

Mass Readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter – A

First reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

‘God has made him both Lord and Christ.’

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.’ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’ So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(22)

Response: The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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| <p>1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.</p> | <p>2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.</p> |
| <p>3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.</p> | <p>4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD’s own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.</p> |

Second reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

‘You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls.’

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

‘I am the door of the sheep.’

At that time: Jesus said, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.’ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.’

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25th/26th April 2026 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
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)
Monday 27th April			
Tuesday 28th April			10:00am: Mass: Saji Matthew
Wednesday 29th April	9.30am: Mass: Vivian O’Kane		
Thursday 30th April		9.30am: Mass: Anne Donnelly	
Friday 1st May	7.00pm: Mass: Maria Mason		
Saturday 2nd May		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter – A	11.00am: Mass:		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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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; 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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In the fourth Sunday of Easter, despite different readings for each year of the cycle there is always one image that dominates the readings and that is the image of shepherd. Hence the fourth Sunday of Easter is deemed 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. We pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

A good shepherd will be attentive to the needs of the sheep, but the sheep will trust the shepherd since they know his voices. We are called to be attentive to Christ and be faithful. It is from this image of Shepherd that we get the phrase 'pastoral care'. How can we show this pastoral care for others?

The Gospel finished with the line that is often quoted:

'I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full' (John 10:10). It is sentence worth giving your attention and reflecting what it means for you and for your discipleship.

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.

Warm Welcome

A warm welcome to Fr Jim O'Keefe, who is kindly supplying for Fr Chris while he is away on holiday.

Concert at St Cuthbert's

Thank you to everybody who supported our evening with the City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir. We raised £1,085.80 for 'Live Well With Cancer'. It was a lovely evening and a good time was had by all. Thank you again.

Confirmation Programme

On Tuesday morning pupils in Year 9 at St Thomas More received information during their assembly about the Sacrament of Confirmation and the 2026 Confirmation programme. Of course, any student in Year 10 or above who may have missed out previously will also be invited to attend. The programme will begin next half-term with the ceremony to take place in summer. Part 1 of the course will take place on Wednesday 29th April at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, North Shields and will run every Wednesday evening until the half-term break. Unless stated on the registration form, the sessions will take place at 6:30pm-8pm in the different churches of our Partnership. If there are any parishioners that do not attend St Thomas More, but are in Year 9-13 and wish to join the Confirmation programme offered by the Partnership, please feel welcome to contact the email below, come along to the first session or inquire with your parish priest. If you have any questions or queries, please do get in touch either by contacting the school in the usual way or contacting me via email doconnor@stmacademy.org.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

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>

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

CAFOD Sponsored Walk for Sudanese Appeal

The Proclaimers group are proposing to organise a sponsored walk from St Cuthbert's to St Mary's Island as a fund raiser for the CAFOD Sudan Appeal. We propose to do this on Sunday 5th July after the 11am Mass. We hope to have a brief prayer service and picnic once we arrive at St Mary's. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church if you would like to take part.

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

Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle Justice and Peace Co-Ordinating Council AGM and Vacancy for a Treasurer

Saturday May 9th 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.

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

CAFOD Appeal for Sudan

"Our sisters and brothers in Sudan feel abandoned. The gap between overwhelming needs and available support is massive. This is why monthly giving is so vital – so that we can stay present and keep saving lives – until peace is restored. When we give monthly, we show that love of neighbour is stronger than violence, stronger than despair, stronger than war." You can donate at: <https://cafod.org.uk/?form=givetosudan>

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 Street, 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: Peace building and justice building depend on building relationship. Is there someone in the parish or in your neighbourhood you could have a 1-2-1 with so you could get to know them better.

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