

MASS READINGS
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Matthew 21:1-11

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, ‘Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, “The Master needs them and will send them back directly.”’ This took place to fulfil the prophecy: Say to the daughter of Zion: Look, your king comes to you; he is humble, he rides on a donkey and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting: ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!’ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. ‘Who is this?’ people asked, and the crowds answered, ‘This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.’

THE MASS

FIRST READING

I did not cover my face against insult – I know I shall not be shamed.

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple’s tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

Psalms 21

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| 1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. ‘He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend. | 2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. |
| 3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! | 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. ‘You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel’s sons.’ |

SECOND READING

He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The word of the Lord. Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9 Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory! Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66

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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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1st/2nd April 2023 – Palm Sunday – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

| | St Cuthbert’s Church | St Joseph’s Church |
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| 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 | |
| Monday 3 rd April | | |
| Tuesday 4 th April | | 9:30am: Mass: Herbert and Florence Redpath |
| Wednesday 5 th April | 9:30am: Mass: Rob Dunn | |
| Thursday 6 th April Holy Thursday | Celebration of the Last Supper 7:30pm: Mass: Mary and Eddie Rogan | |
| Friday 7 th April Good Friday | | 3:00pm: Passion of Our Lord Jesus |
| Saturday 8 th April | 8:00pm: Easter Vigil | |
| Sunday 9 th April Easter Sunday - A | 11:00am: Mass: Live streamed | 9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish |

The Parish of St Cuthbert’s and St Joseph’s, North Shields

What’sApp group: text your name & number to 07752009361 to be added to *StCuthStJosNshields* Group

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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 James Davis and all who have died recently.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

With Palm Sunday we begin our Journey with Christ to the heart of the Mystery of his death and resurrection. Pope Francis has placed a great deal of significance on accompaniment with others. We are called to present and attentive so that our presence may lead us to the truth of the other person and to know God 's presence through this other person. My invitation to you as a parishioner is to accompany Jesus on this journey. The three Liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and The Vigil of Holy Saturday seeks to draw us in so that we are immersed with these key moments and vital stages of the Paschal Mystery, to know and share of his own 'passing over' from death to new life .

We know the stories so well but we are called to be present with Jesus from his glorious entry into Jerusalem, then to the upper room, into the garden with all the fear and terror, at his arrest and trials, the betrayal and the denial, with him on the tortuous and crowded thronged path to Golgotha, to the dismay and bewilderment of his broken and bleeding body being placed in the tomb, confronted by the complete emptiness of Holy Saturday, to be drawn to the dawn of those first glimmers of light shimmering with surprise on an empty tomb in garden that witnessed despair that becomes a space of bewilderment, surprise and a new epiphany of hope

No doubt, I will use words and point out key themes in these three major liturgies but more importantly is your presence with the fullness of the divine life in human form as you accompany Jesus on this journey .May you be attentive and fully present to him, so that the manifestation of divine love, solidarity, hope and glory we celebrate in Holy Week is poured out into the depth of your own souls and into the heart of our communities

As well as the Triduum Liturgies there is the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral at 11.00am on Maundy Thursday. The Mass will be presided by Emeritus Bishop Seamus. On Good Friday there is joint Procession of Witness starting at

Northumberland Square at 10.00am. All are welcome to either service

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>

Confirmations 2023

The Partnership Confirmation Programme for students in Years 9 and 10 will begin in April 2023 with the Confirmation ceremony taking place in the week beginning 17th July. The first session is on April 26th Applications are available from your parish priest or the school chaplain.

If you have any queries please e-mail Michael Thompson: mthompson@stmacademy.org.uk.

CAFOD

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."

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.

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."

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 4th April at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's** to share the fruits of our discernment. All are welcome. Sorry for the error in last week's newsletter Please not change of time

Coming Soon - A Day for Catechists

Are you involved with Baptismal Preparation, First Holy Communion, Confirmations, Marriage Preparation, RCIA, Children's Liturgy or other faith sharing initiatives? We are excited to host the largest gathering of Catechists the diocese has seen in recent times. This will be a special opportunity to come together and renew our approach to sacramental preparation and faith-sharing post-pandemic. Whether you are a seasoned catechist or just considering becoming one, we want you to join us. We will be sharing key principles from the New Directory of Catechesis and affirming good practices, as well as providing new ideas and inspiration. Individuals and parish groups are welcome. To register your interest/book a place, please visit bit.ly/DHND0C23.

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:.

Props North East is a local charity supporting families impacted by the substance abuse of a family member.

They are based in the Linskill Centre, North Shields, (tel. 0191 226 3440). and Fenham Library. There is lots of useful information on their website, <https://props.org.uk/>, where you can also make a donation

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Have you ever thought about travelling on Pilgrimage to Lourdes in response to the call of Our Blessed Lady?

Every year, many people generously offer their service to those who stay in the Accueil (hospital) and need some additional care and support from volunteers like yourselves. This could include making a cup of tea, having a chat, helping in the dining room or assisting a Pilgrim in attending the various Masses and services which take place during Pilgrimage week.

We need you! In order to provide care for all of the applicants for the Accueil, we need more registered adult helpers. We do not have enough at present and do not want to disappoint those Pilgrims who are so looking forward to travelling with us. The dates of travel are from Friday 28th July to Friday 4th August 2023. Financial help with the cost of travel and accommodation is available in the form of a subsidy for this year only. If you would like any further information, please email: lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk <<mailto:lourdes@diocesehn.org.uk>> or telephone: 0191 528 1992

The link to register as an adult helper is: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZHWW4DD5ny> Please note, registration will close on Wednesday 5th April. All forms MUST be received by this date. We look forward to meeting you soon.

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.