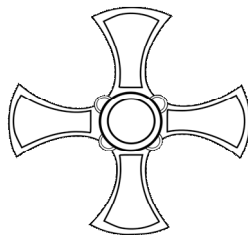


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Sunday 26th July 2015 — 17th Sunday, Year B

**There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish;
but what is that between so many?**

(John 6:9)

The Roman satirist, Juvenal, once said that if you wanted to keep most of the population happy, then all you had to do was give them bread and games (panem et circenses). As long as they had food in their stomachs and something to watch, they would be easily satisfied and cause no trouble.

When Jesus was preaching on the hillside near the Sea of Galilee, he must have had the same experience. If the crowd were to stay they had to be fed; and so we see the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The difficulty for Jesus was not in performing the miracle, but in getting people to understand its meaning. They were pleased to have the free food and thrilled to have witnessed the miracle. It was good all round entertainment and they warmed to this figure who could keep their attention and fill their bellies.

In the end it all went wrong. The crowd treated him as the long expected hero and wanted to come and carry him off to be their king. Jesus had to flee from them and escape to the hills. Not for the only time, Jesus had been misunderstood. His miracle was intended as a sign of something much greater than the ability to keep stomachs from rumbling. It was more than an election campaign to become a nationalist leader of the Jews. The miracle, as always, pointed to something deeper.

When Moses needed to feed the people, God sent manna. When Elisha had to feed a crowd he multiplied the loaves. This was a recognition that the people could not save themselves; they were dependent upon God for even the most basic of things. And in the miracle at Galilee, Jesus is pointing to something greater. The loaves and fishes are a sign of the "daily bread" which we pray for in the Lord's Prayer. Our daily bread is everything we accept from the Lord's hands. So the miracle is Jesus's way of teaching the people that we cannot live life to the full unless we recognize our dependence upon God. It is God who offers us the "living bread from heaven". Without this bread, all the food and circuses in the world will not satisfy us.

After Jesus had died, Christians would see references in this miracle story to the eucharist and to the way the early Church began to worship. But for Jesus it was the occasion to teach people about the need for the bread of life. Every miracle story in the life of Jesus has two strands: some help is given and some word is said. In the multiplication of the loaves the people who get helped are the crowd. But what gets said is: this bread will satisfy you for a while, but if you come to know the living bread from heaven, you will never be hungry again. And there's more to it than good food and a bit of entertainment.



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"



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, 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 Father Michael Corbett. Please remember those who have died recently: and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection 18th / 19th July

Total Offertory - **£765.01 - THANK YOU**

Day for Life

TODAY is the national day of prayer, Day for Life – the day in the church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life and praying for the protection of human life and most appropriate for us to reflect on today as there is an Assisted Suicide Bill scheduled for debate on Parliament on 11th September. This day of prayer helps us look at how to cherish life while we can and accept death when it comes. www.dayforlife.org. There will be a second collection in parishes to support 'Day for Life'. Proceeds of the collection will go to The Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Special Cards are available to mark the Day for Life.



Urgent Request for Accommodation next weekend

Next weekend, we will have a "Holy Ghost Father" visiting us to make a Mission Appeal and he will celebrate our Masses while Fr Peter is in Lourdes. This is a special request—could someone please offer one night's accommodation and food to Fr George who originally comes from Kenya. He will arrive on the Saturday afternoon, celebrate the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, stay overnight, celebrate the 9.30am and 11am Masses and then depart to go back to his Mission house in London. Ideally someone with a car to help transport him around would be suitable. If anyone would be willing to offer accommodation for the one night let Fr Peter know today otherwise we have to inform the Community that he will have to stay in other commercial accommodation.



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Filipino Mass

There will be a Filipino Mass TONIGHT Sunday 26th July at 5.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church. Everyone welcome.

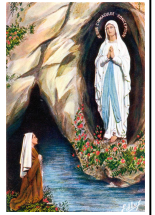
Parish Facebook Page

Did you know that we have a Facebook page? It's a good place to view some of the photos taken at recent celebrations, particularly the Confirmation Mass and Fr Peter's Jubilee ... page name is "The Parish of St Cuthbert and St Joseph, North Shields".



Petitions for Lourdes

Sending petitions to Lourdes for a particular intention is something that has helped many people throughout the last 157 years. If you would like a petition for prayer taking and placing in the Grotto during this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage, place your intention and prayers in an envelope and hand to Fr Peter. *Do not include money in your intentions envelopes.* If you wish to include a money donation for the lighting of a candle please make it clear it is for a candle.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is this week. On Thursday 169 young people leave to coach down to Lourdes and our Jumbulance with 23 pilgrims leaves at the same time. They are going via Calais, so please pray for the safe and comfortable journey across to France, and the same for their return home. On Friday morning two planes are due to depart Newcastle at 9.30am for Lourdes, returning on Friday 7th August. There is also a coach from a St John Vianney parish, Newcastle going to Lourdes via Ars. Please keep all the pilgrims in your prayers, and be reassured that you will be prayed for in Lourdes.

Flower Festival Volunteers

August 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd

We need your support please during the Flower Festival. We still need people to act as Ushers and Stewards, to be around the church during the day; we need people willing to make Tea and Coffee, and others to tidy up at the end of day. Lists for those able to help, in the time slots available, are on the noticeboard in church.

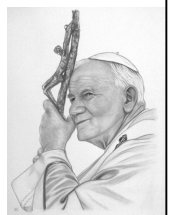


St Joseph's Jubilee Mass Preparations

We need people to prepare some food for the Buffet after the 60th Jubilee Mass at St Joseph's Church on Monday 24th August. If able to help, please sign your name as soon as possible on the list

!! Pope John Paul II Award Rep !!

We still need a volunteer from St Joseph's Church to offer to be the Parish Representative for the Pope John Paul II Award The Deanery Rep. is already awaiting a reply about who this is to be Please Someone who knows who is who and what to do at St Joseph's ... We need a volunteer !!



Mass Intentions

There is a backlog of Mass Intentions for the Vigil Mass at St Cuthbert's and some people are wondering why the Mass Intention they put in is not offered on the date requested. Many people are putting in Masses for a specific date Vigil Mass, but because everyone else is asking also, they are celebrated on a first come basis, and so Masses are not celebrated on their requested date. Some people may think they are submitting them early enough, but if your Mass has been moved to an alternative date, it means that you did not give us enough time to get your requested date. Weekday Masses are frequently available and there is no problem about having a Mass offered at any one of those Masses.



Wednesday Graft Group

The Wednesday Craft Group at St Cuthbert's has now closed for its summer break. It will resume on September 2nd.

Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday Bible Study Group is also on its summer break and will resume on Thursday September 3rd

Journey in Faith

The Journey in Faith programme begins on Wednesday 7th October. Anyone interested in becoming catholic or learning a little bit about the Church is invited along. If you know of someone in your family or living in the parish who might be interested in this, let them know.



First Holy Communion Catechists

A number of parishioners offered to help with the parents preparation for First Holy Communion. This is an important element of preparation which we have not done for several years, but seems to be a very good way of reaching out to the parents and catechising them at the same time that their children are preparing through their school and parish preparation. We invite those who are willing to help as catechists for the parents meetings to come along to a meeting on Monday 17th August at 7pm at St Joseph's to discuss this.



Clergy References for Jobs

Please remember that if writing off for application forms for new jobs and you need a priest reference, it is courtesy to ask the priest for the reference, **BEFORE** the request appears in his post or in his email inbox. It is usually helpful to speak to the applicant about the new job being applied for, so that if and when possible a reference can be given, at least the priest knows who the person is and what the new job is all about!!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr Peter is organising the next Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 12th—19th October. There are 27 people going so far, and there are still places available if anyone wishes to go. Flights from / to Luton, with Luton coach transfer included. 2 Nights in Bethlehem: 2 Nights in Tiberias: 3 Nights in Jerusalem. Booking Forms on Diocesan Website or from Tangney Tours 01732 886666. Further details from Fr Peter Stott. 0191 257 5801. Price is £1295.00 per person, Single Room £275, Insurance £60.00.



World Youth Day

The Diocese, in conjunction with YMT is planning a pilgrimage for young people aged 18-30 years to World Youth Day at Krakow in Poland from 25th July—1st August 2016. The costs will be approximately £999. If anyone is interested, Fr Peter has some information and a Booking Form but more information is available on the YMT website www.ymt.org/wyd16.html



Baptism Course

The next Baptism Course is to be held on THURSDAY 13th AUGUST at St Mary'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.



Dates for Baptisms

As Fr Peter is leaving in the last week of August, dates for baptism after that week will not be given. Parents requesting Baptism after August must wait to speak to Fr Chris Hughes to organise Baptisms.

Building Works at The Orchard

There was a meeting on Thursday to discuss various possibilities re The Orchard. GallifordTry, the contractors want to use approximately 10 bays for use of Residents from South Preston Grove from Monday to Friday during work hours and several bays for resident sand visitors to The Orchard. They will be contacting the Diocesan Property Office with their proposals.

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.

Grateful Thanks

Doreen Hull would like to thank the donor of the 'Tea for Two at The Grand Hotel' which she won at the Raffle at the Summer Fayre. She and her friend wish to thank the donor for a wonderful gift which lasted for three hours earlier this week!

"Forward Together in Hope"

Before Advent, every parish in the diocese is being asked to complete its parish questionnaire for Forward Together in Hope. This questionnaire was presented to parishioners several weeks ago. Before we meet to discuss what answers to give, it is important for parishioners to think about the 12 questions of Part B of the questionnaire that were handed out recently, copies of which are still available and also on the diocesan website, pp32—44 of the Questionnaire. Those who visit the sick and housebound, and those

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who have family member who no longer attend church are encouraged to pass on a questionnaire to them also. Those who complete the Questionnaire will need to know people's responses to these questions so if you have any thoughts, please put them down in writing and hand them in addressed to 'Sean Brockbank, Forward Together in Hope'. These envelopes can be left in the sacristy or put through the presbytery door.

Assisted Suicide Bill

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This Bill puts the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Our Bishops are now asking each one of you to contact our MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. **They will be on holiday now, but you may be able to contact them in their local offices ...** You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or you can have a prepared copy of the Word.doc letter via email from Fr Peter using the parish email address—all you need to do is add your own details, our MPs details and date etc to make it your own letter. Archbishop Peter Smith writes "MPs do listen to their own constituents. What is needed is more and better palliative care, not assistance with suicide"

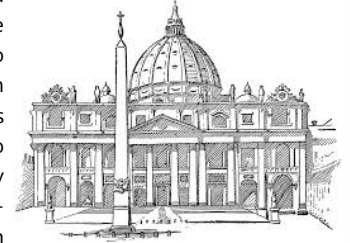


The Parish Newsletter

We are looking for people interested in helping put together the parish newsletter. Fr Peter currently prepares the newsletter throughout the week and then finalises it on a Saturday afternoon. As he is preparing to move to pastures new, this is a good time for us to see if there are any parishioners who would like to get involved in keeping the newsletter running as it is until Fr Hughes arrives. There will be a meeting at St Joseph's on Monday 27th July at 7pm for those who are interested.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Next year Pope Francis has called for a Holy Year of Mercy and we are organising a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, with Hexham and possibly Morpeth, if there is space!! It has been very difficult to get suitable dates and the only ones available were 11th September—18h September 2016, with four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi. Flights with Jet 2 from Newcastle. Price will be £760; Booking Forms will be available soon.



Newman Association

The next talk will be held on Wednesday 29th July at St Mary's, Cullercoats entitled "All Gas and Gaiters: Anglo-Catholicism" and will be given by Rev David Twomey from St George, Cullercoats

Masses, Devotions and Services

St Cuthbert's Church

St Joseph's Church

Saturday 25th July	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Mary Jeffrey	10.30am HOSPITAL MASS
Sunday 26th July 17th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Audrey Hall	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 27th July	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Deceased Bunting Family	
Tuesday 28th July		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Intentions of Joseph Ackerley
Wednesday 29th July	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Catherine Murray	
Thursday 30th July		
Friday 31st July	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion	
Saturday 1st August	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: James Geddes	
Sunday 2nd August 18th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: David Wilkin	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: Special Intention (Sr C smr)

The Holy Father's Intentions For July 2015

Universal Intention: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Missionary Intention: That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

Diocese - www.rcdhn.org.uk

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St Cuthbert's School - <http://stcuthberts.eschools.co.uk/website>

St Joseph's School - www.stjosephsrc-primary.co.uk

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