

The Tablet Public Lecture
 Prof. Stanley Hauerwas. *The Spirit and the Church*. Monday 2 November 2015 8.00pm - 9.30pm
 Arnold Wolfendale Lecture Theatre, Calman Learning Centre, Science Site, Durham University. Tickets in advance: £12 per person. For further info please contact theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk or tel: 0191 334 1656 www.centreforcatholicstudies.co.uk

The Bishop Dunn Memorial Lecture 2016
Church, Mercy and the Signs of the Times. Tuesday 3 November 2015
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Autumn Conference for the North: The Harvest is Rich
 17th - 18th October 2015 Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU. To book or for more information: www.coretlumenchristi.org stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org 016973 45623

Hexham Galilee Talks 2015-2016
 Talks on modern day issues in the light of the Christin Faith. Taking place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Hencotes, Hexham, NE46 2EB. All welcome!
 The first three of these talks will be:

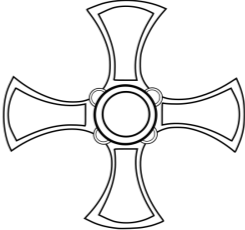
'Suffering & Love': Prof. Karen Kilby, Saturday 10th October 11:00am
 Karen Kilby is the Bede Professor of Catholic Theology at the University of Durham

Assisted Suicide: Robert Preston, Saturday 17th October, 11:00am
 Robert Preston is a former Whitehall civil servant and parliamentary official. He was Director of Living and Dying Well.

Re-Evangelising our Parishes: Fr Marcus Holden, Saturday 21st November 11:00am

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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



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Masses, Devotions and Services		
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 3rd October <i>SS Cosmos & Damian MM</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Paul Whalen	9.30am Mass: No Intention
Sunday 4th October 27th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: John Fenby	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 5th October	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am Word and Communion Service	
Tuesday 6th October <i>St. Bruno P.</i>		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am No Intention
Wednesday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am Mass Gerry Slaven	
Thursday 8th October		9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am No Intention
Friday 9th October <i>St. John Leonardi P.</i>	9.00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9.30am The Bunting Family Dec'd	
Saturday 10th October <i>St. Paulinus of York</i>	5.00pm—5.20pm: Confessions 5.30pm Vigil: Mick Whelan	9.30am Mass: No Intention
Sunday 11th October 28th Sunday Year B	11.00am Mass: Neil & Bill Henderson	9.25am The Angelus 9.30am Mass: Thanksgiving . 40th Wedding

The Holy Father's Intentions For October 2015

Universal Intention: That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.
Evangelisation Intention: That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

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/>

Sunday 4th October 2015 — 27th Sunday Year B

Let the little children come to me; do not stop them;
 for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.
(Mark 10:14)

It's a sad time for everyone when a marriage breaks down. There are no winners. Husband and wife, children, family and friends are all left with a sense of failure. Although there are some circumstances in which the well-being of the children is safeguarded when one parent leaves home, generally it is better for a child to grow up in the loving care of both its mother and father.

For Christians re-marriage is not possible after a divorce. This is not a regulation of the Church; it is a gospel teaching of Jesus. He calls such second marriages adulterous.

It can happen, though, that what looked like a perfectly normal marriage was never a marriage at all. After exhaustive investigation the Church can declare that the marriage was legal "on paper" but something was missing that made it fall short of the sacrament of matrimony. There can be many reasons for this and, when it happens, the Church can grant an annulment. Although not a divorce, it has the same effect since it allows the person to marry "again". It says that the first marriage was never a true marriage in the Christian sense.



Jesus' teaching on divorce is a stumbling block to many people. It doesn't sit very easily with some of society's views. Yet its purpose is not to be hard-faced or unsympathetic when problems arise. Its purpose is just the opposite. Jesus' ban on remarriage is part of his desire to strengthen the commitment of a couple to become one flesh, to provide a stable environment for the growth of the family and a support for couples who could easily be tempted to throw in the towel rather than do the harder job of working through problems and difficulties. Jesus' teaching on divorce is intended to protect the real nature of marriage.

When a man and woman marry, we say that the love they have for each other is a reflection of God's love for us, of the love Christ showed by taking our human nature and dying to redeem it. This love has two main characteristics: it will never be withdrawn from us no matter what we do, and it is absolutely unconditional. This love, which is for life, and without strings attached, is what two Christians are asked to declare when they make their promises to each other before God and the community.

Each of us has a responsibility to this teaching. We need to proclaim it not only with our lips but by our actions. It involves the duty to support others in their marriages, to make sure those conditions exist which help our brothers and sisters in Christ to live out their sacrament. This means defending all married people's attempts to reflect God's indissoluble love in their married lives, not just until it ceases to be convenient but "until death us do part".

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.

Induction 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 is a list at the back of both churches for those who wish to contribute to the shared supper.

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.thepopejohnpaulaward.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.

Refugees

The Parish Council decided that there will be a special collection for the Diocesan Refugee Service in their work for caring for refugees. This will take place on the week-end of 17-18 October.

My thanks to Peter Quinn and Teresa Flanagan who are co-ordinating support at St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's respectively. Tinned food, toiletries and warm clothing would be particularly appreciated

Also thanks to the two head teachers of St Joseph's and St Cuthbert's Primary Schools, Mrs Jewitt and Mr Dillon, respectively, who have agreed to have collection points for donations for refugees in their schools

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.

Mission Boxes

Can anyone with a mission box at St. Joseph's please bring them to be emptied.

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

Synod on Marriage and Family Life

The Gospel this week focuses on Christ teaching on Marriage is a reminder to pray for the Synod on Marriage and Family that takes place later this month. No doubt the Gospel we have this week-end will be given a lot of attention during the synod. Like all of scripture there is the important question of interpretation. As I will state in my homily, understanding the social background and context in which Jesus was speaking, can help us in that interpretation. We ask that the Spirit be with all those involved in the synod

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.

First Holy Communion Programme

First of all apologies for delays in details for the First Holy Communion Programme, with Fr Chris arriving in September it has taken him time to organise himself to meet the teachers at catechists! Teachers and Catechists for both respective churches and schools have now met. The introductory sessions for parents will be on Thursday 15 October at 6pm. If you have a child in year 4 or older and you would like them to make their first Holy Communion and they are not in either St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's primary school, please contact Fr Chris or Sr. Maureen as soon as possible.

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

Online survey:

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 stjohnvianneywestdenon@gmail.com.

The dates are:

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.

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 full balance required by 4th October to Hilda McManus at St Cuthbert's or Joanna Wagget at St Joseph's.

Prison Matters

Next Sunday marks the beginning of the week of prayer for Prisoners. Please keep those in prison and their families in your prayers. Christ in Matthew identifies himself with those in prison "I was in prison you came to visit me" There different ways you can help. The North East Prison After Care Society (NEPACS) provide a range support for prisoners and their families including running Visitors Centres at all prisons in the North East and run a Caravan Project in Amble. A representative of the National Association of Official Prison Visitors has sent the parish some leaflets for those who would be interested in becoming an official prison visitor. Please contact Fr Chris if you would like to volunteer for either of these organisations Finally the event with Helen Prejean (the dead man walking nun) for October 5th at the Cathedral has had to be cancelled since Sr. Helen is accompanying man who is due to be executed this week. We pray for her and all with whom she works.

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

International 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

Jumble Sale

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

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 cotta 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.

Christmas Market

Churches Together in North Shields are looking for someone to help Rev Helen Gill in co-ordinating the Christmas market. Anyone who may be interested please see Fr Chris.

McMillan Coffee Morning £656.39

This event raised the great total of £656.39. Thanks to all who contributed to making this event such a success.

Jubilee Organising Group

They will meet on 12 October 7.30 pm at St Cuthbert's

Bonus Ball

October's Bonus Ball subs are due this week, 4th October, £5.00.

Young People in the Parish

Fr Chris would like to meet all young people (from 11-19) in the parish after Mass on Sunday October 18th, to hear their view on the parish and what they would like from their new parish priest. He would also like to explain the John Paul II awards Pizzas will be provided! Please let Fr Chris know or sign the list at the back of Church.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

'What is it to be a Christian?'

With Rev John Farrell OP

Saturday 31 October 2015

St Joseph's Parish Hall, Gateshead

10.30am – 4.00pm

To book please contact us at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk or telephone 0191 2433313