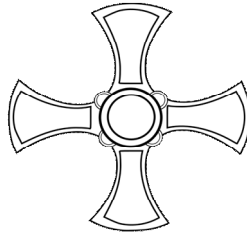


# The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

**Saint Cuthbert  
Catholic Church**  
*Albion Road West  
North Shields*



**Saint Joseph  
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## Sunday 30th August 2015 — 22nd Sunday Year B

**Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean.**

(Mark 7:18-20)

Motorists don't leave their cars in no-parking zones because they don't want to have them towed away. Ordinary citizens don't break into other people's homes because they don't want to go to prison. Generally speaking, it's the consequence of our actions which makes us stop and think. We behave the way we do because the alternative is unattractive.

What about the commandments? Why do we obey them? Is it because we fear that we will not have the happiness of heaven if we have no regard for the law of God? Is it just out of habit that we keep them, or is it because we would be ashamed if people found out we were liars, thieves or adulterers?

It's hard to be absolutely sure about our motives for anything. When we keep the law it may be because of deep-felt civic responsibility, but it may just be from fear of penalty. When we give up our time for some voluntary work, agree to play the organ in church, organise the Summer Fair or join a charitable group, are we not thinking just a bit about what's in it for us? Doesn't even our goodness mask a little self-interest?

When Moses brought God's commandments to the people he told them to take notice. But he sold them to the Israelites on the strength of what they offered - life! He told them that if they obeyed the commandments of the law, then they would have the life that they wanted, they would take possession of the land they were hoping for, and everyone would see them as a wise and understanding nation.

The people who came in for criticism from Jesus were those who kept the laws, but whose heart was not in true religion. They observed the commandments right down to the last detail, but it was all a veneer; a mask; underneath it all they were self-seeking. So Jesus accuses them of casting aside what God wants and clinging to human traditions and customs which make them respectable in people's eyes. It's not what you do; it's what you mean to do.

The unusual thing about God's law is that its only purpose is to provide us with what's good for us. It has no hidden agenda. It's not as if God is manipulating things so that we all have to jump through legal hoops. To obey God's law results in the happiness which God planned for us and society. That's why they are called the commandments of life, because they promote all that's good about life. We obey them because we know what's good for us.

So why do I go to church? Why do I try to avoid theft, murder, cheating, gossiping etc.? Is it because I am really just? Or is it because I'm just under the mask?



### 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 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; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Offertory Collection 22nd/23rd August**  
Total Offertory - **£805.09 - 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.

#### **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](mailto:morpeth.strobertnewminster@rcdhn.org.uk) / [peterjstoti@aol.com](mailto:peterjstoti@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.



#### **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.

#### **Bonus Ball**

September's Bonus Ball subs are due next week, 6th September, £4.00.

#### **The Joy of the Gospel**

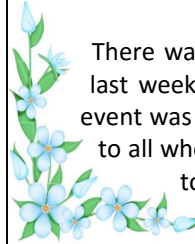
There is to be a Joint Churches Together celebration, on 'The Joy of the Gospel' will be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm. A coach is being organised from St Cuthbert's Church, leaving at 1pm and returning from Durham at approximately 5pm. Actual price per person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

#### **St Joseph's Jubilee Mass**

The Mass to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Opening of St Joseph's Church was celebrated last Monday. It was very well attended with a number of priests, parishioners, members of the Cluster and other Christian Denominations. Following the Mass there was a social gathering which was enjoyed by all. The evening was a great success. buffet available after Mass and we express our thanks to all who have agreed to provide food for the table.

#### **Flower Festival Weekend**

There was a fabulous display of flowers in St Joseph's last weekend to help celebrate the jubilee year. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who helped make this a success, to many people to mention. The Church looked beautiful.



#### **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.



#### **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.

#### **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 postcards to make writing to your MP a little easier and these are available in Church.

### 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

Parents requesting Baptism should speak to Fr Chris Hughes to organise Baptisms when he joins us.

### Baptism Congratulations

Pray for **Inigo Miguel Lleses** who was Baptised at St Cuthbert's last Saturday at the vigil Mass. Please also pray for his parents and godparents at this important time.

### Parish Newsletter and Cluster Website

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 Pat Campbell, Linda Shotton or Joanna Stacey 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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".

### Fr Peter's Induction

Fr Peter's Induction as Parish Priest of Morpeth and Bedlington will be on 16th September at 6.30 pm at St Robert's Morpeth. Travel arrangements to be confirmed.

### 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.

### Forward Together in Hope

#### Parish meeting:

The first of our parish meetings will take place on **Saturday 12th September 2015 between 10am and 1pm in St. Cuthbert's Parish Hall**. This session will consider all of the questions for our response to the Diocese and will be divided into small group discussions as well as full group exploration of the key questions. In the coming two months there will be much shorter sessions following each Sunday Mass (including vigil), but this session is the main event to consider the response to the Diocese. Would you please make a special effort to attend and put this in your diary?

#### Prayer Anchors:

There will be a short service of commissioning for Ministers who take communion to our housebound or sick members of the parish community when Fr. Chris arrives, however, the following prayer is provided by the Diocese to be used by all parishioners. Can you please use this prayer in your daily devotions and keep Forward Together in Hope in your prayers?



*Glory be to the Father –*

*in whom we live and move and have our being.*

*Glory be to the Son –*

*whose name we bear and who calls each of us to be his disciples; to build his Kingdom and to go out into the world and bear its fruit.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit –*

*pouring out grace and guidance, forming us and renewing us.*

*Inspire us all in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to live the Gospel, be open to change and move forward together in hope.*

#### Online survey:

From experience, there may not be a very large turnout at the parish meetings so the Diocese has provided an online version of the survey for individual parishioners to use. It can be found at - <https://forwardtogether.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hope>

Please make use of the meetings and the online survey so we can provide a good response to the Diocese! If you have any questions, please email [sean\\_brockbank@hotmail.com](mailto:sean_brockbank@hotmail.com) or speak to Sean Brockbank or Ian Pearson after Mass.

### North East Churches Together—Recovery Walk

A recovery walk will be held on Saturday 12 September at The Sands, at 12.00 noon. This is a national event and the organisers are expecting a lot of visitors. It raises awareness of addiction and recovery issues, and helpers are needed to assist with stewarding and other practical tasks. If interested email: [volunteers@ukrecoverywalk.org](mailto:volunteers@ukrecoverywalk.org) The charity UK Recovery Walk raises awareness of addiction & recovery. Expected between 5 - 10k people to attend this event, with bands & food stalls etc by The Sands. A clip from YouTube of the UK Recovery Walk 2014, Manchester is: [http://youtu.be/g0ry6MVG\\_zw](http://youtu.be/g0ry6MVG_zw)

### Vocation Discernment

For those thinking about Priesthood (Aged 16 and over)

Evenings of Prayer and Reflection are being held with an opportunity to listen to speakers, talk about their own discernment, faith journeys and vocations. The evenings are being held at St Mary's Cathedral, 6.30-8.30 pm and a meal will follow these evenings of prayer and reflection. For further details, contact Diocesan Vocations Promoter, Fr David Smith, 0191 267 6063, e-mail [stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnvianneywestdenton@gmail.com).

The dates are:

Wednesday 23 September 2015

Wednesday 21 October 2015

Wednesday 25 November 2015

Wednesday 16 December 2015—Christmas Social Evening

Wednesday 20 January 2016

Wednesday 24 February 2016

Wednesday 27 April 2016

Wednesday 25 May 2016

Wednesday 22 June 2016

### Service to Remember the Gaul Fishing Trawler Tragedy

There will be a special service to remember the Gaul fishing trawler tragedy on **Saturday 19 September at 12.30pm**. A coach party of now 52 Retired Fishermen & their families are coming up to North Shields.

The service will take place at the plaque which was placed to mark the 40 years of the Gaul, last year. This is at Chirton Dene Quays, Albert Edward Dock, now Royal Quays Marina. This is where the Ranger Castor as she was then, berthed from. Thirty six lives were lost on the Gaul, of which six were from North Tyneside.

The visit is seen as a historical one and there hasn't been a group on this scale visiting North Shields since the Gaul was lost in February 1974. The special Service will be the starting point of the Hull visit to North Shields and a time to reflect, and to remember for both Hull and North Shields families.

## Masses, Devotions and Services

### St Cuthbert's Church

### St Joseph's Church

**Saturday 29th August**  
*Beheading of John the Baptist*

**5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions**  
**5.30pm Vigil:** Mary Jeffrey

**Sunday 30th August**  
**22nd Sunday Year B**

**11.00am Mass:** Bridget Stewart

**9.25am** *The Angelus*  
**9.30am Mass:** ..... NO INTENTION .....

**Monday 31st August**

**9.00am** *Adoration of Blessed Sacrament*  
**9.30am Word and Communion Service**

**Tuesday 1st September**

**9.00am** *Adoration of Blessed Sacrament*  
**9.30am Word and Communion Service**

**Wednesday 2nd September**

**9.00am** *Adoration of Blessed Sacrament*  
**9.30am Word and Communion Service**

**Thursday 3rd September**  
*St Gregory the Great*

**9.00am** *Adoration of Blessed Sacrament*  
**9.30am Word and Communion Service**

**Friday 4th September**

**9.00am** *Adoration of Blessed Sacrament*  
**9.30am Word and Communion Service**

**Saturday 5th September**  
*Bl Teresa of Calcutia*

**5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions**  
**5.30pm Vigil:** Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn

**No Mass**

**Sunday 6th September**  
**22nd Sunday Year B**

**11.00am Mass:** Sean Hunter

**9.25am** *The Angelus*  
**9.30am Mass:** Deceased Hearons Family

### 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](http://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](http://www.stjosephsrc-primary.co.uk)

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