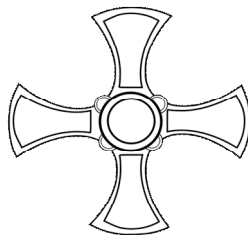


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Sunday 2nd August 2015 — 18th Sunday, Year B

I am the bread of life.

**Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.**

(John 6: 35)

Having to worry about tomorrow, about paying the rent or mortgage, is something which affects us all. Not being concerned about feeding and clothing the children is a luxury which most of us never experience, unless we have money to burn. And it doesn't stop with money. We worry about our family, about their health, about their plans and their hopes. We become concerned for our friends, for their jobs or their happiness. Thank goodness we do. We we'd be cold and heartless creatures if we didn't.

In fact, some religious people can be very off-putting when they talk about their approach to the future. They make it seem as if it's wrong to be bothered about tomorrow. Well, if our worry becomes all-consuming then it surely is wrong, not only religiously but psychologically wrong. But by the same token, if we act as if we're unconcerned by tomorrow, then we probably need a big kick-start before doing anything. A little bit of stress is necessary to poke us through the day.

When Jesus speaks of himself as the bread of life, he is offering us a way through this maze. Bread does not just mean flour and water. "Our daily bread" means the substance of all things, what really matters in life, the heart of the matter. Jesus is saying that if we eat this living bread which he gives, then we will never be hungry again. Eating the bread of life means being firmly founded, secure in the promises of Jesus. Jesus tells us that to follow him is to understand, as far as we can this side of the grave, the real point of life, to live no longer seeking purpose and direction but to be filled, satisfied and replete.



Religion is not magic. Christians who accept Jesus as the bread of life, as the centre of all that they do, find that they come across the same problems, difficulties and worries as everyone else. What makes the difference is that, by eating the bread of life, we acknowledge that these problems can have no permanent hold over us. Pressing though they may seem, they are relativized by Christ. We can put them in their proper context, seeing that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. It would be a pity if we spent so much time earning a crust that we never got to taste the true bread.

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 25th / 26th July

Total Offertory - **£826.68 - THANK YOU**

Day for Life

The Day for Life Appeal raised **£183.91**. 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.

Mission Appeal

Today we offer a very warm welcome to Fr George Njoroge CSSp, a member of the Spiritan Congregation, or Holy Ghost Fathers, who is making a Mission Appeal on behalf of their Community and their Missions. Ordained a priest in 2002, Fr George originally comes from Kenya, but has worked in Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia and Kenya and is currently doing further studies in Communications in Rome.



!! 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 !!



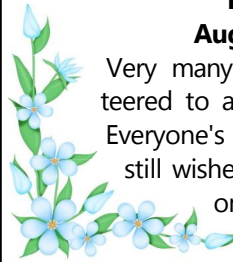
Sponsoring the Sanctuary Candles

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

Flower Festival Volunteers

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

Very many thanks to all those who have volunteered to assist with the Flower Festival weekend. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. If anyone still wishes to be involved please sign your name on the lists in church, because we will never turn away any willing help!!



Flower Festival Weekend Dates and Times

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 12.30pm—4.30pm with Afternoon Tea.

Monday 24th August: Golden Jubilee Mass at 7pm

Flower Festival Posters

There are a number of posters available for the Flower festival. If you could take one away and help promote the Festival or you know where one could be displayed, please take one away with you.



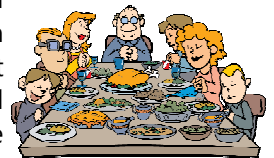
St Joseph's Jubilee Mass Preparations



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 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.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Please keep the pilgrims in Lourdes in your prayers. There are over 500 from the diocese there this week.



There is a special Lourdes App for smartphones where you can watch the Grotto live and there is the Lourdes website also that offers live streaming coverage of the Grotto and International Masses. (Sunday and Wednesday at 8.30am UK time)

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 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 or contact Antony Dowling on ☎ 07966 922 086 or email antony@thewillworks.com

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 may not be 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 we did not have enough time to get your requested date.



Mass Intentions

Cluster Journey-in-Faith Meetings

The Journey-in-Faith meeting 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.



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.



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 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 23rd August will not be given. Parents requesting Baptism after August must wait to speak to Fr Chris Hughes to organise Baptisms.

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.

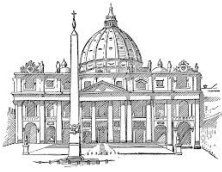
Assisted Suicide Bill

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 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"



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 will be available in the next couple of weeks.. Places will be limited.



Forward Together in Hope

There is an extra sheet with this newsletter today which is a message from Sean Brockbank, our parish representative from Forward Together in Hope. As you will see, Sean comments that as yet, there have been no written response to the questions that were given out several weeks ago, and despite several requests in the newsletter, still nothing came in. Please take the information from Sean away with you today and try and answer the questions to help Sean complete the questionnaire for the diocesan office.



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!!

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.



Masses, Devotions and Services

St Cuthbert's Church

St Joseph's Church

Saturday 1st August	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: James Geddes	10.30am HOSPITAL MASS
Sunday 2nd August 18th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: David Wilkin	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: Special Intention (Sr C smr)
Monday 3rd August <i>St Oswald</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion	
Tuesday 4th August <i>St John Vianney</i>		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion
Wednesday 5th August <i>Dedication Basilica St Mary Major</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion	
Thursday 6th August <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion
Friday 7th August <i>St Sixtus & St Cajetan</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion	
Saturday 8th August <i>St Dominic</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Percy Tinwell	
Sunday 9th August 18th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: John Ray	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

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/>