

MASS READINGS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - B  
FIRST READING

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

1.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.
2.

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.
3.

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end.

SECOND READING

*We shall see God as he really is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

*The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said: ‘I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. ‘I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. ‘The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

Acts 4:8-12

Psalm 117

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

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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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20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 –Fourth Sunday of Easter - B

Masses, Devotions and Services

|   | St Cuthbert’s Church                               | St Joseph’s Church                                      |
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| Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April                                       |  | 5:30pm: Mass: People of the Parish                      |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April<br>4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - B | 11:00am: Mass: John Ray<br>Live stream             |   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April   |  |   |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April  |  | 9.30am: Mass: Deceased Members of<br>the Redpath Family |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April                                      | 9:00am Exposition<br>9:30am: Mass: Michael Hughes  |   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                                       |  | 9;30am: Mass:   |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April   | 7:00pm: Mass:                                      |   |
| Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April                                       |  | 5:30pm: Mass: Jim Campbell                              |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - B | 11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish<br>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](http://www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk)

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

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

### Good Shepherd Sunday

Although the Fourth Sunday of Easter have different reading for each year of the 3-year cycle, there is one key central and important image which is of Christ as the Good Shepherd Sunday. This is traditionally the Sunday we are called to pray for vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life, but acknowledging that we are a synodal Church, all journeying together, it would seem that we need to pray for all who are aware of their vocation and pray that they are faithful to that call be that, whether it is being single, married, widowed or separated, professed or ordained. It is important that we also pray for those who are discerning God's call for themselves. Whether we are already committed to a particular vocation or at stage of life where we are discerning our call, we know for certain that we are all united through our baptism to not only follow Christ as one of his friends but we are seeking to be conformed into his image. It through being conformed into image that we then discern which way of life we are being called. None is superior to the other, they are all needed and contribute to the life of the Church. I am also clear that we need others to help us to discern how live out our joint discipleship and different vocations. We need someone whom we can be honest as we discern what our call to be like Christ means for us in the here and now. So, in praying for each other as we discern God's call, may we able to listen to one another as we discern the call of the Good Shepherd and follow him.

### Pope Francis on Prayer

we now consider how our prayerful dialogue with God is meant to embrace the events of each day, in our homes, daily chores or work. All our thoughts and activities should be a part of our daily conversation with the Lord. The Catechism teaches that "it is in the present that we encounter God, not yesterday or tomorrow, but today" (No. 2659). There is no aspect of our everyday lives, however mundane, that cannot be offered in prayer to God and become an occasion of deeper union with him. As we come to know Christ more intimately in prayer, our hearts are expanded to embrace in love and solidarity all those around us, above all the poor, the unhappy and those in need. Blaise Pascal once observed that human beings are so frail that even a drop of water can destroy us (cf. Thoughts, No. 347). Yet in our fragility, prayer is a mark of our supreme grandeur, for prayer can work miracles in our world, transform lives and history, and serve the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

### Confirmations

This year Confirmations for the Partnership will be celebrated on July 16<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's by Bishop Stephen. The Confirmation preparation programme will begin on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> 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: Why not come along to Tyne and Wear Citizens' Mayoral Assembly tomorrow (**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, 6.00–8.00pm**) at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House in Newcastle. and find out more about the candidates for Mayor of the new North East Mayoral Combined Authority you will be voting for on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets free but must be booked. You can book here: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/tyne-and-wear-citizens-mayoral-assembly/>

### Mayoral Assembly

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

### Let's End Poverty Campaign

Church Action on Poverty North East (CAPNE) is supporting Let's End Poverty, a national campaigning organisation, which is arranging an art exhibition 'Dreams and Realities' at the Central Library, Newcastle which will run from May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> featuring portraits of people who have lived experience of poverty and what gives them hope. There will also be an accompanying Event to be held at Brunswick Methodist Church, Newcastle on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> between 2 - 5pm All are welcome.

**Coffee after Wednesday Morning Mass**  
**Coffee is available after 9:30am Mass every Wednesday morning at St Cuthberts. Everyone welcome.**

### 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."

### 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

This 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.

### 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> 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