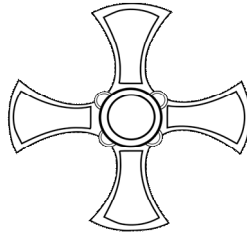


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Sunday 23rd August 2015 — 21st Sunday Year B

**Jesus said: Do you want to go away too?
Simon Peter answered: Lord, whom shall we go to?
You have the message of eternal life.**

(John 6:67-68)

When it comes to belief in Jesus, we cannot force the pace. We have all heard of much greater minds than our own who could not accept the teachings of Jesus, or who took many years to claim the gift of faith. We all know people who once worshipped in our churches, but who now never enter the doors. This might be because of their changed circumstances. But often they have just drifted from faith. The urgency we feel about our faith and our religion has deserted them. Faith can be refused, accepted or lost.

Many of Jesus' listeners, even those who had been fed with the bread and fish in the desert, could not bring themselves to accept what Jesus was teaching. For some it was an intellectual choice, for others there was "nothing there".

In our own land, where Christianity is to a degree institutionalised, we can tend to forget that Jesus' Eucharistic claims are quite extraordinary. They are an obstacle to many, rather than being obvious. All the words and phrases we take for granted seem strange and threatening to the non-believer. Maybe this incredulity should be a reminder to us of the radical nature of being a Christian. We can fall into the trap of thinking that Christianity is on a level with manners, social nicety or good citizenship.

But it isn't. Christianity is a challenge to the way the world lives. It would turn accepted values upside down if we were to practise it as Christ asks of us.

Even those of us who claim to have faith in Jesus find ourselves beset by relativism. People say that there is only one God and so it doesn't really matter what we are as long as we are trying to be nice or good. But being nice or good is nothing more than social or personal ethics, and Christianity makes much more radical demands upon us. In fact, it makes exclusive demands on us. Does Jesus claim to be THE way, truth and life, or A way, truth and life?

At the heart of Jesus' teaching, and therefore our faith, is the claim that by eating and drinking what was ordinary bread and wine, we make Christ present in our lives. Through the action of the Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine becomes the body and blood of Christ, the only real and substantial food that can give us life to the full. If you don't believe this, then many options are open to you. But if you do, then, like Simon Peter found, there is only one person to turn to.



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, Befty Hill, Vonne and Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Befty Fenby, Canon Frank Kearney, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Father Leo Coughlin, Ros McGann, Mary Robertson, Father Richard Harriot, 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 15th / 16th August

Total Offertory - **£763.79** - **THANK YOU**

Message from Fr Peter

As this is my last weekend with you in North Shields, I thought I should write a few words before the move, as it is easier to write this rather than say something at the end of Mass!! It was a shock when the Bishop asked me to move to Morpeth and to work also in Bedlington, a slightly heavier workload perhaps than here, but in the Year that I celebrate my Silver Jubilee of Ordination, I could hardly say no to him and turn my back on the Promise of Obedience made at my ordination! So, in the almost 11 years (16th September 2004) that I have lived in North Shields, I just want to say "Thank You" for making it such a good time for me. Yes, there've been headaches, and awkward times, and some people who have told it like it is!! but there have been so many wonderful opportunities to share together the love of God—at our Masses, at the many Baptisms and Funerals and Weddings, at our First Communions, in our Schools, in all the wonderful church celebrations together, at the many social events and gatherings we have enjoyed and on our Pilgrimages to many places!! Some priests used to say, 'you don't want to go to North Shields!' But I say to anyone who is appointed here, that they are very lucky because the people are wonderful, down to earth and very supportive. I've had a great time here, but I also feel that I have been able to accomplish a lot of things here, with your help and support. Thank you for accepting me into your lives and your parish and pray for me as I move on to begin the next stage of my priestly ministry in the county town of Northumberland!! Remember, if you're ever out for a drive, and you just happen to be passing by you will be very welcome and the church at Morpeth is always open throughout the day. The train and bus only take half an hour from Newcastle and it's only 18 miles away in the car!! I will be having a short break after moving in to St Robert's and my first Sunday at Morpeth will be 13th September. Thank You for all your Support.

Fr Peter

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 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

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

Bookings for this Pilgrimage have come in very quickly and because we are sharing the Pilgrimage with St Mary's Hexham, our allocation of spaces is NOW FULL. Fr Chris at Hexham already has a waiting list of 8 people!! I am informed by our Tour Operator that there is also a problem with too many SINGLE ROOM REQUESTS, so much so that the Hotels in Rome are now asking more for the Single Supplement. Those who are affected by this will be contacted by Tangney Tours. If you wish to go, but have not yet sent in a form, you will have to go on a waiting list for a cancellation for our allocation of places. Fr Peter's contact details if needed in connection with this is Tel 01670 513410 or email morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk / peterjstoft@aol.com



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.



The Joy of the Gospel

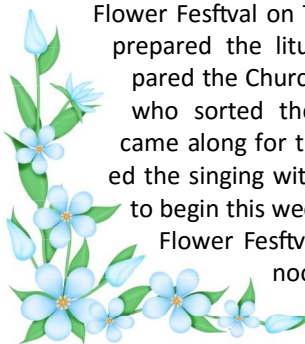
There is to be a Joint Churches Together celebration, on 'The Joy of the Gospel' will be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday September 6th at 3.30pm. A coach is being organised from St Cuthbert's Church, leaving at 1pm and returning from Durham at approximately 5pm. Actual price per person for the coach will depend on numbers travelling so please sign up as soon as possible.

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.

Flower Festival Weekend Dates and Times

Thank you to everyone who supported the Opening of our Flower Festival on Thursday evening ... to those who prepared the liturgy, the many people who prepared the Church and the Flower Arrangers, those who sorted the Cheese and Wine, those who came along for the service, the musicians who lifted the singing with their music... it was a great way to begin this weekend of Jubilee Celebrations. The Flower Festival remains open on Sunday afternoon from 12noon until 4.30pm and Afternoon Strawberry Tea will be available as refreshments.



St Joseph's Jubilee Mass

The Mass to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Opening of St Joseph's Church will be celebrated at 7pm TOMORROW [Monday evening 24th]. We hope you will feel able to come along and join in the celebrations. We are expecting a number of guests including priests and religious who have lived here in St Joseph's, as well as neighbours from our Catholic Churches and other Christian denominations and we look forward to welcoming them. There will be a buffet available after Mass and we express our thanks to all who have agreed to provide food for the table.

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.



Baptism Course

The next Baptism Course is to be held on MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER at St Cuthbert's Church at 7pm. Any parents wishing to attend must contact the Presbytery before just turning.

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.



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 Congratulations

Pray for **Sophia Jane Pearson** who was Baptised at St Joseph's last Sunday afternoon and pray also for her parents Ian and Rachael and godparents at this important time. Pray also for **Inigo Miguel Lleses**, who is to be baptised during the Vigil Mass TODAY [Saturday evening, 22nd August.]



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 fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh questions to be answered are ...

Education and formation:

- What good experiences has your community had in the past and what opportunities would you like to see for 'continuing formation' in the faith for members of your community?
- How can closer relationships be developed between the worshipping community, the school(s) the young people attend, and the families that belong to both?

Outreach:

- What good experiences has your community had regarding our call to be involved with other Christians, other faiths, all men and women of good will?
- How can your worshipping community become more immersed in the local community?

Finances:

- How do you feel about the average weekly offertory donation in your community? Does this need to increase to enable your community to flourish in 2030?
- If you are a finance-rich community, how do you feel about sharing some of your resources with very poor parts of the Diocese?

Facilities:

- What sort of use can your community foresee for any unused or underused parish facilities in the future?
- How can the community develop the capacity to look after its facilities in the future?

Assisted Suicide Bill

If you have time to write to your MP about the Assisted Suicide Debate and vote in the House of Commons on 11th September please do so. The Bishops have provided a number of post-cards to make writing to your MP a little easier and these are available in Church.

Parish Newsletter and Cluster Website

Grateful thanks to Linda Shofton, 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.



Photographic Exhibition

"St Aidan's, Wallsend are holding an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia celebrating 150 years of parish life on the 28th, 29th and 30th August from 1pm – 4pm. Photographs supplied by parishioners and their families will tell the story of St Aidan's school, class groups, football and netball teams, the drama group, parish trips as well as including family stories spanning 100 years. You might even spot a grandparent or great grandparent in a football photograph which goes back to 1907! If you or your family have any connection with St Aidan's we know you will enjoy a visit".

Trinity Charity Shop

We have recently received a further cheque from the charity shop of **£1274.35**, for the second quarter profit share of the year 2015. Once again we offer our thanks to everyone who helps out on behalf of the parish and to all who support the shop with donations of goods.

Masses, Devotions and Services

St Cuthbert's Church

St Joseph's Church

Saturday 22nd August <i>Weekday, 20 wk</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Mona Edwards with Baptism: of Inigo Miguel Lleses	9.30am Mass: PJ Breen 10.00am Adoration and Confessions
Sunday 23rd August 21st Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Jean Spedding	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: Joan Kerrison
Monday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>		7.00pm: 60th Anniversary Mass of the Opening of St Joseph's Church
Tuesday 25th August		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion Service
Wednesday 26th August <i>Bl Dominic Barberi / St Ninian</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion Service	
Thursday 27th August <i>St Monica</i>		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion Service
Friday 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion Service	
Saturday 29th August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Mary Jeffrey	No Mass
Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Bridget Stewart	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: NO INTENTION

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/>