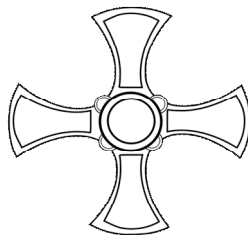


# The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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## Sunday 17th May 2015 — Ascension of the Lord

**And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven:  
there at the right hand of God he took his place,  
while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them  
and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.**

Mark 16:19-20



Christ has ascended to his Father in heaven, to be a mediator between us and God. However low we may sometimes feel, we have a champion who has conquered all that drags us down.

He has passed beyond our sight not to abandon us but to be our hope. Where he has gone, we hope to follow. Ascension is the feast of hope and expectation... "From the dungheap he raises the poor..."



**Please pray for ...** New members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.. **Those who are sick:** please pray for all who are sick, for all who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes, including Jackie Kelly, Joseph Ackerley, Patricia Conlon, Betty Hill, Vonne and Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Betty Fenby, Canon Frank Kearney, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Mary Robertson, Margaret Taylor, Father Richard Harriott, Monica Laidler, Gary James, Jean Williams, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Maura Lang, Kathleen Lavery, Gerry Thirsk and Father Gerard Monaghan. **Those who have died recently** including Father Hugh McCann, Parish Priest at St Thomas More, Hartlepool, who died last week and whose Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Hartlepool on Thursday; for **Winifred Gridley**, aunt of Elizabeth Austin, of Coble House Nursing Home, who died during the week and whose Requiem mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 9.30am.; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collection 9th / 10th May**  
Total Offertory - **£765.58 - THANK YOU**

### World Communications Day

Today is World Communications Day, and each one of us has the responsibility of proclaiming and spreading the message of the Lord, so that others may hear what we already know and believe. There will be a Retiring Collection TODAY for the work of the Catholic Communications Centre and its work of spreading the message of the Gospel.



### Welcome to Fr O'Connell

Fr Pat O'Connell will be celebrating the 9.30am and 11am Sunday Masses, as Fr Peter has been asked to be the MC for a National Catenian Mass at Houghton le Spring this morning!!

### St Joseph's Bonus Ball

The £5.00 Subs due for the May Bonus Ball will be collected on Sunday May 10th.

### Parish Finance Committee

There will be a Parish Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday 28th May at 10.00am at St Joseph's Presbytery, for all members to sign the Annual Diocesan Financial Return.

### Pie and Pea Supper Fundraiser

There will be a **Pie and Pea Supper**, Bingo and Raffle at 7pm on Saturday 30th May in the Parish Hall at St Cuthberts Church for the Jubilee Fund. Tickets are on sale at £3.50 each and available from members of Social Committee. If you're not sure who they are, PLEASE ASK!! Bring your own drink!!



### Jubilee Photographic Display

Do you have any photos, booklets or articles about parish events over the last 40/60 years of our two churches? Do you have any family photos of celebrations — Baptisms, Weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations, or other celebrations, photos of any priests or sisters that have served in the parish that you think would be worthy of a photo display to mark our Jubilees. If you can help please contact David Quinn, Tel 0191 257 7620.



### Parish Information Handbook

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, we are trying to put together an Information Handbook. We ask all those who run events, groups, associations, in the parish on a regular basis throughout the year to write a short sentence or two about what the event is, where it's held and when and who it's for, then send via email to Father Peter on northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk or to Barbara Davies on barbaradavies56@hotmail.co.uk. This handbook can only be as good and up to date as the information received to put into it, so we ask for your help in collating all the information that we need.

### Jubilee Committee Meeting

There will be a Meeting of the Jubilee Committee on **Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's**. All those who are willing to be involved or who have already volunteered to be available are asked to come along to this meeting to discuss progress so far.

### Flower Festival

We are to hold a Flower Festival on the weekend of 20th August—23rd August, in the lead up to the Celebration of Mass to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Opening of St Joseph's Church on Monday 24th August at 7.00pm. We will need a team of volunteers and will soon start advertising for such, but in the meantime, please have a think about how you can help ... welcomers, tea and coffee makers during the days that the church is open, cleaners for the church, Ushers to remain in church during the day ... to name but a few jobs that need to be done. We will be relying on your help and cooperation.



### Parish Days Away

To celebrate the churches Jubilees we are hoping to organise a couple of coach trip away days. A trip up to Kielder has been suggested—with an opportunity to have a boat trip on Kielder Water or visit the excellent Bird of Prey Centre—a great day for families; a trip to Holy Island; and a day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady and the Martyrs at Fernyhalgh, near Preston, a shrine dating back to the 11th century. More details soon, hopefully after Wednesday evening's meeting.

### Father Peter's Silver Jubilee Celebrations

Father Peter will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday 29th June with a Concelebrated Mass at 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. After the Mass there will be a Reception at Percy Park Rugby Club. To help with numbers for seating and catering, it would be appreciated if people could sign the lists on the noticeboards if attending the Mass and Buffet.

### Father Humble's Silver Jubilee

Father Michael Humble would like to extend an open invitation to the people of St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields, to a Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on **Saturday 27th June at 7.00pm**, to mark the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. This Mass will be a joint Mass also for Fr Paul McCourt and Fr Nick Jennings. Those wishing to attend should sign the list on the noticeboard.

### John Bagnall's Ordination

Reverend John Bagnall is to be ordained priest by Bishop Seamus at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 4th July and John has written with an open invitation for anyone to attend the Mass at the Cathedral [please note that invitation to the Buffet is by ticket only].

### Tea and Coffee

Please remember that we serve Tea and Coffee every Sunday morning after both the 9.30am and 11am Masses; and also on a Wednesday morning after Mass at St Cuthbert's.

### Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's, in the upstairs Meeting Room. If anyone has any items to be included on the Agenda, please let Ian Pearson, Linda Shotton or Fr Peter know as soon as possible with written notification please.

### School Masses

On Thursday St Joseph's School will celebrate Mass in St Joseph's Church to celebrate their Feast of Pentecost. On Friday St Cuthbert's School will be present at Mass at St Cuthbert's Church for a Mass for Our Blessed Lady, which will include a Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady and then a Procession back to School.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation Course continues on Wednesday evening, and will begin at **7.15pm**. Please note the change of time and apologies for any inconvenience. The Mass of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 10th July at 7.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church.



### Baptism Course

The next Baptism Course is to be held on Monday 1st June at St Joseph's Church at 7pm. Any parents wishing to attend must speak to Fr Peter before turning up.

### Sacrament of Baptism

For Baptism in our cluster parishes, one parent of the child to be baptised must be a baptised catholic. Mass on a Sunday (or Sat. vigil) is expected. One of the godparents is also expected to be a practising catholic. Attendance at one of the Cluster Baptism Courses must be completed. Any parents from St Joseph's or St Cuthbert's wishing to attend should speak to Fr Peter. After the Baptism Course, the parents should speak once again to Fr Peter and make arrangements for an appointment to fix a date for a Baptism. PLEASE NOTE, that dates are not usually given out before the Baptism Course is completed. Parishioners from the other Cluster parishes should check with their respective Cluster priests about attending the course.

### Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christian Aid Coffee Morning at St Cuthbert's Church last Saturday. **£575.60** was raised to support the work of Christian Aid.



### Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Diocese is organising a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 12th—19th October. Father Peter has all details if anyone is interested or they are available on the diocesan website [www.rcdhn.org.uk].



### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

All booking forms for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes— for sick pilgrims, for hotel pilgrims, for young people 16 -25yrs - are now available. Please speak to Fr Peter if you need a form or further information.



### Pilgrimage Appeal for Doctors and Nurses

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is appealing for doctors and nurses to travel and offer their service on this year's trip in August. More information from Fr Peter.



### Churches Together Pentecost Service

The North Shields Churches Together Pentecost Service will be held on Sunday 24th May at 5pm at The Salvation Army Citadel on Howard Street. Everyone Welcome.



### Sponsoring the Sanctuary Candles

Sponsorship of the Sanctuary Candles at St Cuthbert's Church will begin on the first Sunday of June. Envelopes for Intention and Offerings are now available. Sean Crews is looking after lists etc so please contact him to arrange dates if you wish to sponsor a candle.



### Society of St Vincent de Paul



Can you spare a few hours each week to help with the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul? Can you attend regular meetings and then help in any other way, communicating the charisms of St Vincent de Paul? Why not join our SVP?

### "Forward Together in Hope"

We will soon be asked to meet as a parish community to discuss "Forward Together in Hope". In the meantime you can sit back and watch the video and read the notes online at [www.rcdhn.org.uk](http://www.rcdhn.org.uk)



### Newman Association

The next talk of the Newman Association will be a talk on "Street Pastors on the Coast", and given by Chris Lincoln on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Cullercoats. All Welcome.

### Ushaw College Notice

Saturday 16th June 2.30pm: Organ Recital by Caroline Hodgeson from Darlington - wonderful programme of music at a time when the Rhododendrons should be in full bloom in the gardens with the chapels, gift shop and cafe open from 12pm—5pm

### 'Vatican II' Talks

There is to be a series of talks celebrating 50 years of the Second Vatican Council. The talks are on 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June and 1st July at St Robert of Newminster School, Washington. To book please contact St Vincent Diocesan Offices on 0191 243 3313 or email [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk)

### CJM Music Concert

Jo Boyce from CJM Music will lead a Concert at St Joseph's Church, Fellgate Estate, Jarrow on Saturday 27th June at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £6 each (if bought in advance) or £7 at the door. See poster in church for further details.

### Diocesan Festival

The Diocesan Festival takes place on Saturday 20th June and Sunday 21st June at The Youth Village, Allensford. Full information about this event is on the noticeboard and on the diocesan website. Bookings must be made by 31st May via [festival@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:festival@diocesehn.org.uk) or Tel 0191 243 3313.

### Youth Ministry Trust Raffle

YMT Staff have written to thank everyone who supported the YMT Raffle recently, which raised £8,002.50 for their work in the diocese. The winners were drawn on Wednesday evening, 6th May, after The Source at St Mary's Cathedral. The winning tickets were:

- 1st Prize: Maureen Rudd - Ticket no. 17484
- 2nd Prize: Kathryn Maggs - Ticket no. 23520
- 3rd Prize: Louise Monaghan - Ticket no. 21091

### Mens Retreat

Brave of Heart: A Weekend Journey for Men, will be held on 19th - 21st June 2015 at Cor et Lumen Christi, St Cuthbert's The Old Convent, Wigton CA7 9HU. DONATION ONLY, after £10 registration fee. Meals are included. Tel 016973 45623

[www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org)

**Follow STM on Twitter ...**

The RE department at St Thomas More RC Academy has launched a twitter page. This will feature news, events and updates for parishioners, parents, and students. The page is updated at least 2/3 times a day giving instant access to the RE community. The department can be followed @STM\_RE. Please make a big effort to follow them.

**Minsteracres Retreat Centre Administrator**

Minsteracres Monastery are seeking to appoint a Retreat Centre Administrator. Rates are £10.95 per hour / Full time & permanent / 37.5 hrs/week incl. week-ends. Further details can be found on [www.minstercares.org](http://www.minstercares.org) where you can download the job description and forms. Alternatively call 01434 673248 or e-mail: [info@minsteracres.org](mailto:info@minsteracres.org) stating clearly which job you are applying for in the subject line and the forms will be sent to you. Closing date for applications: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm. Provisional date for interviews: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Own transport essential.



**Cluster Council Meeting**

The next Cluster Council meeting will be held on Thursday 18th June at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Church.

**'Safer Families for Children'**

On the weekend of 31st May we will have a visiting speaker from 'Safer Families for Children' which supports families in the local community and offers a family home for children when parents find themselves in difficulty and needing support, *but it is not fostering and it is not adoption*. It is just being nearby as a family that can offer support to another family that might be struggling. As a follow up to the appeal next weekend, there will be a Parish Meeting to discuss this further on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church.



**Bible Alive**

Copies of the May and June editions of Bible Alive are now available in Church; articles and reflections on the daily readings for Mass.



**Masses, Devotions and Services**

**St Cuthbert's Church**

**St Joseph's Church**

<b>Saturday 16th May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> Lilian Shotton	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> ..... No Intention .....
<b>Sunday 17th May</b> <b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>11.00am Mass:</b> In Thanksgiving (RB)	<b>9.25am The Angelus</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Joan Taylor
<b>Monday 18th May</b> <i>St John I</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 19th May</b> <i>St Dunstan</i>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Kathleen Dunn
<b>Wednesday 20th May</b> <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	<b>9.30am REQUIEM MASS: Winifred Gridley</b>	
<b>Thursday 21st May</b> <i>St Godric of Finchale</i>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Kathleen Falcus
<b>Friday 22nd May</b> <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> ..... No Intention .....	
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<b>Sunday 24th May</b> <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>11.00am Mass:</b> Audrey Hall	<b>9.25am The Angelus</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Theresa Hoban <b>12.15pm Baptism:</b> Rocco Earl

**The Holy Father's Intentions For May 2015**

**Universal Intention:** That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbours who suffer, especially the sick and the poor

**Missionary Intention:** That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be open to proclaiming Jesus

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**St Thomas More RC Academy - <http://vle.stmacademy.org.uk/>**