

## Mass Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

### FIRST READING

**'I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.'**

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

Ezekiel 37:12-14

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** *With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.*

Psalm 130(129)

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| <p>1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD<br/>LORD, hear my voice!<br/>O let your ears be attentive<br/>to the sound of my pleadings.</p> | <p>2. If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,<br/>LORD, who could stand?<br/>But with you is found forgiveness,<br/>that you may be revered.</p>  |
| <p>3. I long for you, O LORD,<br/>my soul longs for his word.<br/>My soul awaits the LORD<br/>more than watchmen for daybreak.</p>           | <p>4. More than watchmen for daybreak,<br/>let Israel hope for the LORD.<br/>For with the LORD there is mercy,<br/>in him is plentiful redemption.<br/>It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.</p> |

### SECOND READING

**'The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.'**

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Romans 8:8-11

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

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### GOSPEL

**'I am the resurrection and the life.'**

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

John 11:1-45

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## 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – A

### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>		<b>9:30am Stations of the Cross &amp; Mass</b> <b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish</b>	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – A</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> Maria Mason		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>			
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>10:00am: Mass:</b> Pauline & Rodney Willits
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>	<b>9.30am: Mass:</b> Karen Craig		
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass: For a sick person</b>	
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>7.00pm: Mass:</b>		
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>9:30am: Walk with a Cross from St Cuthbert &amp; Mass</b> <b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b> Donnelly Families	
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Palm Sunday – A</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Ken Keenahan (GK)

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Prayer Intentions for Lent: Peace on Earth; Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; The upholding of International Law and those who seek to defend it. We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Jean Slater, Irene Keenaghan, Mary Quinn, Patricia Thompson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik, Peter Chester, Rebecca Cummings, Dorothy Falla, Bridget Geddes, Sr Zita, Stephen Davies & Fr Leo Pyle. Please pray for Susan Swaddle, Mary Kelly and all those who have died recently.

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Our Gospel story is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is a story of questioning, emotion (Jesus wept), of faith (I am the Resurrection and the Life), of call (Lazarus come out!) and of freedom (unbind him). There clearly foreshadows of Christ's own resurrection in this story. We have Jesus confronting death and showing his power is great. He takes own destructive powers but not with more destructive force but in a creative and life-giving way. A culture of death seems to be so prevalent in this current age especially as war rages in so many places. In this story we see Jesus full of power and strength yet also tender and compassionate in his relations with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. It is this integration of power and strength with gentleness and love that embodies Christ and shows us the way to confront the destructive forces in our world.

### Diocesan Pastoral Plan

I am very grateful to those who attended the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March. There were 20 present. Thank-you for taking the time to read the summary and feeding back your reflections. I hope to be able to share soon the first draft of our parish submission to the diocese.

### Parish Council

The new members of the parish council are: Mary Baker-Cousins, Adam Morely and William Jarrett. My thanks to them for being willing to serve on the Council. My thanks to Cameron Quinn and Susanna Foley for the service they gave as members of the council.

### Baptism

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at St Cuthbert's, we had the baptism of the twins Lily Josephine Glyn and Mable Rose Glyn. We pray for them and their parents. The baptism was presided by the children's grandfather, Fr Mark Millward, one of the Vicar Generals of the Diocese.

### A Note from Erin Leane's parent

Thank-you for buying cakes at Erin's cake stall last Sunday. The exact total raised was £399.99. Erin added a penny from her money box to round the total up to £400.00. We very much appreciate your generosity and support. David and Heather Leane

### Lenten Services and Easter Triduum at St Oswin's, St Cuthbert's & St Joseph's

#### Stations of the Cross

Walk from St Cuthbert to St Joseph carrying a Cross 28<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 9.30, with Mass starting c.10:15.

#### Lectio Divina

On each Wednesdays of Lent, starting February 25<sup>th</sup>, at St Cuthbert's at 7pm, there will be a Lectio Divina and Spiritual Conversation focusing on the Gospel of the following Sunday. All are welcome.

### Triduum Liturgies

**Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Mass of the Last Supper: 7.30pm at St Oswin's**

**Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Good Friday – Passion of Christ Our Lord: 3.00pm at St Cuthbert's**

**Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil: 5.30pm, St Joseph**

**Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday – Eucharist: 9.30am at St Oswin's; 11.00am at St Cuthbert's**

### Divine Mercy Sunday

On 12 April at 2.30pm there will be a Divine Mercy service led by Fr. Noel Colaham at St Mary's Church, Farrington Road, Cullercoats, North Shields NE30 3EY. All are welcome.

### Concert at St Cuthbert's

The City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir will be performing at St Cuthbert's on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30. Tickets £5. Proceeds will be for 'Living Well with Cancer'.

### Fourth Friday Ceilidh

This will be at St Cuthbert's on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 8 till 10pm. Tickets are £5. Please bring your own refreshments.

### Tyne and Wear Citizens

Tyne & Wear Citizens – Delegates Assembly 2026 Thursday, March 26 2026, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm King's Hall, Armstrong Building Newcastle University, King's Walk

Our parish will have a vote if there are five of us from the parish, so any of the parish can contribute as to what campaigns the alliance focuses on in the coming year.

I have learned that Bishop Stephen and Fr Jim O'Keefe (who often supplies for Fr Chris) will also be present at the meeting. To sign up please go to:

[https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly-2026?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-delegates-assembly-2026?source=direct_link&)

### Forming Catholic Student Leaders

Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst.

Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character.

[www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

### A book launch invitation

A collection of short stories 'A Man is a Half-Open Door' by Pauline Hughes Plummer is being launched by Red Squirrel Press on 25 March, 7pm at Lit & Phil Library in Newcastle, as part of their celebration of 20 years of publishing. The author is one of our parishioners. Please support her if you can. Free entry.

### Volunteers for the Trinity Charity Shop

The Trinity Charity Shop needs more volunteers on a Thursday afternoon. Please let me know if you are free to help. The shop provides important income for the parish.

### Refugee Project

The Justice and Peace Refugee Project is in need of sleeping bags for refugees who are looking for somewhere to live. If you have a spare sleeping bag, please leave at the back of church.

### 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

Develop an ecological spirituality that remembers none of us have the right to excess goods if people are without the sufficient means to meet their basic needs to uphold their dignity.

### 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 No.** 91146513

### 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