

Mass Readings – Third Sunday of Easter – A

First reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33

‘It was not possible for him to be held by death.’

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16(15):

Response: O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

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| <p>1. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord.’
LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.</p> | <p>2. I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.</p> |
| <p>3. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.</p> | <p>4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever.</p> |

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

‘You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish.’

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

Gospel


Luke 24:13-35

‘He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.’

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?’ And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 18th April		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter – A	11.00am: Mass: Betty & John Fenby		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish)
Monday 20th April			
Tuesday 21st April			10:00am: Word & Communion
Wednesday 22nd April	9.30am:: Word & Communion		
Thursday 23rd April		9.30am: Word & Communion	
Friday 24th April	7.00pm: Word & Communion		
Saturday 25th April		5:30pm: Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter – A	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: Maria Henderson (MH)

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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, Bob White and all those who have died recently.

Third Sunday of Easter.

This is the last Sunday where we have an actual story of disciples meeting the Risen Jesus. For this Sunday it is the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. In this story of Christ present yet not visible, we have a coming together, we have the scriptures interpreted in the light of their experience, bread is broken and the two disciples go our transformed with a great sense of purpose and mission in sharing their good news with the disciples. The gospel is telling us that in such practices as when we gather to pray, when we reflect on the scriptures, when the eucharistic bread is broken, when we have a sense of mission and purpose, then this is a manifestation of the Risen Christ, not visible yet still present. Apart from breaking the Eucharistic bread, the other actions can take place in all sort of contexts, formally or informally. They are all manifestations of the Risen Christ.

Also it is very clear, that all these practices take part when we gather as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. We first of all gather- 'when two or more are gathered in my name, I am present', Christ is present. We then hear the

scriptures and with I hope some helpful guidance from your parish priest, you discern the Spirit speaking to you. Then bread is taken, blessed, broken and given. Then at the end of the Mass, you are sent out with I hope with a sense of empowerment, purpose and mission.

So this famous story is making it clear that the Risen Christ is present in all sorts of ways, with these various ways wonderfully weaved together when we gather for the Eucharist.

Statement from Mgr Faley

This statement was read to the parishioners at our Lady Star of the Sea and to St Mary's & Our Lady's & St Oswin's at all Masses in those parishes last weekend.

"On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we thank the risen Lord for restoring our relationship with God our Father through his life, death, and resurrection. Our Easter joy expresses the renewal of our commitment in baptism to our faith in Jesus Christ, and to proclaiming His truth in our ministry and mission as we discern the way ahead for the Parish.

As you know, for the past two years, I have received treatment for liver cancer at the Freeman Hospital. Following further treatment in January, my consultant told me that unfortunately the cancer continues to spread and that chemotherapy is the next step. I've always known that treatment would slow down the cancer but not cure it, and I have managed to keep going so far.

But now, I must put my own health first. The illness is slowing me down and leaving me more tired and unable to carry out my duties. I have discussed all this with Bishop Stephen, and we have agreed that I will step down from the parish and retire as your parish priest in September. I had hoped to continue until my retirement in three years on my 75th birthday, but now that won't be possible. The bishop will hopefully appoint another priest in good time.

Over the coming months, I will do my best to continue serving you as your priest while receiving further treatment. Please keep me in your prayers as I will pray for you. Thank you for your attention. God bless.

Mgr Andrew Faley"

We pray for Mgr Faley and these parishes at this time of transition.

Baptism

Today at 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's we have the baptism of Remy Rose Rutter. We pray for Remy and her parents as she united in Christ and becomes a member of our community of disciples

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

The 'snapshot' that is part of submission is available for all parishioners this weekend

Lectio Divina

The next date parishioners will gather to pray with scriptures will be May 6th at St Cuthbert's at 7pm.

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 28th 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>

Thank-you from Sarah's Star

This Charity founded by our parishioner Sarah Harrison, who died last year, would like to express their sincere thanks for money raised by the parish at a recent social event.

St Mary's Cathedral — Closure

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

Church Action On Poverty North East AGM

Future Challenges for the North East - Is there a Role for Faith Communities?

Wednesday April 29 St Joseph's Church, High Street West, Gateshead NE8 1X (next to the Inter-change and Gateshead Metro Station)

5.00 Food 5.30 AGM Business 6.00 Local Voices 6.15 Speaker—Dr Mwenza Blell Senior Lecturer, Newcastle University.

If you would like to attend please contact Bernadette Askins at: bernadette.askins@talktalk.net

Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Justice and Peace Co-Ordinating Council

The Justice & Peace Co-Ordinating Council are looking for a competent person with previous or current experience of being a treasurer or with accounts/bookkeeping experience. We would like that person to take on the role from the AGM on May 9th Our current Treasurer will be available to help with the transition. If interested please contact Marjory Knowles at: marjory.knowles@diocesehn.org.uk

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.

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. 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: What in your house can be re-used, re-cycled or repaired

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