

MASS READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – A

FIRST READING

It was made impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Acts 2:14. 22-28

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 15

Response: Show us, Lord, the path of life. (or Alleluia)

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| <p>1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and my cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.'</p> | <p>2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.</p> |
| <p>3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.</p> | <p>4. You will show me the part of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right-hand happiness for ever.</p> |

SECOND READING

Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ, who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him in the breaking of bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So, he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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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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22nd/23rd April 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Easter– A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 22nd April	9:30am: Word and Communion	5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd April 3rd Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: John Dunn & Raymond Kelly Live streamed	
Monday 24th April		
Tuesday 25th April		9:30am: Mass:
Wednesday 26th April	9:30am: Mass: Fr Michael Hickey	
Thursday 27th April		9:30am: Mass:
Friday 28th April	7:00pm: Mass: Kamila Bibisova	
Saturday 29th April	9:30am: Mass:	5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 30th April 4th Sunday of Easter- A	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.

Website: www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

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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.

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.

Retiring Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

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

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.

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](http://cafod.org.uk) - 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:

Communities we work with around the world are experiencing inequalities and exploitation linked to the activities of UK companies. Cafod is campaigning for the government to introduce a new Business, Human Rights and Environment Act to hold business to account when it fails to prevent human rights abuses and environmental harm and asking us to contact our MPs to ask for their support. More information available on

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/human-rights>.

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 Rodgeron.

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

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

Defibrillator at St Joseph's

First Aid Training Course - 29th April 2023

The Defibrillator has been installed at the side of St Joseph's.

Training on how to use it as well as other first aid skills will be held on Saturday 29th April from 9.30am to 3pm. Lunch will be provided and there are still plenty of spaces available. If you would like to take part please contact Jill Taylor on 07803 822 280.

Feast of St Joseph the Worker

Monday, 1st May 2023

To celebrate this special Feast Day there will be Mass at 12 noon at St Joseph's church followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

Parish Celebration

Coronation of King Charles III

Sunday – 7th May 2023

On Sunday May 7th following the 11am Mass at St Cuthberts we are planning a "Street Party"- within the Parish Centre and grounds.

There will be a shared table (a list for people wishing to contribute to the table will be available on the notice boards at both churches).

Entry is free. There will be a raffle, proceeds going to the Food Bank and Nite Bite. Contributions 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.