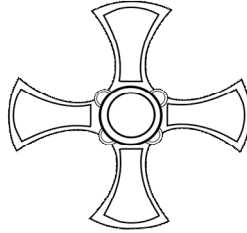


# The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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## Sunday 9th August 2015 — 19th Sunday, Year B

**I am the living bread  
which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.**

(John 6: 51)

Scripture scholars tell us that John's gospel was written a long time after the other three. John was able to see how the others had spelt out the story and how it had been received. When he came to write his gospel he set about things in a different way. He usually presents a miracle and then reports how people reacted to the miracle and how they questioned Jesus about its significance. This is what is happening in the gospel passages for the next few weeks. The 5000 have been fed, and people are beginning to argue with Jesus about what the "Bread of Life" actually means.

But, according to the experts, every now and again John reports a phrase of Jesus that is intended to show him as God, not simply as a human being. These very special cases are called "Ego eimi" phrases in the original Greek. What they actually mean is "I am...". It doesn't mean that every time Jesus said these two words he was claiming to be God. He would have said, "I am..." thousands of times during his life. But there are certain times when this "I am..." statement is said to be a reference by John to Jesus's divinity. In fact, there are seven such occasions:



**"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."** Jesus points out that if we want to know how to get to heaven then he is the route we must take.

**"I am the Good Shepherd."** Unlike an ordinary shepherd Jesus loves his sheep so much that he will lay down his life for them.

**"I am the Light of the world."** Amid all the choices which face us in the darkness of life, Jesus says that his teachings make sense of our decisions.

**"I am the True Vine."** This is a claim of Jesus that without him we will wither and after our unproductive life we will be permanently fruitless.

**"I am the Resurrection and the Life."** Even death has no hold over those who live life in Jesus, for in the Spirit's power he has destroyed death.

**"I am the Door"** Jesus is the gate into the sheepfold, the door which leads to heaven. He has revealed to us all he learnt from the Father.

**"I am the Bread of Life."** By eating the bread which Christ gives we enjoy life now and for ever.

John knew Jesus to be the Son of God. Could it be that in these statements he is hinting at this to us?

### 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 1st / 2nd August**  
Total Offertory - **£829.62 - 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

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Mission Appeal last weekend for the Spiritans / Holy Ghost Fathers. The total raised came to **£674.72**. Very many thanks to everyone who make the Mission Priest welcome and to Jeannie Rutherford who offered overnight accommodation for him.



### !! 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 .... !!

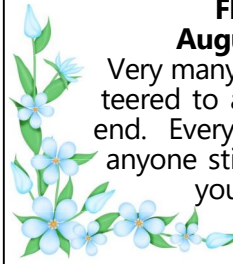
### Weekend Retreat of Prayer and Reflection

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](mailto:antony@thewillworks.com)

### 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

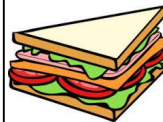
### Flower Festival Posters

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.



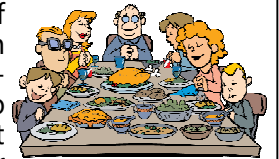
### St Joseph's Jubilee Mass Preparations

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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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 / 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: 25th July - 1st August 2016

Pope Francis has invited young people from across the world to join him in Kraków, Poland in July 2016. It is a great opportunity for those aged 18-30 to travel with Bishop Séamus and other young people from the diocese for 8 days of pilgrimage. 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, Consett, DH8 9BA. More information and a downloadable registration form can be found at [www.ymt.org/wyd16.html](http://www.ymt.org/wyd16.html)



### 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.



### 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.



### 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!!

### 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.

### Living the Joy of the Gospel

Living the Joy of the Gospel will be held at Durham Cathedral on Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Mc Mahon 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 mini- buses); 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!



### Forward Together in Hope

There are leaflets at the back of church 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.



### 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](http://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"



## Masses, Devotions and Services

### St Cuthbert's Church

### St Joseph's Church

<b>Saturday 8th August</b> <i>Weekday, 18 wk</i>	<b>5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> Percy Tinwell	
<b>Sunday 9th August</b> <b>19th Sunday Year B</b>	<b>11.00am Mass:</b> John Ray	<b>9.25am</b> <i>The Angelus</i> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Special Intention (Sr C smr) <b>12.30pm Baptism</b> Mathias Arthur Kigongo
<b>Monday 10th August</b> <i>St Lawrence</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Mary McNally	
<b>Tuesday 11th August</b> <i>St Clare</i>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Special Intention (Sr C smr)
<b>Wednesday 12th August</b> <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Kerry O'Neill	
<b>Thursday 13th August</b> <i>Ss Pontian and Hippolytus</i>		<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Special Intention (Sr C smr)
<b>Friday 14th August</b> <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	<b>9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Jean Spedding	
<b>Saturday 15th August</b> <i>Weekday, 19 wk</i>	<b>5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Vigil:</b> Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	<b>9.30am Mass:</b> ..... NO INTENTION ..... <b>Confessions: 10am—10.30am</b>
<b>Sunday 16th August</b> <b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>11.00am Mass:</b> Herbert Watson	<b>9.25am</b> <i>The Angelus</i> <b>9.30am Mass:</b> Special Intention (Sr C smr) <b>12.30pm Baptism:</b> Sophia Jane Pearson

### 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/>