

MASS READINGS

EASTER SUNDAY

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

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>3. The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.</p> | |

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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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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30th/31st March 2024 – EASTER SUNDAY

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 30 th March		5:30pm: Mass: Easter Vigil-In thanksgiving Live Stream
Sunday 31 st March EASTER SUNDAY	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	
Monday 1 st April		
Tuesday 2 nd April		9.30am: Mass: Deceased Members of the Redpath Family
Wednesday 3 rd April	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: David McManus	
Thursday 4 th April		9:30am:: Mass:
Friday 5 th April	7:00pm: Mass: Betty Wasp	
Saturday 6 th April		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 7 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: Matt Johnson Live stream	

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

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 Ordinary Time -Winter: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and those who care for them, Victims of human trafficking and those who combat it; the Unemployed

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Jean Slater, Barbara & Tony Hicks, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Eileen Stevens, Paula More, Mary Quinn, Eleanor Robson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Stan Llewellyn and Antoni Kulik.

Please pray for Joseph Derek Casson, Colleen Holmes, Lilianna Roberts and all those who have died recently.

Easter Sunday

The good news of the Resurrection, the turning point in our understanding of Jesus of Nazareth and for the human race, does not have a triumphant proclamation. It is not a drum roll and fanfare moment. It happens on dawn for a group of people bewildered by what has happened to someone they saw as their friend. The bewilderment is increased by an empty space with the tomb no longer containing its new resident. That starts a journey from loss and dismay to dawning realisation on that Jesus is liberated from the impacts of death and sin. This eventually leads to an encounter with Risen Lord that restores fractured relationships, transforms a group of downtrodden, powerless and in terms of political and religious leaders, a group of insignificant and worthless people. This motley crew are the kernel of that movement we now call Christianity and this moment of the discovery of emptiness that led to hope and transformation is celebrated across the world.

St John's description of the two figures in the empty tomb echoes the Mercy Seat in the Ark of the Covenant. An empty space that speaks of the profound presence of God. As we with the women and the apostles peer into the darkness at a place of death, may we appreciate that death and sin is now transcended and we are called in to share in the love, hope and power that cannot be overcome. I hope and pray that you and all those you love will share in this good news of Christ's risen life, which we are all called to share.

Reception into the Church

At the Easter Vigil, we will have the reception into full communion and the Confirmation of Caroline Collings-Backhouse and Mark Errington. We pray for Caroline and Mark as they prepare to fully join the Catholic Church and our family of community of disciples.

Thank-you

As parish priest, I am acutely aware that I could not get through Holy Week without the generous gift of people's time, gifts and energies. Any attempt to list all the people or the various activities would be incomplete so please know I am very grateful for all that people do to ensure that the Liturgies of Holy Week are moving and inspiring. With much gratitude and respect to you,
Fr Chris

Pope Francis on Prayer

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ our saviour, overcoming death, sin and every evil, we return for the second time to Pope Francis' catechesis on thanksgiving. Our joy in the Easter event, prompts us to lives of thanksgiving and to prayers of thanks. We describe ourselves as a Eucharistic people. Our word Eucharist comes from the Greek word for thanksgiving.

Saint Luke tells us that of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one came back to thank the Lord. This passage reminds us of the importance of gratitude. It shows the great difference between hearts that are thankful and those that are not; between people who see everything as their entitlement and those who receive everything as grace. As Christians, our prayer of thanksgiving is inspired by gratitude for the love of God revealed in the coming of Jesus, his Son and our Saviour. The Gospel accounts of Christ's birth show us how the coming of the Messiah was welcomed by hearts that trusted and prayed for the fulfilment of God's promises. May our celebration of this Christmas season be marked by fervent prayer of thanksgiving for the outpouring of God's redemptive grace upon our world. May these prayers enlarge our hearts and enable us to bring the hope and joy of the Gospel to all around us, especially to our brothers and sisters most in need.

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: Mary's Meals is responding to a crisis in Ethiopia caused by a combination of drought, displacement, and brutal conflict. You can make a donation at: <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

Parish Council

At the Parish Council Meeting on March 19th we welcomed our new member Cameron Quinn. Rob Jacques was elected as Chair and Paul Laidler as Vice-Chair. Caroline Backhouse-Collins and Barbara Davies have also agreed to join the council. At the meeting the following was agreed:

- Members to approach certain parishioners to ask if they would be willing to join.
- The profile of the Parish Council to be raised in the parish. This will include all Council members introducing themselves in turn at one of the week-end Masses.
- All parish groups to be represented on the Council either with a representative or a member of the parish council as a contact with that group.
- A parish directory to be created with all relevant information including a short summary of the work of each parish group with a contact detail for each group.
- A Welcome Pack for new parishioners.

Mayoral Assembly

On May 2nd there will be an election for a new, regional Mayor who will lead the North-East Combined Mayoral Authority. Tyne & Wear Citizens invite you to a Mayoral Assembly on **Monday 22nd April 2024, 6.00–8.00pm** at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House in Newcastle. Candidates will be asked to respond to some of the issues Citizens have been campaigning on after a listening campaign across the region, including: the cost-of-living crisis, housing, racial justice in education, mental health support in schools and transport. You can book your place at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-north-east-devolution-mayoral-assembly> or on the diocesan website at: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/tyne-and-wear-citizens-mayoral-assembly/>.

Tickets are free.

So far 9 of the parish have signed up. My thanks to you I have been asked to co-chair the assembly, so from a personal perspective it will be good to see some familiar and friendly faces in the theatre!

Proposed Change in the Abortion Law

The government's flagship Criminal Justice Bill has two important amendments that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. You can write to your local MP to make your voice heard on this important issue. Please go to: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/> for more information

North East Catholic History Society

The North East Catholic History Society is 50 years old this year. It was founded to encourage and promote the very rich Catholic History of our region. They meet five times a year for lectures, and have the excellent magazine "Northern Catholic History" published yearly. Excursions to places of interest are organised for members. The Society is looking to attract new members. Currently, they meet on Wednesday afternoons at Joseph's Centre, Gateshead, directly opposite the Metro and bus interchange. We welcome visitors too. After many years of excellent service, their Programme Secretary is retiring and they are looking for a replacement to organise talks. In recent years, they have established great contact with Ushaw and their fine group of researchers. You can read about The Society on the diocesan website, or contact Margaret Henderson at: margaret@coopuk.com

Eco Matters

Sunday 21st April at St Columba's United Reformed Church 30 Northumberland Pl, North Shields NE30 1PW 6.30pm
You are invited to listen to Mr Charles Jolly Charles is a speaker with A Rocha UK, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. An opportunity to hear about Eco Church and how churches can work together to care for creation.

Meditation Group

This group will not be meeting on Tuesday 2nd April. The next meeting will be Tuesday 9th April

Poetry Alive in the North East

This is the title of a collection poems that have been written by our parishioner, Patricia Thompson. She will be selling copies next week-end. Cost is £7.

Retiring Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Next week-end there will be a retiring collection for sick and retired priest

Rosary Group

"When two or three are gathered in my name..." All welcome to join a small group of parishioners praying the Rosary each week over Zoom. Day: Thursday - Time: 7:30pm
For more information contact Ruth Corless at: ruthcorless@btinternet.com

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

Date for Diary

May 19th Pentecost Sunday. Shared table after 11am Mass. This will be an 'International Event' The food and music to reflect the rich cultural diversity in the parish. We will also celebrate being awarded the Live Simply Award at this event.

Prayer for Peace

As the fever of day calms towards twilight. May all that is strained in us come to ease. We pray for all who suffered violence today. May an unexpected serenity surprise them.. For those who risk their lives each day for peace. May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.. That those who make riches from violence and war. Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.. That we might see through our fear of each other. A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.. That those who enjoy the privilege of peace. Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters That the wolf might lie down with the lamb. That our swords be beaten into ploughshares. And no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the holy mountain.

John O'Donohue Benedictus A Book of Blessings