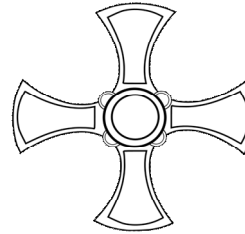


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Sunday 20 September 2015 — 25th Sunday Year B

**Anyone who welcomes one of these little children welcomes me; and anyone
who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.**

(Mark 9:37)

Trying to be a Christian can sometimes be a confusing business. We can do our best to love God, to follow Christ and to practise our religion, but there can be niggling doubts about whether we are always doing the right thing.

Two small children summed it up beautifully. When one took the larger slice of cake from the plate, the other said that he would have let the larger and taken the smaller piece out of good manners. "That's OK then," said the first child, "because I've got it anyway."

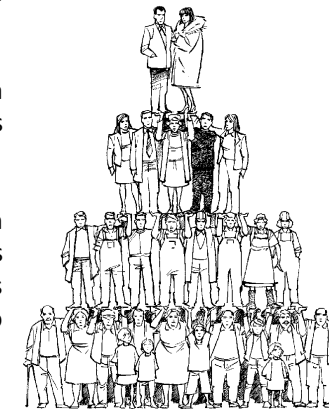
How do you draw the line between being Christian and being walked over? Should there be a limit to how "Christian" you should try and be? Does it mean that because you always put others first, you should end up with nothing? Are Christianity and ambition compatible?

You wouldn't be the first person to wonder about these sort of questions. The Book of Wisdom represents the pinnacle of practical thought in the Old Testament, and right at the start it tackles these issues. Let's test believers, it says, to find out what will happen to them. Let's play all kinds of tricks on them, and see if God takes care of them. Of course, this is exactly what was going to happen to Jesus.

But how do we react to this situation? It can often seem that ordinary good people lose out to those who are unscrupulous. Sometimes it looks as if crime does pay. The rich get richer on the backs of the poor and the defenceless. Everything seems tilted so that the most ruthless get to the top whilst the meek carry all the burdens. Shouldn't we just join in?

Christians don't have to sit back and let themselves be exploited. But they do have to act upon values which the street-wise consider to be foolish. Whilst ensuring that everyone receives what is rightfully theirs, the Christian is called to a set of values which turn conventional wisdom on its head: justice through love. Christians have ambition but not cut-throat ambition, desires but not greed, aspirations but not jealousy. St James reminds us that if we are not at peace inwardly with ourselves, then we're ready to get what we want at any cost.

And when Jesus praises the virtues of the little child, he's not inviting us to remain childish but childlike. Maybe he's saying that as adults we have to have the best qualities of the child. A tiny child does not know how to sin, but an adult Christian chooses not to sin. A tiny child is harmless through innocence, but an adult Christian chooses not to go on the attack through virtue. Christian wisdom means not so much that we are incapable of getting one over on everyone else, but rather that we are unwilling to do so.



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.

Inducton of Fr Chris as Parish Priest

Fr Anthony O'Donoghue, our Dean, has kindly agreed to preside at the Induction of Fr Chris as your Parish Priest on Friday 16th October at 7pm at St Cuthbert's. Fr Chris hopes as many of the parish as possible will be able to participate in the celebration of this induction. There will be more information at a later time

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.

Pope John Paul II Awards

The launch of the Pope John Paul II Awards in our Diocese will take place over September and October this year. This is an award for young people in the age range of 16 to 18 and is intended to empower them to take an active part in the life of the church. If you are a pupil in a Catholic secondary school you should already be aware of the Awards but if you are being educated elsewhere, or have left school you may not be aware but are encouraged to participate in the award. To find out more visit www.thepopejohnpauliiaward.com and select Hexham and Newcastle from the list on the right hand side of the home page. Instead, you could talk to the one of the co-ordinators, Linda Shotton or Maria Robson.

Refugee Crisis

The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, in the Light of Pope Francis's call for all Catholic Parishes in Europe to help respond to the refugee crisis, have asked if possible for every diocese to have a facilitating agency to co-ordinate responses to the crisis from parishes. Fortunately this diocese already has its own Destitute Asylum Seekers and Refugees Project based in Newcastle. This project has agreed to work with parishes to co-ordinate responses. Fr Chris is looking for volunteers to help work with the Diocesan Refugee Project to facilitate the parish response to the crisis. If anyone would like to help with this, please contact Fr Chris as soon as possible

Eastern European Piety Stall

Next Friday, September 25th after the 9.30 Mass at St Cuthbert's, A sister from a Russian Orthodox Convent in Belarus will be selling items for their orphanage and other works of care in their local community.

Cluster Journey-in-Faith Meetings

The Journey-in-Faith meetings begin on Wednesday 7 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.

Meetings at St Cuthbert's

In order to avoid double booking of rooms for meetings at St Cuthbert's, could you please inform the parish secretary at St Cuthbert's, Sheila Hall, of any parish meetings at St Cuthbert's, so they go into St Cuthbert's diary. In her role, Sheila takes external bookings for St Cuthbert's. It would be embarrassing for all involved if a parish group discovered there was an outside group already using the required room!

Holy Island Days of Reflection

The day for next month will be on Saturday 17 October also from 11.am -3pm. The day will be lead by your new parish priest, Fr Chris. The theme will be ' A call to ecological conversion: A reflection on the Pope's letter on the environment, Laudato Si. To book please contact either by e-mail: spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk or by phone: 0191 243 3302

Dates for Baptisms and Course

Parents requesting Baptism should speak to Fr Chris to organise Baptisms and will be required to attend the next Baptism Course.

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 Chris. After the Baptism Course, the parents should speak once again to Fr Chris 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.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Appeal on Wednesday 23rd September, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon, at St Cuthbert's. The Coffee Morning is the perfect chance to catch up over a cuppa and a slice of something delicious for a great cause. One in three of us will face cancer, and the money raised at the Coffee Morning will help MacMillan make sure no one has to face it alone.

Meeting

Parish Council: Monday 28 September, 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's.

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

On Saturday 12 September, 24 parishioners braved the weather and attended our community's meeting concerning the Forward Together in Hope project. We had some excellent discussion and produced some fruitful ideas, which we will share with you in the coming weeks.

As part of the process of becoming 'Prayer Anchors' for the project, at each Sunday Mass next weekend there will be a brief commissioning service for all those who are sick or housebound, Ministers who visit them and all of us who pray for Forward Together in Hope. Please make a special effort to attend and take part.

As ever, you can complete your own response to the questions online - see the diocesan website, or contact Ian Pearson, Sean Brockbank or Fr. Chris. We have had only two responses from the parish and this is a poor reflection of how important this process is. Please do take the time to respond.

Finally, the two questions we want you to pray about and respond to are:

a) Given all the findings you have explored as part of the process, what would you see as the priorities to ensure a viable and flourishing community in 2030?

b) In terms of good practice, is there something your community is involved in which will be of interest to others in the Diocese?

We hope to have drafted the rest of the questionnaire for presentation soon so we will need to consider these final questions before submitting our responses.

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 or speak to Sean Brockbank or Ian Pearson after Mass.

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.

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

Youth Sunday Preparation

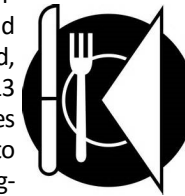
An afternoon to prepare for Youth Sunday will take place at St Robert's School Washington on Sunday 11 October 3.00-5.15 pm. This year's theme is mercy or "love undeserved". As we reflect on the involvement of young people in our communities as part of Forward Together in Hope, Youth Sunday will give an opportunity for the whole parish to support young people by welcoming their presence and witness. A variety of resources will be available. All adults and young people (year 9 and above) are invited—please see Fr Chris if you would like to go along. Further details are available from the Youth Ministry Team on 01207 592244 or admin@ymt.org.

Pro-Life Pilgrimage

Reparation, prayers and Mass for the sanctity of life at Osmotherley on Sunday 4 October. Coach from Newcastle with pick-up points. Cost £15. Starts outside Osmotherley Catholic Church at 11.00 am. Reservation hotline 0191 285 4395.

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. The cost is £16 per person or £13 if 'Vegetarian' option is required. Meal choices and £5 deposits required by 27 September to Hilda McManus at St Cuthbert's or Joanna Wagget at St Joseph's.



Prison Matters

Some of you may have seen Fr Chris' article in the Northern Cross this month regarding his work with encouraging parishes across Christian denominations to support people who are or who have been in prison. If you would like more information about his work please contact Fr Chris. A representative of the National Association of Official Prison Visitors has sent the parish some leaflets for those who would be interested in becoming a prison visitor. Fr Chris would also like to bring to your attention the visit of Sr. Helen Prejean to the Cathedral on October 5th at 7pm. Sr. Helen has worked for many years with American prisoners on death row. She was also highly influential in the decision of Pope John Paul II to withdraw Church support for the death penalty from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. She is an inspirational speaker! Fr Chris highly recommends this meeting

Refugees

The diocesan Refugee Service is saying that any contributions of non-perishable food and toiletries would be most appreciated. There is big demand for tins of tomatoes! If anyone in the parish is willing to co-ordinate parish responses to this crisis, your offer would be most appreciated. Also, any offer of accommodation of refugees to the refugee service would be also appreciated though there is no knowing at this stage when any offers could be taken up by refugees

Pastoral Care of Sick and Housebound

Fr Chris sees this as an important part of parish pastoral care. He would like to have a list of all the sick and housebound in the parish and the Eucharistic ministers who visit them. If you are aware of anyone who is not having any regular contact with Sr. Maureen or a special minister could you please let either Sr. Maureen or Fr Chris know their names and addresses? Also, if you are aware of anyone who has been bereaved recently and would appreciate a visit also please inform Sr. Maureen or Fr Chris

Newman Assocaton

The theme for the next talk will be “ SVP, Ozanam Camp Holy Island” a Talk by Mick Reynolds. The camp has been running for 60 years,. Come and hear about the fun and hard work that has made them such a success at St Mary’s RC Church Hall Farringdon Road Cullercoats NE30 3EY at 7.30 Wednesday 30 September All welcome.

Jumble Sale

31 October at 11.00 am at St Cuthbert’s. Good clean jumble required. No electrical goods. Thank you.

Internattonal Mass

A celebration of the rich diversity of our City, of our Diocese and of our Church at St Mary’s Church Sunderland on 24 October . Presider Bishop Seamus Cunningham. Mass at 11.00 am followed by a shared lunch in St Mary’s Parish Hall. See poster for more information.

Laudato Si

A day conference at St Teresa’s Church Hall Heaton Road, Newcastle based on Pope Francis on Care of the Environment. Saturday 24 October from 10.30-3.30 pm Speakers Fr Colin Carr OP, Fr Sean Hall, Fr Chris Hughes. Cost £6 payable (£3 under 19) on the day (includes lunch). Reserve a place by 19 October, email colin.carr@english.op.org or 0191 265 9108.

Diocesan Altar Servers Mass

St Mary’s Cathedral 14 November at 11.00 am. The annual Guild of St Stephen’s Mass in our Diocese. Servers are asked to wear alb and red band, cassock and cotia and guild medal. All welcome.

Celebrate North East

Catholic Charismatic weekend conference, 7-8 November at St Joseph’s Catholic Academy, Hebburn. Theme ‘Your Word is a lamp to guide my feet’ See poster for cost and more information.

	Masses, Devottions and Services	
	St Cuthbert’s Church	St Joseph’s Church
Saturday 19 September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Lewis Roland	9.30am Mass: No Intention 10.00am Adoration and Confessions
Sunday 20 September 25th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Frank Houghton	9.25am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.30am Mass: Michael Falla
Monday 21 September <i>St Matthew Apostle & Evangelist</i>	9.00am Adoratton of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion Service	
Tuesday 22 September		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am No Intention
Wednesday 23 September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	9.30am Mass Nora & Mati e O’Brien RIP	
Thursday 24 September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>		9.00am Adoratton of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am The Mercy Associates
Friday 25 September	9.00am Adoratton of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Kathleen & John Whitley	
Saturday 26 September <i>SS Cosmos & Damian MM</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9.30am Mass: No Intention Confessions: 10.00-10.30 am
Sunday 27 September 26th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Intentions of SVP	9.25am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.30am Mass: People of the Parish

The Holy Father’s Intenttons For September 2015

Universal Intention: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people
Evangelisatton Intention: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim

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/>