

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - C

First reading`

‘We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit.’

In those days: The high priest questioned the Apostles, saying, ‘We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.’ But Peter and the Apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.’

Having called in the Apostles, the council beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the name.

Mass Readings

Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

Psalm 30

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up.*

1. I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. LORD, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from those who sink into the pit.

2. Sing psalms to the LORD, you faithful ones; give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night come tears, but dawn brings joy

3. Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; be my helper, O LORD. You have changed my mourning into dancing. LORD my God, I will thank you for ever.

Second reading

‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth.’

Revelation 5:11-14

I, John looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshipped.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race. Alleluia.

Gospel

‘Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.’

John 21:1-19

At that time: Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred metres off. When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, ‘Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.’ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, ‘Come and have breakfast.’ Now none of the disciples dared ask him, ‘Who are you?’ They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ He said to him a second time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.’ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’


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3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 –3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		5:30pm: Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - C	11:00am: Mass: Audrey Watson Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Isabella Mason (MC)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May			
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May			10:00am: Mass: Mary Pyle
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am: Mass: Jean Robson		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May		9:30am: Mass:	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	7:00pm: Mass George Laurie		
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May		5:30pm: Mass: Margaret, David & Philip Howells	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - C	11:00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH)

The Parish of St Cuthbert’s and St Joseph’s, North Shields

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Prayer Intentions for Easter: New Members of the Church, Vocations, Survivors of Sexual Abuse, The Right Use of Media, the Church, Human Work

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, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Tom Wright, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik, Peter Chester  
Please pray for Cormac Gray, Saji Mathew, Elizabeth Henderson, Pope Francis and for all those who have died recently.

## Papal Conclave

We pray to the Holy Spirit as the Cardinals gather to elect the successor to Pope Francis. The conclave will start on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

We have the last resurrection story in John's gospel for our Gospel. The heart of the story is the encounter between Jesus and Peter. One showing the power of the risen glory of God, the other a complex human with a mixture of frailties. To be asked three times if Peter loved Jesus would have echoes of the three times, he disowned Jesus. Who likes to be reminded of our failures. But Jesus does not see the man who let him down, he also saw the potential of the man who despite his failure will lead the early church and carry on his mission. God just does not just see the failure but also the good we have done and the good we can do. Grace can and does work through human weakness, bearing much fruit/a big crop/a big catch. That is a key message of the risen Christ. It is also a reminder that the way Jesus sees us we must see other, yes, flawed and gifted, with the potential to transcend our limitations and have a big impact on others. This is what clearly happened in the life of Pope Francis. It can happen in others and to us as well!

## From the family of Luke McAndrew.

"We send our deepest thanks for all the Masses, prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy we have received following Luke's sudden death at the age of eighteen. We

have felt the warmth and love of the wider community uplift us in the sad days following his passing. A special word of thanks to Fr. Chris for his gentle guidance and wisdom."

## Larger and Lectio

This initiative of combining a time of prayer and some social time has come from two young adults in our community, two sisters, Toni and Imi Ward. They have been formed and influenced by Benedictine spirituality. One aspect of this spirituality is a slow reading of the scriptures in silence with an opportunity to share with others in 'spiritual conversation'. They seek to lead this the third Thursday of the month, with the first session on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's. The 'lectio' is compulsory but not the lager!

If other people have creative ideas for any aspect discipleship and ministry, like this one, please feel free to share with me.

## Confirmations July 16<sup>th</sup>

Bishop Stephen will be Confirming our candidates for Confirmation on July 16<sup>th</sup>. There are letters for possible candidates at the back of Church. You need to be a Year 9 pupil or older to be on the programme. The programme starts on April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you or your child is not at St Thomas More School please contact Fr Chris. Pupils at St Thomas More will receive information from the school about the programme.

## Tyne and Wear Citizens Training

On Saturdays 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May the parish is hosting training on Community Organising. If you think that we can be powerless, this training shows how working together with other institutions in civic society can make a difference. Just in North Shields alone, the North Shields Hub, to which the parish is a member, we have improved a local park, had traffic calming measure introduced, got dog muck bins installed, improved the interior design of the local Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service clinic, got cheaper bus fares for 22,000 young people and begun a campaign to improve the town centre, housed a refugee family in the presbytery. If you would like to do the training, please sign up at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/introduction-to-community-organising-training-may-2025/>  
Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301.

## Proclaimers Meeting

The next meeting of our outreach group is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. Our focus will be in the international Pentecost event and the engagement with the wider community for the 'All Rising Exhibition', starting on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Day of Consolation

Led by Chris Smith. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 4pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 4pm. An opportunity to join us on this poignant retreat day for people who have experienced bereavement, grief, loss or significant change. This day will offer them an opportunity to share a safe space, to be heard, to share with others who have had similar experiences and hopefully to find courage, hope and consolation. Lunch and refreshments are included. Suggested Donation £40 For information and bookings visit [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org), telephone 01434 673248 or email [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org) Minsteracres Retreat Centre, near Consett, Co. Durham, DH8 9RT

## Newman Tyneside Circle

Invites you to come and hear Joe Fitzpatrick speak about Bernard Lonergan, one of the most important Catholic philosophers and theologians of the 20th century, in the hall of Holy Name church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Tuesday 13 May, at 7.30pm.

## 'Hope in a Time of Darkness' – A Lecture by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP

Monday 23rd June 2025; 7:45pm Galilee Chapel, Durham Cathedral. Durham Cathedral Institute is delighted to be hosting this year's Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University, hearing from speaker Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe and respondent Prof Anna Rowlands. For more information and to book tickets, please visit

<https://durhamcathedral.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173659458>

Please send any queries to [ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk](mailto:ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk).

## Science and Faith: An Invitation to Conversation

Rev Prof David Wilkinson and the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) warmly invite anyone interested in the conversation between science and faith to an open meeting on Wednesday, 28th May, at the Emmaus Youth Village, 5:30–6:45 pm.

We want to connect with those involved in science, technology, engineering, healthcare, and education, recognising, as Rev Prof David Wilkinson explains, that:

"At ECLAS and YMT, we value the work and vocation of those who work in science, technology, and engineering; we value this as a gift from God and as an opportunity for the mission and ministry of the church. We would like to talk with those who are involved in science at whatever level in university, industry, schools, or the health service about the possibility of doing work in local churches in the diocese."

This is an open invitation to begin a conversation and explore how these gifts can enrich the life and mission of our parishes. All are welcome!

## St Cuthbert's Missiio Boxes (APF Red Box)

Please could all box holders bring their box to church for emptying. If you would like them emptied at home telephone either Pauline 2581456 or Kath 2577041. Thank you.

## 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: Pope Francis' most radical teaching was his encyclical was Laudato Si, on our common home. You can read a summary at:

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/whats-the-best-2-page-summary-youve-seen-of-laudato-si/> and ask how you can respond to it

## 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

## Dates for Diary

**Opening of the 'All Rise'** picture exhibition of the parish at **St Cuthberts at 7.30pm, on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Pentecost International Shared Table. After 11:00am Mass at St Cuthberts on Sunday 8th June.** If any groups would like to contribute would they please let a social group member know, with a contact name and telephone number - and what they will be kindly bringing.

## 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)

## 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