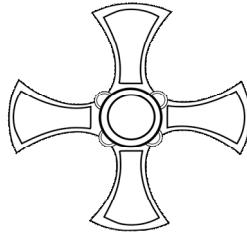


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Sunday 6 September 2015 — 23rd Sunday Year B

He has done all things well; he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.
(Mark 7: 37)

If you saw someone leaping over a high fence like a deer, you would no doubt be surprised. Even more so if the person happened to be lame.

If you were watching a deaf and dumb choir in a church and they stopped signing and began singing, you would probably be quite stunned.

This sort of thing would be headline news. No one would expect it to happen. Yet this is precisely what is promised to those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God. Isaiah uses these strange examples to get across the point that God is not a religious relic but a merchant of marvel. When we allow God to swing into action, then wonders are commonplace. In fact, faith becomes wonderful.

But we have to let it happen, otherwise our faith will stay on the desert level. The ground on which we stand in our relationship with God will remain dry and parched. We have to want to be refreshed with the life-giving water which the scriptures promise.

If we're not careful we can end up not so much getting what we'd like but liking what we've got. The daily grind of living and working can make our senses dull. We start never to expect much from life, and then we begin to treat our religion as ordinary and humdrum. We set our faith sights very low, and that way we are not disappointed.

Yet nothing could be further from the truth. To be a Christian is not an appointment with duty. It's a call to adventure. It's a challenge to find God in all the everyday experiences of life; to see God's face in all those we meet daily; to be inspired and uplifted by all that is positive, and to be determined in our efforts to overturn all that detracts from the goodness of God's creation.

Being a Christian, then, is not a passive thing. We can't call ourselves Christian and leave things up to others. It means constantly agreeing to the commitments of our baptism, constantly allowing ourselves to be surprised and enriched by what God has to offer, constantly having our ears unblocked and our tongues loosened. So don't just be a lace-curtain Christian, watching life from behind a religious net...come and take your rightful place. You might be surprised at what you see and hear!



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, Betiy Hill, Vonne and Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Betiy 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 Corbeti. Please remember those who have died recently; and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

A Note from your New Parish Priest

Just a quick hello! I arrived on Tuesday and have been quietly settling myself in. The presbytery was beautifully clean and tidy, so my heartfelt thanks to those who worked so hard in the presbytery and made my arrival so easy. I will say something about myself and my background at the weekend so I will not say much now. Suffice to say for now, that I look forward to meeting you all in the parish and serving you as your Parish Priest. Please keep me in your prayers. I would also like us as a parish to keep Fr Peter in our prayers as he prepares to take up his new responsibilities as Parish Priest of St Robert's Morpeth and St Bede's Bedlington

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/peterjstoti@aol.com



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.

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.



Bonus Ball

September's Bonus Ball subs are due this 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 6th at 3.30pm. A coach has been organised from St Cuthbert's Church, leaving at 1pm and returning from Durham at approximately 5pm.

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 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.



Dates for Baptisms

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

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.

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 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 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_wz

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

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.

Meetings

Social: Monday 7th September, 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's
Liturgy and Formation: Monday 14 September, 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's

Parish Council: Monday 29 September, 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's. If anyone has items for the agenda, can they please e-mail Linda Shotton (lindashotton@googlemail.com) by 17 September or Ian Pearson.

Thank You

Hilda and Alf McManus would like to thank everyone who made their Golden Wedding celebrations so special. They feel so blessed with many good friends and family. A donation of £500.00 has been sent to St Martha's House in Bethlehem due to your generosity. God bless you all and thank you.

World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel

Wall will Fall—God has broken down the dividing walls. Saturday 19th September, 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm, St Thomas' Church, Haymarket, Newcastle. Workshops, worship, refreshments. See poster in porch.

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.

World War 1 and the Sisters of Mercy Illustrated Talk

On Wednesday 16th September at 7.00 pm at St Cuthbert's Church Hall. Speakers Claire Childs, Archivist in Bermondsey and Jenny Smith, Archivist in Birmingham. In 2014 to commemorate the Centenary of the start of the First World War, the Archivists of the Sisters of Mercy created a standing exhibition as well as an illustrated talk to recall the experiences and involvement of the Sisters, Priests and school children during WW1.

This is a story of real people living through war. Not the abstract idea of thousands of soldiers in trenches, but individuals—Priests taking the Catholic Faith to the trenches, children suffering zeppelin attacks and Sisters nursing. The exhibition and talk has been taken to many areas. The reactions to seeing the presentation have been very positive and have given us much encouragement.

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 5th September <i>Bl Teresa of Calcutta</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	
Sunday 6th September 23rd Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Sean Hunter	9.25am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.30am Mass: Deceased Hearons Family
Monday 7th September	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion Service	
Tuesday 8th September <i>Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Zora Murkstys
Wednesday 9th September <i>St Peter Claver</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am No Intention	
Thursday 10th September		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am No Intention
Friday 11th September	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am No Intention	
Saturday 12th September <i>Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: People of the Parish	9.30 am No Intention Confessions: 10.00-10.30 am
Sunday 13th September 24th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: No Intention	9.25am <i>The Angelus</i> 9.30am Mass: No Intention

The Holy Father's Intentions For September 2015

Universal Intention: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people

Evangelisation 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/>