

**FIRST READING***They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm (Read all together)**

Psalm 103

**Response:** *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

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| <p>1. Bless the Lord, my soul!<br/>Lord God, how great you are.<br/>How many are your works, O Lord!<br/>The earth is full of your riches.</p> <p>3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!<br/>May the Lord rejoice in his works!<br/>May my thoughts be pleasing to him.<br/>I find my joy in the Lord.</p> | <p>2. You take back your spirit, they die,<br/>returning to the dust from which they came.<br/>You send forth your spirit, they are created;<br/>and you renew the face of the earth.</p> |
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**SECOND READING***Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.*

Romans 8:8-17


People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**GOSPEL***The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.***John 14:15-16. 23-26**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

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**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016 – PENTECOST SUNDAY**

	Masses, Devotions and Services	
	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday, 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>5:00-5:30pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Mass:</b> Denis Jones	<b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Sunday	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> Patricia Hyde	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Gloria Gasgon
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am</b> Word & Communion	
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b> <b>12:30pm</b> Funeral Service for Susan Walker	
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am</b> Word & Communion
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9:00am</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament <b>9:30am Mass:</b>	
Saturday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>5:00-5:30pm Confessions</b> <b>5.30pm Mass:</b> Bunting Family	<b>9:30am Mass:</b> Joan Taylor
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May The Most Holy Trinity	<b>11:00am Mass:</b> D. Members	<b>9:25am</b> The Angelus <b>9:30am Mass:</b> Theresa Hoban

**Forward Together In Hope**

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, to be open to  
 change and to move forward together in hope.

**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, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Maura Lang, Kathleen Lavery, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright and Florence Redpath. We pray all those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### Total Offertory Collection

8<sup>th</sup> May - £851.13

World Communications - £157.14

#### Confirmations

Congratulations to all who were confirmed on Thursday. We pray that the Holy Spirit will enrich and inspire our young people. Thanks to all who contributed to their preparation and to the Confirmation Mass.

#### 24 hour Vigil

As Fr Chris writes this note the Vigil has yet to take place, he will say more about the vigil the following week but for the time being he would like to express his thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the vigil, and thank them for their commitment, enthusiasm, prayer and generosity. The parish is especially grateful for all support given by those in the cluster and friends from across the diocese. We pray that the Vigil will be a source of blessings and joy for the whole parish and cluster.

#### Pentecost Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Pentecost. We pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit upon us all, that we may imitate and be transformed into the Crucified and Risen Christ. May the Holy Spirit enlighten and empower us all in our discipleship of Christ.

#### First Holy Communion Programme

The next Liturgy of the Holy Communion programme will be this week-end. The theme will be 'In Memory of Me'. Please continue to pray for our children as they prepare for their First Holy Communion next month.

#### Diocesan Day on the New Rite of Confirmation

For priests and catechists - this is also an opportunity for parishioners who are interested in becoming catechists. The venue for the second day will be Saturday 21 May 2016 - St Aloysius' Church Hall, Hebburn, NE31 1BE. 10.30am - 3.00pm (refreshments from 10.00am). This is free but booking is essential. Please bring a packed lunch. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk) or telephone on 0191 2433313.

#### Young Person Council (YPC)

At the recent meeting the following was agreed:

- The input for the Vigil will be on Christ as Light of the World based on Scripture reading
- To start to advertise for the BBQ at Holy Island on July 24<sup>th</sup> in June
- To have a couple of stalls at the summer Fayre. The stocks and 'hooking the duck' were favourites
- To have a cake stall for the Queen's Birthday Party on June 11<sup>th</sup>
- To discuss the idea of some drama event at the next meeting.
- To have a summer project of making the garden area at St Joseph's more attractive with parts as a vegetable garden with raised beds. This was an opportunity to use the skills of parishioners across the ages

Next meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> at St Cuthbert's after 11.00am Mass. All young people are welcome

#### Diocesan Festival 2016

This year the Diocesan Festival at the Emmaus Youth Village near Consett is called 'Limitless Love: Making All Things New'. It is taking place from June 25-6<sup>th</sup>. The main speakers are Barry and Margaret Mizen who seek to bring peace and reconciliation after their son Jimmy was murdered in knife attack on May 10 2008. Since then, they started the Jimmy Mizen foundation that works with young people. Both Barry and Margaret were given the MBE for their service with young people. Their work for reconciliation and young people is inspired by their faith. Their testimony will be very powerful. The other key speaker is Professor Karen Kilby, who has the Bede Chair in Catholic Studies. She is able to communicate her thinking with clarity and humility that is not always the case with theologians! Also worth listening to.

#### Cluster Sacramental Preparation

Mgr Faley as co-ordinating pastor for the cluster has announced that there will be a meeting for catechists for the following sacraments:

Baptism 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7-8.30 Immaculate Heart, West Monkseaton  
First Holy Communion 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.30-9pm St Cuthbert's North Shields. If possible could all our catechists for these sacraments please attend.

#### Diocesan Launch of the 'The Gift': A Life in the Spirit Course

This diocesan launch for people who would consider running this course in their parishes will be hosted in our parish, at St Cuthbert's Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am to 3.30pm. Please let Fr Chris know if you would like to take part. With the parish hosting a diocesan event, Fr Chris hopes that local people can take advantage of this diocesan event so close to home.

#### Christian Aid Week

The development charity has its Christian Aid Week from May 15<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am to 12 Noon at St Columba's Church. Our parish will provide a Fancy Goods Stall. The annual Service for Christian Aid will be at Christ Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm. Please support our fellow Christians in Churches Together North Shields

#### Volunteers Missionary Movement VMM

Volunteers usually work in regions of Africa for one year or more. Our newest short term programmes allow volunteers to help those in need for 4 weeks. Skills are not required and this is a chance for many to find a new interest in mission or a new career. We have several posts available for this summer and are diligently trying to fill the posts for our partners in Africa. VMM are looking for people to be part of their short term programmes. They are for 4 weeks, for all ages over 18 and no skills are required. Our main volunteer contact is [recruit@vmminternational.org](mailto:recruit@vmminternational.org)

#### Pilgrimage to Ladywell, near Preston, Lancashire.

This is taking place on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June (Ss Peter and Paul). Pick-up points will be Peterlee, Heworth Metro, Central station Newcastle, St Mark's Westerhope and Hexham near St Mary's church. The cost is approx. £15 but it depends on numbers. Contact Jose Blay a.s.a.p. on 0191 2678693 or e-mail: [josephablay114@gmail.com](mailto:josephablay114@gmail.com).

#### Lourdes Pilgrimage

Further to a request from Fr Peter for nurses and assistants to help with Lourdes, I have also received an appeal from Fr Michael McCoy for young people to take part in the Lourdes Pilgrimage for this year. Application forms for the Pilgrimage for young people are available from him - email - [frmccoy@gmail.com](mailto:frmccoy@gmail.com) or phone 0191 5342346. The Catenians and the Duchess of Leeds fund may also be able to help with some of the costs.

#### Sr Maureen

As announced recently, Sr. Maureen has been informed by her order that she will be moving to a community in Oldham at the end of August. We keep her in our prayers at this time of transition. This an opportunity for the parish for reflection in terms how the important roles Sr Maureen carried out in the parish can now be fulfilled. We are as a parish are invited to reflect on the use of the presbytery at St Cuthbert's. We can bring these areas into our prayer during the vigil.

#### Ushaw Lecture: Thursday 26 May: Judith Champ:

'The English Secular Priesthood: History, identity and renewal' Ushaw College; 5.30pm drinks; 6.00pm - 7.15pm lecture. Please email: [hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk](mailto:hannah.thomas2@durham.ac.uk) to book a place.

#### A Spiritual Spa Day for Women - with Cathy Fava

Come and be refreshed in the Living Water - A day for women to experience the renewing love of God. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU - DONATION ONLY EVENT.

To book or for more information: Web: [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)  
Email: [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org) Tel: 016973 45623

#### Bishop Seamus' Jubilee Mass

Bishop Seamus will be celebrating his Golden Jubilee Mass as a Priest on June 10 at 7pm St Mary's Cathedral. All from the Diocese are welcome.

#### Lay Training Fund

Today there will be a retiring collection for the Lay Training Fund. This year the Diocese has the following priorities:

- The optimum use of Diocesan properties
- The Church and medical ethics
- The Church and those seeking asylum in our locality.

If anyone would like to apply for the lay training fund Fr Chris has copies of the application form and guideline

#### Catholic Newspapers

At the finance committee meeting it was revealed that the parish is losing about £1,000 a year on the newspapers. This is not a good use of our resources. It is clear that the parish will have to review our order of Catholic papers. Please see the list at the back of Church for you to sign. Please give your name and the paper you would like to receive each week. Thank-you for your co-operation.

#### Churches Together

Holy Saviour's have started a dinner club.. Their next meeting will be meeting on Thursday 9 June, 7pm at Cassia Sambucca, 52 Bell Street, Fish Quay, North Shields. If interested please let Holy Saviour's know by Monday 6 June. They can be contacted at: [ebrown@holysaviours.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:ebrown@holysaviours.freeserve.co.uk) or on 0191 2570660

#### Summer Fayre at St Cuthberts Church on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June

We need the following donations for the Summer Fayre:

- Toiletries
- Bottles
- Tombola Prizes
- Raffle Prizes for the big raffle,
- any unwanted gifts that you might have at home
- cakes for the Cake Stall to be brought on the day

Many thanks in advance.

#### Volunteer for Charity Shop

We need a volunteer for Thursday morning, 10:00-12:00 for the Trinity Charity Shop, Wallsend Road. Please contact Michael Hanlon or call in at the shop on Thursday.

#### Barber Shop Singer's Concert

This will be at St Cuthbert's on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. Tickets available at the back of Church. Cost: £2.50

#### Concert for Burma

This will be on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at St Charles' Gosforth. Tickets are £7 for adults and £3 for children.

#### Tyneside Circle Newman Association.

Next talk "Catholics, Families and the Synod: a talk by Deacon Peter Lavery Diocesan Co-ordinator for Marriage and Family Life. At St Mary's RC Church Hall, Farringdon Road, Cullercoats NE30 3EY at 7.30 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome.