

Mass Readings for Palm Sunday

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord needs them", and he will send them at once.' This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Say to the daughter of Sion, "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.'

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

'I hid not my face from disgrace, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.'

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backwards.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.
But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 22(21)

Response: *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

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| <p>1. All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.'</p> | <p>2. For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones.</p> |
| <p>3. They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me!</p> | <p>4. I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.'</p> |

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

'He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him.'

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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28th/29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 28th March		9:30am: Walk with a Cross from St Cuthbert & Mass 5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Donnelly Families	
Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday – A	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: Ken Keenahan (GK)
Monday 30th March			
Tuesday 31st March			10:00am: Mass
Wednesday 1st April	9.30am: Mass: David McManus		
Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday		9.30am: Mass	7:30pm: The Mass of the Last Supper
Friday 3rd April Good Friday	3.00pm: Passion of Christ Our Lord		
Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday		5:30pm: Easter Vigil	
Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday – A	11.00am: Mass		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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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 Michael Harvey and all those who have died recently.

Holy Week 2026

As we celebrate Palm Sunday this weekend, we begin the most important and intensive week in the liturgical Year. From the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, to the conniving of authorities with Judas, the profound and tender witness of the washing of feet, the gift of the Eucharist, the gut wrenching anxiety of the garden of Getsemani, the arrest and chaos of Jesus being taken, the stark contrast of Jesus grounded in the love of the Father, facing his destiny, with the many examples of flawed humanity around him, the brutality of his death, the poignant image of his mother at the cross and embracing his broken body, to the placing of Jesus in the tomb and the stone rolled over the entrance and yet as his dispirited and dejected followers leave, they are faced with powerful odour of a hundred pounds of spices as night approaches.

We are called to follow this path with Christ, we will be accompanying a roller coaster of emotions, experiences and this kaleidoscope of humanity, fragile and flawed and yet the divine power fully fleshed radiates love,

compassion, mercy and strength in Christ. We walk with him and he walks with us.

I hope you are able to join us for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. These powerful liturgies, make present those events where love and grace confront sin and death. We are called to be immersed into the vortex of the drama of this ultimate confrontation between the light and darkness. I hope you will have some space to be quiet and to be still, to be able to reflect on these profound and beautiful mysteries.

At the Easter Vigil, Lidia will be confirmed, Francesa will be received into the Church and confirmed, Tony, Scott, Tim and Declan will be baptised and confirmed. Francesca, Tony, Scott, Tim and Delcan will also receive their First Holy Communion. Please pray for these candidates as they prepare to receive these Sacraments. I wish you all a graced, blessed, inspiring and transforming Holy Week.

Triduum Liturgies

Thursday April 2nd – The Mass of the Last Supper: 7.30pm at St Oswin's

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

Saturday April 4th – Easter Vigil: 5.30pm, St Joseph

Sunday April 5th, Easter Sunday – Eucharist:

9.30am, St Oswin's;

11.00am St Cuthbert's

St Cuthbert's Primary School Passion

You are all welcome to join St Cuthbert's Primary School at Northumberland Square at 1pm, on Thursday 2nd April for the narration of the Passion of Our Lord. There will be a procession from the Square to St Cuthbert's Primary School. I am sure if like previous years it will be a moving and inspiring rendition of the Passion.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Stephen will celebrate the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 1st April at 11am at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. All are welcome to attend this annual Diocesan Mass.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

A draft of the Parish submission will be sent to representatives of all parish groups around Easter for their comment. I am very grateful for all the support and assistance from parishioners with this process. If you have any further comments or questions please contact Fr Chris.

Baptism

On Saturday 29th March at St Joseph's at 1pm we have the Baptism of Daisy O'Donnell. We pray for Daisy and her family as she is welcomed in our community and united in Christ.

Lectio Divina

The Final Lectio Divina Session will be at St Cuthbert's 7pm on Wednesday April 1st.

Missio Red Boxes

For those who attend St Joseph's, could you please hand in your red boxes to be counted.

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, Farringdon 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 18th April at 7.30. Tickets £5. Proceeds will be for 'Living Well with Cancer'.

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

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.

Diocesan Vacancy

Role: Parish Secretary

Contract: Permanent

Salary: £8430.24 pro rata per annum

Hours: Part-time 12 hours per week

Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview.

Location: St Mary's, Great Lime Road, Forest Hall,

Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 7AB

How to apply: Please visit

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-18/>

Closing Date: 12:00 pm, 13/04/2026.

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

Tip: Conserving energy is especially important due to the energy crisis with the war in Iran.

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