

MASS READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - B

FIRST READING

You killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead.

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4

Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

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| <p>1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you release me,
have mercy on me and hear me!</p> <p>3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.</p> | <p>2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he
loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him.</p> <p>4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.</p> |
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SECOND READING

John 2:1-5

He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

ALLELUIA

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

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when he himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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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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13th/14th April 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 13th April		5:30pm: Mass:
Sunday 14th April 3rd Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream	
Monday 15th April		
Tuesday 16th April		9.30am: Word & Communion:
Wednesday 17th April	9:00am Exposition 9:30am: Word & Communion	
Thursday 18th April		9:30am: Word & Communion
Friday 19th April	7:00pm: Word & Communion	
Saturday 20th April		5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter - B	11:00am: Mass: John Ray 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

Parish office: 0191 257 3408

Prayer Intentions for Easter -New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media, Human Work; the Church.

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 Michael Storey, Muriel Parsons and all those who have died recently.

Third Sunday of Easter

We continue have stories of encounter with the Risen Christ for our Gospel this week-end. One aspect of the story we hear today is that through the power of the Risen Christ, the story of the Hebrew Scriptures are interweaved with the experiences of the disciples. Our own experiences are important and need to be taken seriously but we are also called to be open to the power of scriptures, making time to discern the Spirit as we reflect on the Word and the realities and contexts of our lives. Pope Francis is calling us through the synod process to be attentive to both of these realities as well as being aware of signs of the times in our lives and in our world and the call of God revealed in the Word. Weaving these together and discerning God's call and we integrate Scripture with our own experience can able us to meet and respond to the Risen Christ present among us.

Pope Francis on Prayer

In Pope Francis' catechesis this week he reminds us that mankind's prayer is closely linked to the sentiment of wonder. The Easter Season is a time where our prayer is nourished by our sense of wonder and of joy. The beauty and mystery of Creation create in the human heart the first impulse that evokes prayer (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2566). The eighth Psalm which we heard earlier states: "When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" (vv. 3-4). The one praying contemplates the mystery of the life around him; he sees the stary sky that lies above him - and that astrophysics shows us today in all its immensity - and asks himself what loving plan must there be behind such ponderous work!.... And, in this boundless expanse, what is man? 'Almost nothing', another Psalm states (cf. 89:48): a being that is born, a being that dies, an extremely fragile creature. Yet, in all the universe, the human being is the only creature aware of the great profusion of beauty. A small being who is born, who dies; he is here today and gone tomorrow. He is the only one who is aware of this beauty.

We are aware of this beauty!

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Funeral

On Tuesday 16th April at 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's there will be the funeral service of Michael James Storey. The funeral will be presided by family friend, Fr Sean Hall. May he rest in peace.

Baptisms

Last weekend Bonnie Rose Rutherford was baptised at St Joseph's on 6th April and Freya Alcock was baptised at St Cuthbert's on 7th April. Congratulations to them both. We pray for Bonnie Rose and Freya as they join our community of faith and are united with Christ.

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: Plastic plant pots take 400 years to biodegrade. There are hints and tips for plastic free gardening alternatives on the RHS website, <https://www.rhs.org.uk/garden-inspiration/get-gardening/how-to-go-plastic-free-in-your-garden> and on other websites such as <https://thewildlifecommunity.co.uk/>.

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!

Mass for Cantonese Catholics

龐樂培神父將於四月二十一日星期日到訪紐卡素，並於St. Anne's RC Church主祭廣東話彌撒，亦會為各位舉行修和聖事。彌撒後設有茶聚，歡迎大家參加！

日期：4月21日

地點：St. Anne's RC Church NE21 5RW

時間：14:00- 14:45修和聖事

15:00 廣東話彌撒

16:00 茶聚

17:00 晚飯

聯絡人：Maria @07901 194226

Shout out for Catholics from Hong Kong

We are delighted to announce that Fr Bruno will be coming to Newcastle.

A gathering will be held on 21 Apr 2024, an awesome chance to socialize together for Catholics from Hong Kong! It will begin at St Anne's RC Church, Winlaton, NE21 5RW, starts from 2pm.

The program features sacrament of Reconciliation (2:00-2:45pm), Sunday Mass in Cantonese (3pm). Tea and dinner will be followed after mass for anyone interested. All are welcome to join. Please register ahead for ease of coordination.

For further details and enquiries, please contact Maria Tel: 07901 194226.

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."

Retiring Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

This weekend the collection for sick and retired priest remains open..

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.

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.

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