

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm

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

- 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.'
- 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.

- I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just.

SECOND READING

In his great mercy he has given us a new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Peter 1:3-9

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.

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.

John 20:19-31

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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15th/16th April 2023 – 2nd Sunday of Easter– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 15 th April	9.30 Chaplet to the Divine Mercy followed by Service of Word and Communion	5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 16th April 2nd Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: Live streamed	
Monday 17 th April		
Tuesday 18 th April		9:30am: Word and Communion
Wednesday 19 th April	9:30am: Word and Communion	
Thursday 20 th April		9:30am: Word and Communion
Friday 21 st April		
Saturday 22 nd April	9:30am: Word and Communion	5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 23rd April 3rd Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: 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.

Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Eastertide: :New members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; 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, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Vera Reay, Paul Atkinson, Leigh Miranda, Francis McSherry, Bishop Robert, Mary Kidd and Margaret Burfield.
Please pray for all who have died recently.

Second Sunday of Easter

Today we come to end of the Easter Octave, one eight days being one big day of Easter!

We have the same Gospel reading for every Second Sunday of Easter. It brings home important aspects of what it means to encounter the Risen Christ

Three times we hear 'Peace be with you'. The risen Christ brings peace, not just an absence of fear or violence but that Jewish sense of 'Shalom' of the fullness of wholeness that comes with that integration with of the human and the divine. True peace is that conformity with Christ that full integration of the human and the divine

The Risen Christ is full of the glory of God but still has the imprint of human imperfection, since his wounds are clearly evident. Our transformation in, through and by Christ is not an eradication of what it means to be human. Our humanity with its flaws will still be part of us but they will not define us. The risen life of Christ fulfils our humanity, that despite its flaws, it can still share in the life of God. The wounds are where the light can shine through, grace as St Paul tells us, can work through weakness. Struggles can be the rungs on the ladder to the divine

Finally, we see Resurrection as the moment of Epiphany, that reveals the total truth of Christ, not simply as risen but as truly sharing in the life of God. This is proclaimed by the so-called doubting Thomas as he makes the clearest definition of the divinity of Christ in the whole of the New Testament: My Lord and My God.

The message of peace, the touching of wounds, the proclamation of the truth of Christ, are all about how in Christ we have this full integration of the human and the divine, an integration we are called to share in. This is the hope and invitation of the Risen Christ.

Thank-you

Every Holy Week I am very grateful for all the time and energy of so many people but my incapacity through covid halfway through Holy Week and just before the Triduum Liturgies means that I was very dependent on the generosity and efforts of many parishioners and to Fr John Cavanagh OFM Cap and Fr Peter Randall S.J. who generously filled in at last minute. Thanks for your prayers. I am pleased to say I am on the mend.

Distribution of the Precious Blood

Due to a number of parishioners having Covid, I have decided that it will be wise to delay the distribution of the Precious Blood. I hope we can offer Communion under both kinds at the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Justice and Peace Refugee Project

Would you like to make people seeking asylum in the UK feel welcomed?

As you know we have a very successful Justice and Peace Refugee Project which runs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at St Vincent's SVP Support Centre (previously known as Blackfriars) on New bridge St Newcastle. We are supporting over 450 people who are seeking asylum in our area.

We are very grateful for all the support we receive from parishes, and we are lucky to have very committed volunteers who give their time to work in the project.

However, we are currently short of volunteers on Wednesdays. Would you or anyone you know be interested in volunteering then? You would be needed from 10.30am to 2pm.

The role involves welcoming people into the centre, and providing them with the prepared food bags and toiletries and helping with access to good quality second hand clothing.

This is a great opportunity to make a difference and welcome people into our community at a time when there is a very hostile environment for people seeking asylum. You do not need any prior knowledge about the asylum system.

You would need a specific DBS from the diocese, but we can arrange that.

Please contact our refugee project coordinator Azad Hasan for more details. His email is: Azad.Hasan@diocesehn.org.uk

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.

PARTNERSHIP RETREAT TO AMPLEFORTH

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th July and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be about £215 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms in The Grange are now en-suite. A deposit of £75 will be needed by Sunday 30th April, in order to confirm your booking. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 if you would like to come or for more details.

Retiring Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

This weekend there will be a retiring collection for Sick and Retired Priests.

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."

A CAFOD word of thanks from Mark Maughan

Thank you for your continued support and generosity this Lent, with special praise to those of you who took part in the Big Lent Walk – I hope you all had a wonderful Easter within your parish and family life.

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

Mark Maughan, CAFOD - Community Participation Coordinator

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: This week's tip: Gardeners: consider growing from seed or cuttings, or swap plants with friends to avoid collecting too many plastic pots.

If you have any tips that are friendly to the planet or helps those in need please let Fr Chris know

Tyne and Wear Citizens

We had a issues workshop on March 29th to hear what issues are coming from the listening. Here is a helpful summary from one our organiser, Claire Rodgerson.

The cost-of-living crisis – rising costs of food, energy and more – wages not keeping up with this (even the rLW), barriers to claiming benefits, families and single people all struggling.

Housing – the private rented market being unaffordable with often low quality housing, including student landlords, housing associations not being responsive to need

Migrant justice – uncertainty caused by EU settled status, cost of transport and situations in countries of origin; housing providers for asylum seekers are not treating their tenants with respect.

Working conditions – low wages, different wages for 16, 18, 20, 23+ year olds, lack of low-quality opportunities. Specific issues with a factory in Sunderland and bereavement leave.

Mental ill-health – lack of accessible, timely support, feeling unsafe in school and on streets, isolation post-pandemic, permacrisis causing stress and anxiety.

Climate change- the lack of affordable green sources of energy, cost of energy and suppression of protest.

Infrastructure – Metros need improvement, public transport needs improvement, pavements and buildings inaccessible. Racism on the metro.

Health – no dentists for NHS patients, access to good quality GP care is limited, increasing dependency on drugs and alcohol.

Education – racism, lack of adequate SEND provision

Political disenfranchisement- the system is not working for us.

Please contact Fr Chris if any of the above is a shared concern or has arisen from your listening. If you have any stories that relates to the above please also share them with me

Defibrillator at St Joseph's

The Defibrillator has been installed at the side of St Joseph's. Training on how to use it will be held on Saturday 29th April from 9.30am to 3pm.

Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

Administrator, Vicariate for Faith and Mission (maternity cover) – full-time. Closing date: 18 April 2023.

Senior Administrator, Dept for Education, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 18 April

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

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

Save the Date Notice Coronation of King Charles III- Parish Celebration Sunday - May 7th 2023

On Sunday May 7th following the 11am Mass at St Cuthberts we are planning a "Street Party"- within the Parish Centre /grounds. This will be a shared table and in the weeks to come a list for people to contribute to the table will be available on the notice boards.

Entry is free, there will be a raffle, proceeds going to the Food Bank. Contributions for this cause in kind will also be welcomed. Start time for those not worshipping at St Cuthberts on that morning is expected to be 12.30.

Please feel free to invite your families and friends to join us.

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.