

## Mass Readings - Second Sunday of Easter – A

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

**‘All who believed were together and had all things in common.’**

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm: 118(117)

**Response: Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.**

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| <p>1. Let the house of Israel say,<br/>‘His mercy endures for ever.’<br/>Let the house of Aaron say,<br/>‘His mercy endures for ever.’<br/>Let those who fear the LORD say,<br/>‘His mercy endures for ever.’</p>         | <p>2. They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,<br/>but the LORD was my helper.<br/>The LORD is my strength and my song;<br/>he was my saviour.<br/>There are shouts of joy and salvation<br/>in the tents of the righteous.</p> |
| <p>3. The stone that the builders rejected<br/>has become the cornerstone.<br/>By the LORD has this been done,<br/>a marvel in our eyes.<br/>This is the day the LORD has made;<br/>let us rejoice in it and be glad.</p> |   |

### SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

**‘He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.’**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

**‘Eight days later, Jesus came.’**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord’. But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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### 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Second Sunday of Easter – A

#### Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b> In memory of Jakubas	
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter – A</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> Maureen & Godon Hogg (BH)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>			
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>			<b>10:00am: Mass:</b> Alec Turner (MT)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9.30am: Mass:</b> John Reay		
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>9.30am: Mass:</b> Ann Donnelly	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7.00pm: Mass:</b> Word & Communion		
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>5:30pm: Vigil Mass:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter – A</b>	<b>11.00am: Mass:</b> Betty & John Fenby		<b>9:30am: Mass:</b> People of the Parish )

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

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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.

### Second Sunday of Easter

The second Sunday of Easter always has the same reading of Thomas expressing his doubts about the resurrection of Christ.

There are three aspects to this Gospel

First is the journey of faith Thomas is experiencing. He is honest, he is searching but when he meets Christ, he makes an act of faith 'My Lord and My God'. We all are searching. There will always be an aspect of the unknowability of God, but Christ is our light who reveals a God who wants us to share his life

The second aspect is the importance of Peace. The phrase 'peace with you' is mentioned 3 times. What does this message of the peace of the risen Christ mean for us today? May we know peace within, may we be peace builders in developing relationships across difference.

The third aspect and for me the biggest mystery of the story, is that the risen Christ has wounds. They are not scars. This speaks to me that sharing in the risen life of Christ which start in every moment is not about being perfect. We have our wounds, but we can still be

transformed. Though the destructive aspect of others and our world can still leave its mark, the creative powers can still be stronger. That renewal, transformation, healing, reconciliation and new life can still take place despite the wounds. May we know the new and restorative life whatever challenges we face.

### Holy Week

Thank-you for all your kind comments regarding the Holy Week Liturgies. It was inspiring to see all three Churches looking so wonderful and so full. The music groups did great job in enabling us to share in the liturgies in such a prayerful way. All the liturgies of Holy Week were so inspiring and moving. Thank-you to all who contributed, I am conscious that for the three Triduum Liturgies, a lot of work is carried out by so many parishioners in the three communities I belong to. Most of it behind the scenes. I am very grateful for your hard work and commitment. It is much appreciated.

### Congratulations

My sincere congratulations and prayers to the following who received the following Sacraments at the Easter Vigil

- Lidia Hernandez, Confirmation
- Francesa Sherit, Received into the Church, Confirmation and First Holy Communion
- Tony Pinkerton, Scott McWilliams, Declan Justice-Baker and Tim Grimes who were baptised, confirmed and received their First Holy Communion.

Prayers for them all and a big thank-you to them for their witness and faith. Your great example is much appreciated. Please keep them in your prayers

### Diocesan Pastoral Plan

A draft of the 'Snapshot' has been sent to representatives of all parish groups and parish council. I am very grateful for all the support and assistance from parishioners with this process. Work has begun on the draft of the final form. If you have any further comments or questions please contact Fr Chris.

### Tyne and Wear Citizens

At the delegates assembly, where Bishop Stephen attended and gave a keynote speech, the following campaigns were adopted: Community Safety, Child & SEND provision, and NHS Dentistry. An election assembly will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> at St Nicholas' Anglican Cathedral from 6-to 8pm. You can sign up at:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/tyne-wear-citizens-newcastle-local-elections-assembly>

### 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'.

### St Mary's Cathedral — Closure

St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, will be closed for internal renovation work from 13<sup>th</sup> April until 29<sup>th</sup> May.

The Pauline Bookshop and Café will be open as usual. Cathedral Masses will be celebrated as follows:

- Sunday, 9.30am and 11.30am at St Michael's Church, Westmoreland Road.
- Sunday, 6.30pm at St Dominic's Church, Red Barnes. Monday to Friday, 12.05pm and Saturday, 10.00am at St Andrew's Church, Worswick Street.

### Justice and Peace Council AGM

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm

Conference Room, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle

Theme: Responding to the Climate and Nature Emergency (10.30am-12.30pm)

Prof Hayley Fowler (Professor of Climate Change Impacts, Newcastle University) will introduce the National Emergency Briefing about the Climate and Nature Emergency followed by a discussion on how we should respond as a Society.

Minnie Fraser (Diocesan Environment Lead) will update us on progress in our Diocese.

### Trained First Aiders

There is a need to have a register of first aiders who have a current training certificate. Please let Fr Chris know if you are a trained first aider.

### 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)

### Proclaimers

The social outreach and evangelism group, the Proclaimers will be meeting on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. All are welcome

### 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.

### Burma's Fight for Freedom and Democracy

Get a raw look at life and resistance under Military Dictatorship Friday 1st May 18.30.21.00. Star and Shadow Cinema, Warwick St, Newcastle, NE2 1BB. Book now. Tickets available from: [www.starandshadow.org.uk](http://www.starandshadow.org.uk). Tickets: £7, £5, £3, £0

### 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: May we be attentive to nature at this time of Spring, discerning God's presence in this new life

### Divine Mercy Sunday

On 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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