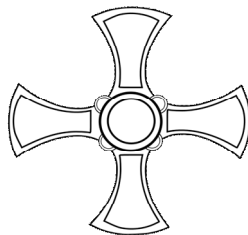


# The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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## Sunday 24th May 2015 — Pentecost Sunday

**When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you into the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.**

(John 16: 13)



Ask anyone about the Pentecost event and they can probably give you the bare bones of the story. The apostles shut up in a locked room because they were afraid; the sound of a powerful wind; the tongues of fire that came upon them; the preaching in such a way that all could understand in their own language.

Familiarity breeds contempt. There's so much at stake here. The apostles are no worse than any of us. They are afraid to witness to Christ because they fear for their lives. We are often afraid to do it because we fear being considered foolish or odd. Both they and we need the strength which is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Without that Spirit we can never raise our voices in witness to Jesus or announce the truth that he is Lord.

The powerful wind signifies the presence and strength of God. The Holy Spirit is God. He comes to complete the divine plan on earth, to lead us into a deeper understanding of Christ's teaching, to guide us in the truth. Without the Spirit we can know what Christ taught, but we cannot believe. The Spirit is the first fruits of all who believe.

The Spirit doesn't mooch. He inflames. He sets on fire those who yearn to come closer to God, and he unites them into one body of God's children. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It is the day the Church received the strength to carry out its commission to go out and tell the whole world about the wonders God works for those who call on his name. Pentecost inflames us with fire in our souls.

And no longer are we divided. The chaos of the Tower of Babel is transformed into one voice of praise as the Spirit unites in one tongue to profess one faith. It matters little what language we use to address God, what culture we come from, what race we belong to or what colour our skin is. For it is the Holy Spirit who speaks in our hearts so that as one family of God we may bear witness to the truth.

So the Easter season comes to a close, not in a quiet, demure and deferential way, but in a great climax where God intervenes to embolden us, inspire us and unite us into a never ending chorus that proclaims in word and deed that Jesus is risen from the dead and is Lord of all creation!



**Please pray for ...** A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe, Human Life and Seafarers. **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 Thirk and Father Gerard Monaghan. **Those who have died recently** and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collection 16th / 17th May**  
Total Offertory - **£790.02 - THANK YOU**

**World Communications Day**

We raised **£149.04** for the Retiring Collection last week for the Catholic Communications Network. Many Thanks.

**Fun Day Thanks**

Many thanks to everyone who organised the Fun Day last weekend. There was a lot of hard work put into the organising and preparation. Thanks also to those who came along to support it. We managed to raise **£1,060.44**.

**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.

**New Website**

Our new Cluster website is now up and running and contains our weekly parish newsletter, as well as the newsletters of the other parishes, as well as other information for the three parishes of the Cluster. There is also a Calendar of events—please note that you can subscribe to this Calendar and if you use a digital diary on your mobile phone or tablet or PC, your calendar will be automatically updated when new events are added.

**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 Cuthbert's Church for the Jubilee Fund. Tickets are on sale at £3.50 each and available from members of Social Committee and are going fast!! If you're not sure who they are, PLEASE ASK!! Bring your own drink!!



**Jubilee Photographic Display**

Those organising the photographic display have received a good number of photos relating to the Jubilee Celebrations, but are still short of some photos from the two churches who have served here so well. Do you have any photos of **Fr McGivern, Fr Dickson, Fr Jackson, Fr Tanner, Fr Monaghan, Fr Devlin, Fr Humble, Fr Phillips, Fr Rand, Fr Loftus, Fr McDermott, Fr Donnelly, Fr Keoghan, Fr Doyle, Fr Carey and Fr Connelly?** We are also short of some photos that relate to the actual day of the Opening Masses at both St Joseph's and St Cuthbert's. If you can assist with any of the above, please contact: Peter Quinn: Tel 0191 258 4526 or David Quinn: Tel 0191 257 7620



**Parish Information Handbook**

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, we are putting 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. Hopefully this information will also go onto the new website.

**Flower Festival and 60th Jubilee Celebrations**

We are to celebrate a Flower Festival at St Joseph's Church from Thursday 20th August—Sunday 23rd August and conclude with the 60th Anniversary Mass on Monday. We will need a variety of helpers over these days and hopefully it will be a mix of people from both churches involved—welcomers, ushers, cake bakers, Teas and Coffees, people to keep the church clean each day plus some other things. We will soon be asking for help.



**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.

**Choir Practices**

There are a couple of hymns at Fr Peters Jubilee that might be new to some people, so we are inviting you to come along to St Joseph's Church on a Tuesday evening at 6pm—7pm, over the next few weeks, for a little hymn practice to run through the hymns. You can choose whether to join the Choir for the Jubilee, or just learn the hymns to sign heartily in the congregation!



**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. Those wishing to attend should sign the list on the noticeboard.

**John Bagnall's Ordination and First Mass**

John Bagnall, who was with us in September last year, 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]. If you wish to go please sign the list. He has also issued the same invitation to his First Mass the following day [Sunday] at St Patrick's Church, Langley Moor, Durham.

**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.

**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.



### Parish Mission Statement

*"You send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth." [Psalm 104]*

We are a community who meet Jesus in His words and in His Sacraments.

Filled then, with the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community of faith, hope, love and hospitality.

As the Gospel is proclaimed, celebrated and lived out in our daily lives, we are sent out to renew the face of the earth"

#### "Forward Together in Hope"

The Parish Questionnaire has now arrived from the "Forward Together in Hope" Office in Newcastle, and it is fairly extensive. We wish to make this project something that all parishioners are fully aware of so there will be a Parish Meeting on Wednesday 17th June at 7.30pm, at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, to share the information and inform everyone about what is going to happen. Hopefully it will be big enough to hold everyone!! Refreshments will be available. **Father Jim O'Keefe who is leading this project, will be present with us on 6th and 7th June and will preach at all Masses about this and the future of the Diocese.**

FORWARD TOGETHER  
IN  
**HOPE**

#### Hog Roast



We are to hold a Hog Roast on Saturday 13th June at 7pm at St Joseph's Church. These evenings have been very popular in recent years and tickets tend to go fairly quickly. Tickets are available now at £10 each from members of the Social Committee in both churches; just ask if you're not aware whose these might be!!

#### Thursday Over 60s

It is with sadness that a decision has been made to close down the Thursday Over 60s group at St Joseph's. There has been a very small attendance for a number of months and of those attending no-one is willing or able to take over running it. We are most grateful to Ada Storey who has led this group for many years, and who has given up a considerable amount of time every Thursday to prepare the Church, run the group and then tidy up afterwards. A huge Thank You to Ada for all her work over the years from all who have benefited from the Thursday gathering.

#### 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.

#### 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](http://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.

#### '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. Leaflets about this organisation and its work are available today. As a follow up to the talk next weekend, there will be a Parish Meeting to discuss this further on Monday 15th June at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church.

#### Cluster Council Meeting

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

#### Social Committee Meeting

There will be a Social Committee Meeting on Monday June 15th 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's in the upstairs meeting rooms. If anyone else wishes to get involved with the social life of the parish please come along to the meeting. Everyone welcome.

#### Liturgy and Worship Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Liturgy and Worship Group on Monday 22nd June at 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's in the upstairs meeting rooms. If anyone wants to get involved, please come along.

#### Summer Fayre

We are to have Summer Fayre at St Cuthbert's Church on Saturday 27th June. As usual, we are now beginning our appeal for all the different items we need for the different stalls. If you can help, please bring along and leave in the box in the porch.

#### Grand Raffle

A Grand Raffle will be drawn on the afternoon of the Summer Fayre, and tickets for the Raffle are now available. Please try and take a few books of Raffle Tickets away with you to try to sell to family and friends.

#### 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?



#### 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.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.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.

#### 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.

#### '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, Fell-gate 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.

**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.

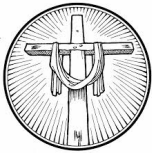


**Bible Alive and Word Alive**

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

**Baptism Catechists Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Baptism catechists from all the Cluster Parishes on Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats. Anyone not able to attend is asked to inform their respective parish priests.



**Masses, Devotions and Services**

**St Cuthbert's Church**

**St Joseph's Church**

<b>Saturday 23rd May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> ..... No Intention .....	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> ..... No Intention .....
<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>12.30pm Baptism:</b> Rocco Earl
<b>Monday 25th May</b> <i>St Bede</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass</b> Dcd Haney Family	
<b>Tuesday 26th May</b> <i>St Dunstan</i>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Kathleen Dunne
<b>Wednesday 27th May</b> <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Megan and Scott	
<b>Thursday 28th May</b>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Dcd Sisters Marie Repartrice
<b>Friday 29th May</b>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Thomasina Goveas	
<b>Saturday 30th May</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Kathleen Dunne
<b>Sunday 31st May</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>11.00am Mass:</b> In Thanksgiving (R&JG)	<b>9.25am The Angelus</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Sr Catherine McGourty

**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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