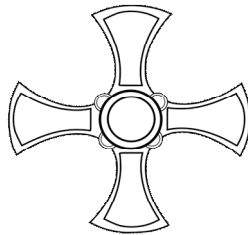


# The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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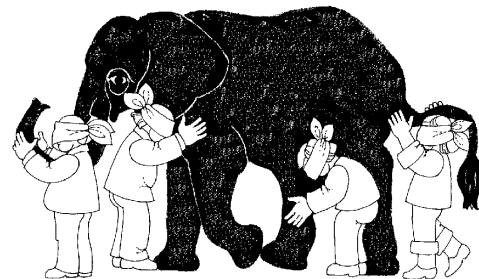
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## Sunday 31st May 2015 — Trinity Sunday

**Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations;  
baptize them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

(Matthew 28:19)

Four wise men and women were blindfolded and taken to a room in which there was an elephant. They were placed at four different parts of the animal and told to feel it and see if they could identify what it was. The first took hold of its trunk and decided that it was a very fat wriggling snake. The second felt the ear flapping about and said that it was a giant leaf wafting in the wind. The third, who felt the elephant's leg, decided that they were dealing with an enormous tree-trunk. The fourth one explored the tail and came to the conclusion that it was some sort of thick shrub. Only when the elephant trumpeted out a deafening roar was the mystery finally solved.



When we try to talk about the Trinity we are just like those four blindfolded people. We can give our impressions, but God is so much greater than we can imagine. We end up saying things which are true but wildly incomplete.

To speak about Father, Son and Spirit is fine, but it's simply using terms that we humans are familiar with. To say that Jesus is Son of the Father is correct, but only because our limited minds cannot cope with the full reality of the network of relations that exist between the persons of God. In the Trinity we have one God. We have the God who is the principle of all life, who created all that lives and breathes. We also have the God who has taken on our human nature and has shown us how to live in such a way that we can enjoy life to the full. And we have the God who is present today in our world, encouraging, sustaining, and making us holy.



But it is still a mystery, because God is much bigger than any scheme we can produce. God acts in ways that we cannot begin to tabulate and predict. Once we think that we have got the hang of the Trinity, then we have made it too small. If we are not just to end up with God's trunk, ear, leg and tail, then we must listen for the deafening trumpet blast which is God breaking into our daily lives. We learn most about the nature of God from listening to scripture, from sharing our common story of faith handed down from one generation to the next. We see God in the faces of our brothers and sisters, and we celebrate God in our sacraments. But even with all of this, God still remains a mystery.



**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 Thirsk, Father Gerard Monaghan, Tom Wright, Joan Fenwick and Jean Spedding. **Those who have died recently** and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collection 23rd / 24th May**  
Total Offertory - **£874.01** - **THANK YOU**

**Nepal Earthquake Appeal**

Many thanks to everyone who supported the CAFOD Appeal for the Nepal Earthquake. We have been able to send off **£789.99** towards the relief work.



**CAFOD Medical Centre Appeal**

Please note although we are not having any large fundraising events for the appeal for the Medical Centre, we are still taking in donations for this appeal. St Joseph's School have been very busy over the last few months raising funds for this and as a parish we raised a substantial amount earlier in the year. If you wish to make a donation please do so.



**'Safer Families for Children'**

We welcome to our Masses this weekend Mmr John Hinton, from "Safe Families for Children". 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.



**Summer Fayre**

We are to have a 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.

**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 and 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.



**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.

**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.



**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 priests 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 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 sing heartily in the congregation!.

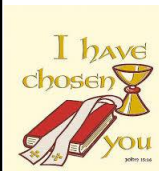


**Father Humble's Silver Jubilee**

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 Séamus at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 4th July at 11.00am 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 to the Mass, please sign the list. John has also given an open invitation to anyone who would like to attend his First Mass to be celebrated on Sunday 5th July at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Church, Langley Moor, Durham. John's email address is bagnall.john@hotmail.co.uk, if you will be attending his First Mass.



### 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"*



### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation Course continues on Wednesday evening, and will begin at **7.15pm**. 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.

### 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.

### "Forward Together in Hope"

**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 and involved in, 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.**

### 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!!



### 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 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].



### 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.

### Nurses Fund for Lourdes

Please support our Nurses Fund for Lourdes. Once again Rhoda and Cely-Ann are joining the pilgrimage as nurses. Any support you can give to the Nurses Fund would be greatly appreciated.



### Social Committee Meeting

There will be a Social Committee Meeting on **Monday June 8th** at 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. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.

### Cluster Council Meeting

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

### 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.

### 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?



### '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

### 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.

### 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.



**Service of Word and Communion**

Please note that on Friday 5th June, there will be a Service of Word and Communion at St Cuthbert's at 9.30am (*Fr Peter has Requiem Mass at St Edward's*)

**Renewal of Commitment for Extraordinary Ministers**

Next Sunday, is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is also the time when we ask all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to renew commitment to this special ministry in the church. This will take place at all three Masses next weekend and we ask Ministers to make every effort to be present for this Renewal

**Zimbabwean Catholic Community Vigil**

The Zimbabwean Catholic Community across the UK are coming to St Cuthbert's to celebrate an 'All Night Vigil with Mass and Prayers to celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 12th June. They will begin at 6pm and continue through the night until 6am. Further information and for anyone who might to join them, please contact 07737 686154 or 07411 038609.



**Closing Windows: St Cuthbert's Church**

This week two windows have been left open this week at St Cuthbert's — one was a ground floor window in the Chapel, left open from Wednesday morning until Thursday night; and another in one of the upstairs meeting rooms. It is most important that when people open a window, they remember to close it afterwards for the security of our building and church.

**150th Anniversary of St Aidan's Parish**



St Aidan's Community, Howdon are marking the 150th Anniversary of their Parish this year. They are looking for photographs of parish life and school life, from anyone who has had links with the church and schools in Willington Quay. If you have anything at all don't think they wouldn't be interested—they will! Please contact Fr John at St Aidan's if you can help – telephone 0191 2623820.

**Pope John Paul II Award**

The Diocese is asking each parish to appoint a Coordinator for the Pope John Paul II Award. We have no guidelines yet about what that coordinator will be asked to do!! Training will be given on July 10th. We need one for each church. If interested please speak to Fr Peter.

<b>Masses, Devotions and Services</b>		
	<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	<b>St Joseph's Church</b>
<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: Kathleen Dunne</b>
<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
<b>Monday 1st June</b> <i>St Bede</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Frank Haney	
<b>Tuesday 2nd June</b> <i>St Dunstan</i>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Ellen Tyrrell
<b>Wednesday 3rd June</b> <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Rudi Kuhnbaum	
<b>Thursday 4th June</b>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> ..... NO INTENTION .....
<b>Friday 5th June</b>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Service of Word and Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday 6th June</b> <i>Weekday of Easter</i>	<b>5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> Jean and Robbie Glen	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 7th June</b> <b>Corpus Christi</b>	<b>11.00am Mass:</b> ..... NO INTENTION .....	<b>9.25am The Angelus</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> People of the Parish

**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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