

MASS READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY - A
FIRST READING

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Psalm 117

1.

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.’
2.

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
3.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

He must rise from the dead.

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’ So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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8th/9th April 2023 – Easter Sunday – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
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
Monday 10 th April		
Tuesday 11 th April		9:30am: Word and Communion
Wednesday 12 th April	9:30am: Mass: Word and Communion	
Thursday 13 th April		9:30am: Mass: Word and Communion
Friday 14 th April		
Saturday 15 th April	9.30 Chaplet to the Divine Mercy followed by Service of Word and Communion	5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 16 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter- A	11:00am: Mass: Live streamed	

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 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 and Mary Kidd..

Please pray for all who have died recently.

Easter Sunday

It is hard to imagine how those who had witnessed, taken part or contributed in some way to killing of Jesus would have felt the day after his brutal death. For those who had been his companions there must have been sense of disillusion, futility or perhaps despair. There would also be some guilt that under pressure so many of his companions had walked away. It was the women who had been present and now these same woman add another strand to this strange narrative, the tomb is empty, he has risen. This was not a triumphant fanfare but a group of people who were often ignored, with a surprising message that people found to difficult to accept. But starting with this strange and surprising claim, the power of the Risen Christ is unleashed on the Church that has enabled it to continue to the present day. Forces of destruction and injustice can seem so dominant but the Risen Christ proclaims that these forces will not have the final say.

In the past year we as a community have continued to emerge from the shadows of lockdown. We have said farewell to many much loved and valued members of the community but almost every week has a new face among us. We also enable a family of refugees to make their home at St Cuthbert's. While we were still wrestling with what it means to be synodal Church, there has been the surprise announcement of Bishop Robert and the various investigations taking place. Some may have felt a sense of bewilderment and shock and struggle.

On this Easter Sunday we are reminded that creative life giving forces are not far away and can still radiate among us. Whatever finding the various investigation's come up with, we are called to place our trust in a crucified and risen Christ, that was so powerful that it transformed the motley crew of his failing companions and which can transform our Church at a local, diocesan and international level.

I would like to express my thanks to all who have so generously and powerfully contributed to the Holy Week Liturgies. Watching the Liturgies on online was not thought I would be doing at the start of the week.. Thanks to all parishioners who have helped me in getting everything sorted in my absence and a special thanks to Brother John

Cavanagh OFM and Fr Peter Randall SJ who have ensured that all the Holy Week Liturgies can take place I am also grateful for the support and prayers for my family which has had three deaths in the past two months. I will be away straight after Easter (covid permitting) and return on April 21st. I am very grateful to Canon Stempczyk and Fr Randall S.J who will preside at the Eucharists next week-end.

Finally I would like to wish you and all your family every grace, peace, joy and wonder of the Risen Christ and of Easter

Baptism

At the 11am Mass this week-end we will have the baptism of Arlo Armstrong. We pray for him and his family as he is united with the Risen Christ.

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

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests April 15/16

Next Week-end there will be a retiring collection for Sick and Retired Priests.

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."

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 and 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

For those who will be at St Joseph's this week you will that the Defibrillator has been installed at the side of St Joseph's. Training as to how to use it will be on Saturday 29th April from 9.30am to 3pm.

Mission Red Boxes

Could those who are part of St. Joseph's please return their 'Red Boxes' to Janet Martin, so that they can be counted

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

Parish Secretary and Cleaner (2 roles) – St Patrick's, Langley Moor, Durham – part-time. Closing dates: 12 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.