

**MASS READINGS - PALM SUNDAY
THE PASSION OF THE LORD - B**

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

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

Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, "What are you doing?" say, "The Master needs it and will send it back here directly."' They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They gave the answer Jesus, had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!'

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?*

Psalm 21

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| <p>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.</p> <p>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!</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.'</p> |
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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

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.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

GOSPEL The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark: 14:1-15,47

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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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23rd/24th March 2024 – PALM SUNDAY

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 23rd March	9.30am: Stations of the Cross starting at St Cuthbert.....	10:15am: Stations of the Cross arriving at St Joseph's followed by Mass
		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 24th March PALM SUNDAY	11:00am: Mass: Paddy Stapleton & Patricia Lennon Live stream	
Monday 25th March		
Tuesday 26th March		9.30am: Mass:
Wednesday 27th March	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Mass: Mason and Marchetti Families	
Thursday 28th March Holy Thursday		7:30pm: Mass of the Last Supper Live Stream
Friday 29th March Good Friday	3:00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Livestream	
Saturday 30th March		5:30pm: Mass: Easter Vigil-In thanksgiving Live Stream
Sunday 31st March EASTER SUNDAY	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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, Liliana Roberts and all those who have died recently.

Easter Triduum Services

Thursday 28th March St Joseph's
7:30pm: Mass of the Last Supper

Friday 29th March St Cuthbert's
3:00pm: The Passion of Our Lord
Jesus Christ

Saturday 30th March St Joseph's
5:30pm: Easter Vigil

Sunday 31st March 11:00am: St
Cuthbert's Mass of Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday & Holy Week

From when the Vigil Mass begins this week, we begin the most significant week in the life of the Church and our community. In the next seven days we follow Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the tension and drama of Maundy Thursday as well as the expressions of intimacy through the washing of the feet and the institution of the Eucharist, to the agony of at Gethsemane, the betrayal and denial of those he saw as friends, his arrest, trial and execution to the grief and silence of the tomb to the empty silence of Holy Saturday.

The Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Holy Saturday Vigil are intense, it like swimming the sea, sometime the current carries you along but then the scale and scope of what we are encountering can feel like a big wave overwhelming you. But they do enfold you into the enormity and the significance of what Jesus felt and was doing in that week and the depth and immensity of the cosmic and human struggle he was confronting and eventually transcending.

I hope this coming week is one where you have some time and space to reflect on what his happening this week and that you are able to join the parish in the Triduum Services so you too can experience the drama, power and grace of these events.

Wishing you and all those you love the grace, peace, hope and love of Holy Week.

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.

Pope Francis on Prayer

In the final hours of his life, Jesus' constant dialogue with the Father becomes all the more intense, as he approaches his saving death and resurrection. In the great "priestly prayer" of the Last Supper, Jesus intercedes for his disciples and for all those who will believe through their word. In the agony in the garden, he offers his anguish to the Father and lovingly embraces his will. At the darkest hour of his suffering on the cross, Jesus continues to pray, using the traditional words of the Psalms, identifying himself with the poor and abandoned of our world. In those moments, the crucified Lord takes upon himself the burden of all the sins of the world. For our sake, he experiences the distance separating sinners from God, and becomes the supreme and eternal intercessor for all mankind. In our own life of prayer, may we always be mindful that the Lord never ceases to pray for us, uniting us to his own eternal dialogue of love with the Father in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

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

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. 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 then selves 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

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!

New Translation of the Lectionary

From the first Sunday of Advent, there will be a new translation of the Lectionary. The Dicastery for Liturgy in consultation with the Conference of Bishops of England of Wales have decided that instead of the 1966 edition of the Jerusalem bible the lectionary will use the English Revised Standard Catholic Edition, last published in 2021. I was at study day for the news translation last week. The translation is more literal, which may give rise to some awkward English phrases we are not used to and may not be as accessible and some of that I have read seems a bit 'clunky'. But overall, the changes may not be that great. The new translation will also mean that the scriptures will be need to carefully read again. I will be offering some time for study and reflection on the new translation in the autumn. There will be a cost implication for the parish. Including the Book of the Gospels there will be five volumes. So, I am afraid that five volumes for each church and a set of Study copies is not going to give much change from £2,000.

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

HR Adviser, Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 28th March Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

Nite Bite

"Nite Bite is looking for a volunteer driver to pick up food donations on Tuesday mornings. If interested please see Peter Quinn or Anne Greaves",

Peace Pilgrimage for Peace in Israel/Palestine

A group of people are going to walk from Castleside, near Consett, via Lanchester to Durham on Holy Saturday, March 30th, from 8am to c 3.30pm to pray for peace. The route is following the 'Way of Light Trail'. If you have any queries or you would like to take part, please contact, Lya Vollering at: lyavollering@gmail.com

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

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