

MASS READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

FIRST READING

United, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 117

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| <p>1. 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.'</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.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die.</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.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

ALLELUIA

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 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

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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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6th/7th April 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 6th April		10.00am Mass for Divine Mercy 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: Matt Johnson Live stream	
Monday 8th April The Annunciation of the Lord	10.00am Mass 12.30pm Funeral Service of Lilliana Roberts	
Tuesday 9th April		9.30am: Word & Communion:
Wednesday 10th April	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Thursday 11th April		9:30am: Word & Communion
Friday 12th April	7:00pm: Word & Communion	
Saturday 13th April		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	

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 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, Lilliana Roberts, Jeff Spence, Michael Storey, Muriel Parsons and all those who have died recently.

Low & Divine Mercy Sunday

This week-end may seem to be an anti-climax from all the joy and wonder of the Resurrection but as we finish the Easter Octave, the liturgy given us another opportunity to reflect on the significance of the last week-end. The story focusing on St Thomas searching for faith in the Risen Christ acknowledges 3 important aspects. The first is the prominence of Jesus's wounds. These are not scars, the risen and glorious body of Christ is still wounded. As we are called to share in his glory and risen life that transforms and renews us it does not mean that earthy realities of being human are somehow eradicated. We are called to integrate all the messiness and struggle of what it means to be human with this new life in Christ. They co-exist. Are struggles and hurts reminds us of our need of grace. The glory of sharing in Christ's risen life means that our human realities do not have the ultimate power of us.

We also have the link with Christmas. No angels, shepherds or Kings but the true significance of God becoming human and Christ being the ultimate expression of the divine is expressed in the Thomas' expression of 'My Lord and God'. Finally, the significance of peace. The risen life and the restoration of the relationship between God and humanity is not achieved through violence. The risen Christ is the source of peace at all levels of humanity and society. May we truly know this peace.

This weekend we will have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen.

Reception and Confirmations

At the Easter Vigil, Caroline Collings-Backhouse and Mark Errington were received into the Catholic Church and Confirmed. We pray for Caroline and Mark as they become members of our Community of Christ's disciples

Holy Week

A very big thank-you to all who attended and contributed in anyway to preparing and celebrating the Holy Week Liturgies. The feedback has been very positive with all Triduum and Easter Liturgies well attended. Your generosity, commitments and prayerfulness is appreciated and inspiring.

Pope Francis on Prayer

We consider how Jesus himself prayed, for this reveals key aspects of how we also are to pray. Even when immersed in caring for the people, Christ never neglected his dialogue with the Father, which guided all that he did and taught. In solitary prayer he nurtured a loving intimacy with his Father, an intimacy for which we too yearn. From our Lord's example, we see that prayer first means listening, and encountering God: the primary desire of each day. Second, we need to pray with perseverance, so that it can become a rule of life, gradually transforming us and, by God's grace, strengthening and sustaining us in times of tribulation. Third, solitude and silence are essential for prayer, not in order to escape from the world but, on the contrary, to help us open ourselves more effectively to the needs of others. Finally, prayer reminds us that everything depends on God. This leads us to recover the proper sense of our relationship with him and with the whole of creation. Let us, then, learn from Jesus, the master of prayer – who alone can grant us true joy and peace.

Funeral

On Monday 8th April at 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's there will be the funeral service of Lilliana Roberts. May she rest in peace.

Offertory Envelopes

I am grateful to Linda Shotton, who will be handing out the gift aid offertory envelopes this week0end. Apologies for the delay this year.

Confirmations

This year Confirmations for the Partnership will be celebrated on July 16th at St Cuthbert's by Bishop Stephen. The Confirmation preparation programme will begin on Wednesday May 1st at 6.30pm. The Chaplain, Michael Thompson has written to all year 9 pupils inviting them to take part in the programme. If there are other young people who are in year 9 or above, who are not in St Thomas More School and who would like to be confirmed this year, could they or their parents please contact me.

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: Walk or cycle whenever you can to benefit your mind, body and soul.

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 12 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!

From CAFOD & SVP -A Year of Encounter

"With a general election expected this year, we have a great opportunity to come together and use our Catholic voice to draw attention to the issues that matter to us.

CAFOD and the SVP are launching a new joint initiative called 'A Year of Encounter' which aims to get the Catholic community engaging with their local candidates ahead of the election. This is not about party politics, but making sure those who want to represent us in the next Parliament hear loud and clear that their constituents want action on poverty, hunger and injustice. Join us at an online meeting with other parishioners from around the country to find out more about how your parish can reach out to local candidates.

We will run this training session on the following dates. You only need to attend one:

Thursday 25th April from 18.30 to 20.30pm

Saturday 4th May from 11 to 1pm

Will you join the training? Our new online training session will take you step by step through the process of how your parish can engage with your local candidates in simple ways. Together, we will draw inspiration from our faith and explore why political participation should matter to us as Catholics. The Church tells us that "... All citizens ought to be aware of their right and duty to promote the common good by casting their votes..." You can register for the training at: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/using-our-catholic-voice-at-the-next-election-training-session/>

Please get involved and help us make the most of this election year! The greater the number of parishes contacting local candidates, the stronger the Catholic voice will be in your area."

Proposed Change in the Abortion Law

Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment and oppose abortion up to birth
Join the Catholic Bishops in supporting an amendment to reduce our abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks, and opposing an amendment that would introduce abortion up to birth. These amendments may be voted on in the next few weeks.

Meditation Group

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

Talk by Professor Eamon Duffy:

Holy Name Parish invites you to hear this eminent historian speak on: Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World, on Saturday 4 May in the church (North Jesmond Avenue NE2 3JX). Open at 11:00 am for 11:30 am start; ends at 12:30 pm.

Eco Matters

Sunday 21st April at St Columba's United Reformed Church 30 Northumberland PI, 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.

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 this weekend. Cost is £7.

Retiring Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

This weekend 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