th.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In the parish the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday at 10:30am after the 10:00am Mass and from 4.45pm to 5.15pm at St Joseph's before vigil Mass.

Newman Society

"Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear: Isobel Vaughan-Spruce at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Albion Road West, North Shields, on Wednesday 29 March, at 7.30pm Isobel Vaughan-Spruce, the leader of March for Life, has been arrested twice this year in Birmingham, for silently standing and praying within 50 metres of a closed abortion clinic. She was taken to the police station, asked what she was praying about, searched and charged by the police with ... a thought crime."

Statement on Illegal Migration Bill

The Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, Bishop Paul McAleenan, has commented on the government's Illegal Migration Bill:

"Everyone who makes a dangerous journey across the Channel to build a better life here has a name, a face, and a story.

People are driven from their homes by poverty, conflict, persecution, natural disasters, or other factors that prevent their flourishing. Many have links to the UK or family members already living here. Yet, far too often, there are no safe routes open to them.

While we all wish to end dangerous Channel crossings, this new legislation treats migrants and refugees as a problem to be solved rather than brothers and sisters towards whom we have responsibilities. Establishing more safe routes, and genuinely understanding people's individual circumstances are essential to meeting these.

As Christians we call for the human person, made in the image and likeness of God, to be put at the heart of public policy."

Lenten Concert at Holy Saviour Church Tynemouth

Johannis will be performing a Lenten concert at Holy Saviour's Church Tynemouth on Friday 31 March at 7:30pm. Musica Johannis is an octet of accomplished and experienced singers performing pieces by Byrd, Purcell and Stainer. The programme will lead us through reflective music and readings into Holy Week. Tickets are £8 by contacting office@holysaviours.org.uk or on the door.

Thank-you

A personal note of thanks to the parish for your prayers, support and condolences on the death of David, my brother-in-law, and for his widow, my sister Liz, her family and myself.

Retreat in Daily Life

Eight of us in the parish had a fruitful discussion with Vron Smith last Thursday, 23rd February. She invited us as parish to discern what is God calling us as a parish to do. She has given us some material to reflect upon. If you would like copies of this please let me know. We will be meeting again on **Tuesday 2nd April at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's** to share the fruits of our discernment. All are welcome. Please not change of time

Live Simply Tip

Living Simply is based on the following three strands:

- living simply
- living in solidarity with people in poverty
- living sustainably with creation.

This week's tip:.

Why not make a Standing Order for CAFOD or even a legacy to their important work. For more information. Go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Parish Finance – Standing Orders

If you would like to set up a Standing Order the details of the parish account are:

Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph

Bank: HSBC, Sort code: 40-34-45,

Account number 91146513

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.