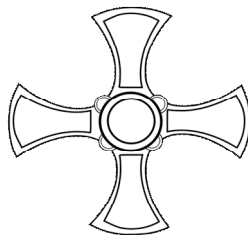


The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Sunday 16th August 2015 — The Assumption of Our Lady

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour.**

(Luke 1:46-47)

The Turin Shroud continues to grab attention. Is it or is it not the imprint of Jesus after his death? Or is it nothing more than a medieval fake? In an odd way the Assumption of Mary puts the Turin Shroud into proper perspective. Interesting thought it might be to know the truth about the shroud, it's of no importance whatsoever to our faith. The shroud is about death and grave clothes. Christianity is about resurrection and new life. The whole point of the resurrection is that Christ has relegated death to a level which can no longer harm us. It is one of the "marvels that God has worked for us".

When we come to look at Mary's Assumption we are faced with almost the same situation. Did she die or was she spared from the moment of death? A Marian Shroud would answer these questions. But it would be equally absurd.



Part of the story of Mary's Assumption is that we are called to glory, like Mary, body and soul. The Assumption is not just a personal privilege for Mary. It's made for us too. Whether our bodies rot and decay is not the question. What is at stake is that we are destined for glory not only in a spiritual but also in some bodily way. And so the Church sings at Mass of Mary as the "beginning and the pattern of the Church".

Somehow, what happened to Mary at the Assumption will happen to us. We are more than spirits. We are bodily beings and after death we will experience resurrection of the body and a glory that is more than just in the mind. Mary's Assumption is the other side of the coin to her Immaculate Conception. That intimacy she enjoyed with God from the beginning of her existence is crowned at her death. Although our own conceptions were not immaculate, we have lived in our bodily state of flesh and blood. The Assumption reaffirms the dignity of the human body. Its promise is that, like Mary, we will share in the glory of heaven in a way that is somehow both body and soul.

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, Bety Hill, Vonne and Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Bety Fenby, Canon Frank Kearney, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Mary Robertson, Father Richard Harrioti, 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 Corbeti. Please remember those who have died recently including **PJ Breen**, brother of Anne Brown who died recently in Ireland; **Winifred Hall** of Linskill Terrace who died during the week; and **Zora Murkstys** of Lambourne Avenue whose Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 21st August at 10.00am at St Cuthbert's Church: and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Offertory Collection 8th / 9th August

Total Offertory - **£1,096.49** - **THANK YOU**

Welcome to our Parish

If you are visiting North Shields during the holiday period, we offer you a very warm welcome and hope that you enjoy your visit to our parish this weekend.

Weekend Retreat of Prayer and Reflection

A Weekend Retreat entitled 'Being missionary disciples' led by Father Davide Marino will take place from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th August 2015 at the Youth Village. Fr Davide Marino teaches at the Gregorian University, Rome and at the Calabrian Theological Institute, Italy, as well as travelling widely preaching and providing catechesis. A man of prayer, devoted pastor, gifted teacher and inspiring preacher, he touches the hearts of everyone who meets him. The cost is £44.00 full board from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. For **further information** or to reserve a place contact Antony Dowling on (07966 922 086 or email antony@thewillworks.com)

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 Stoti. 0191 257 5801. Price is £1295.00 per person, Single Room £275, Insurance £60.00.



Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

We have arranged a North Shields / Hexham Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for Sunday 11th September—18th September 2016, with four nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi, flying from Newcastle Airport. The cost of the pilgrimage will be **£760.000** per person; Insurance and Single Supplements will be extra. Booking Forms are now available and places are filling up very quickly.



Cluster Journey-in-Faith Meetings

The Journey-in-Faith meetings begin 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.



Golden Wedding Mass



On Friday afternoon, Alf and Hilda McManus are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary and they are having a special Mass to mark the occasion, on Friday 21st August at 4.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church and they invite members of the parish and friends to come along to Church to join them and their family in thanksgiving for their years of married life and also to join them in the celebrations in the Hall afterwards.

Moving on / Moving In

Father Peter will be moving from St Joseph's on Wednesday 26th August and then having a holiday. Father Chris Hughes is hoping to move into St Joseph's during the first week of September, but not likely to celebrate Masses until the Saturday Vigil / Sunday Morning on 5th / 6th September. This means that there will be no priest for the Masses on the bank holiday weekend. It has been very difficult to find priests for the weekend Masses but fortunately, the Dominicans in Newcastle will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass on 29th August and Fr Peter Martin will be present for the 9.30am and 11.00am Masses on 30th August.

The Joy of the Gospel

A Churches Together celebration, 'The Joy of the Gospel' will be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday September 6th at 3.30pm. This initiative has been inspired by the positive response of all churches to Pope Francis' *Joy of the Gospel* and in particular by the very positive meetings of the Archbishop of Canterbury with Pope Francis. The Pope highlighted three areas where we could work closely together – prayer, peace, the poor- which he called the 3 P's. This inspired the north east churches to have this joint celebration of prayer and praise which will include a shared dialogue between the Anglican Archbishop of York, John Sentamu and the Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, Malcolm McMahon based on these 3 P's. The service will end with a procession to the cloister where all present will be commissioned by the Bishop of Durham and Bishop Seamus to go out and spread the Good News to all but especially with one other person. Book transport in good time. Drop off points – Palace Green (for minibuses); Students' Union, New Elvet (for coaches) then walk over bridge; Coach parking off Milburngate Bridge. Why not come early for a picnic by the river before coming to the Cathedral? However you get there, let us fill the cathedral in the service of the Gospel!

World Youth Day: 25th July - 1st August 2016

Pope Francis has invited young people aged 18—30 from across the world to join him in Kraków, Poland in July 2016. Along with the World Youth Day programme there will be an opportunity to experience the local area around Kraków including a visit to Auschwitz. The estimated cost of the Pilgrimage is £999 and covers flights, accommodation, insurance, admission to all the World Youth Day celebrations and an overnight retreat at the Emmaus Youth Village. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so to secure a place please return a registration form and deposit as soon as possible to World Youth Day, c/o Emmaus Village, Pemberton Road, Conseti, DH8 9BA. More information and a downloadable registration form can be found at www.ymt.org/wyd16.html



Baptism Congratulations

Please pray for **Mathias Arthur Kigongo** who was Baptised at St Joseph's Church last Sunday afternoon and for his parents and Godparents at this time. Pray for **Sophia Jane Pearson** who is to be Baptised at St Joseph's today [Sunday] at 12.30pm, and pray also for Inigo Miguel Lleses, who is to be baptised during the Vigil Mass next Saturday evening, 22nd August.



Flower Festival Weekend Dates and Times



Our Parish Flower Festival begins this week. It is a huge responsibility to put on such a Festival and a lot of hard work has been ongoing in the background, but there is still a lot of hard work to be done this week and all next weekend. We look forward to the end result, and we hope that you will feel able to come along and explore the church and its exhibits. The Festival will begin at 7.00pm on Thursday with a Prayer Service of readings and hymns to open the Festival, until 9pm that evening. All other opening times are given below.

- **Thursday 20th August:** 7pm, Opening Service and Refreshments.
- **Friday 21st August:** Flower Festival Open from 10am — 4pm.
- **Saturday 22nd August:** Flower Festival Open from 10am — 4pm.
- **Sunday 23rd August:** Flower Festival Open from 12.00pm — 4.30pm with Afternoon Tea.
- **Monday 24th August:** Golden Jubilee Mass at 7pm

Flower Festival Volunteers

We are extremely grateful to all those who have offered to assist with the different tasks that are needed during this Flower Festival week. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. If you still wish to be involved please sign your name on the lists in church, because we will never turn away any willing help!!

St Joseph's Jubilee Mass Preparations

The Mass to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Opening of St Joseph's Church will be celebrated at 7.00pm on Monday 24th June. You are cordially invited to join in. If you can help we still need people to be involved—see lists in church for what is needed—prepare some food for the Buffet after the 60th Jubilee Mass at St Joseph's Church on Monday 24th August. If you are able to help, please sign your name as soon as possible on the list



Jubilee Celebration Parish Dinner

A Parish Dinner has been organised for the evening of Saturday 10th October 2015. It will be held at Tynemouth Golf Club, King Edward Road, North Shields. A list is on the noticeboard for those who wish to go and you are asked to sign by 1st September. The cost is £16 per person or £13 if 'Vegetarian' option is required. Please sign up as soon as possible as there are only a certain amount of places available.



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.

Sponsoring the Sanctuary Candles

You are able to sponsor Sanctuary Candles in both churches each weekend. Envelopes for intentions and offerings are available in church.

Interfaith Cricket Match and Family Fun Day

A Family Fun Day is being held on Bank Holiday Monday 31st August from 11am—3pm at Percy Main Cricket Club. Children Under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Organised by the Diocese of Newcastle and Newcastle Council of Faiths.



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, parents requesting Baptism after August must wait to speak to Fr Chris Hughes to organise Baptisms.

Forward Together in Hope

We will soon be holding some parish meetings to discuss further the Forward Together in Hope Questions that every parish is being asked to respond to. Copies of the sheet that Sean Brockbank put out a couple of weeks ago are still available at the back of church. At the moment there has been only ONE reply. We ask that those in our community who are Ministers and go out to our household members take part in the Anchors of Prayer process. This means that Sr Maureen will be in touch with people who receive communion at home and ask them, with the Ministers, to pray for this process. There will be a brief commissioning service in the near future for Ministers. We cannot emphasise enough that this is a whole parish effort and cannot just be left to a small number of people to complete this very significant piece of work. The response to the Diocese, which will impact on our future as a viable community, requires us all to take ownership. So, please do respond and hold this process in prayer,

The first four questions to be answered are ...

The Faithful:

How can your community look to sustain and increase the number of people worshipping with you towards 2030?

Leadership:

- What lay leadership is currently viable and effective in your community?
- For what other areas of your community life could trained lay men and women assume responsibility?

Active involvement of people:

- How diverse and active are parishioners within the community?
- How can the parish community invite and prepare more people to support it?

Worship and spiritual life:

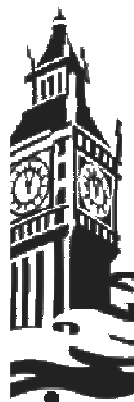
- Are there aspects of your community's regular worship together at Mass that are working particularly well and deepen the spiritual life of those present?
- Is there anything your community can do to encourage a deeper prayer life and engagement with Scripture?

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!!

Assisted Suicide Bill

The Bishops Conference has this week sent a pack of postcards to encourage us to send them to our MPs so that we may encourage them to be present to vote on Friday 11th September in the House of Commons during the debate and vote against 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 to contact our MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. If you do not wish to use the postcard, 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"



Parish Newsletter and Cluster Website

Grateful thanks to Linda Shotton, Pat Campbell and Joanna Stacey who have agreed to help with the production of the parish newsletter. The newsletter is to be put together on a Thursday evening, so any information should be emailed to St Joseph's, dropped in the letterbox at St Joseph's or handed to any of the named people above by a Wednesday evening please. Joanna is also the person from our parish who volunteered to be the parish coordinator of the Cluster website and we are very grateful to everyone who has volunteered.

Whenever your life ends, it is all there. The advantage of living is not measured by length, but by use: some have lived long, and lived little; attend to it while you are in it. It lies in your will, not in the number of years, for you to have lived enough. (Montaigne)



Masses, Devotions and Services

St Cuthbert's Church

St Joseph's Church

Saturday 15th August <i>Weekday, 19 wk</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9.30am Mass: PJ Breen 10.00am Adoration and Confessions
Sunday 16th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00am Mass: Herbert Watson	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: 12.30pm Baptism: Sophia Jane Pearson
Monday 17th August <i>Weekday, 20th week</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass: In Thanksgiving (MJ Estrada)	
Tuesday 18th August <i>Weekday, 20th week</i>		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass: PJ Breen (<i>Cahill</i>)
Wednesday 19th August <i>St Oswin, St John Eudes</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Lilian Shotton	
Thursday 20th August <i>St Bernard</i>		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Mass: No Intention
Friday 21st August <i>Dedication of St Mary's Cathedral</i>	10.00am REQUIEM MASS: Zora Murkstys 4.00pm GOLDEN WEDDING MASS: Alf and Hilda McManus	
Saturday 22nd August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Mona Edwards with Baptism: of Inigo Miguel Lleses	No Mass
Sunday 21st August 21st Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Jean Spedding	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass:

The Holy Father's Intentions For August 2015

Universal Intention: That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy

Missionary Intention: That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbours to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

Diocese - www.rcdhn.org.uk Cluster - www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk

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/>