

Mass Readings for Easter Sunday - A

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

'We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.'

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(117)

Response: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

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| <p>1. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'</p> | <p>2. The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.</p> |
| <p>3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.</p> | |

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

'Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.'

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

'He must rise from the dead.'

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday – A	11.00am: Mass:		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 6th April			
Tuesday 7th April			10:00am: Mass: Cormac Gray
Wednesday 8th April	9.30am: Word & Communion		
Thursday 9th April		9.30am: Word & Communion	
Friday 10th April	7.00pm: Mass: Lillian & Luther Shotton		
Saturday 11th April		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: In memory of Jakubas	
Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter – A	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: Maureen & Godon Hogg (BH)

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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.

Easter Sunday

A very happy, blessed and grace-filled Easter to you all. In reading St Matthew's account of the good news being announced that Jesus risen, it has echoes of the annunciation. Like in that story we have an angel appearing, that is so powerful we have an earthquake. The angel has the appearance of lightning, white as snow. This power is great enough to roll away the stone. The soldiers become like zombies, no wonder the two women are afraid but as Gabriel said to Mary, do not be afraid. The angel then tells the good news, not a womb being filled but of a tomb being empty. Like Mary going to tell her cousin, the women are sent off, we are told with fear and joy, and on their journey, they meet the risen Christ. He also tells them not be afraid and they called to be apostles to the apostles, to tell the disciples that they will see Christ in Galilee.

We have a wonderful manifestation of divine power, which at first is frightening and becomes a source of joy. It is a power that is not violent, yet greater than sin and death, it is a power that shows to two lowly people despairing and

without hope. It is a power that encourages, gives joy and empowers and enables people.

We live in uncertain times, violence, chaos, deceit, hatred seem to be the order of the day, but we there can be a change from despair and hopelessness to be joy and hope. Like the women in the Gospel, we are called not to be afraid and to know there is power that confronts death and sin, leading to new life, joy and hope.

In wishing you a happy Easter, may you know this transforming power of new life, hope and joy despite the darkness and uncertainty of our world

Thank-you

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
Francesca 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 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.

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>

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'.

Retiring Collection

The retiring Collection this week-end is for Sick and Retired Priests in the Diocese. The Collection is open till April 27th

Justice and Peace Council AGM

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.

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.

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: Develop a spirituality that appreciates what we have and are. Ecological conversion calls up to being more not having more.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On 12th 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
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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

