

PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)**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**Psalm 103****Response: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.**

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

SECOND READING**Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13***In the one Spirit we were all baptised.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

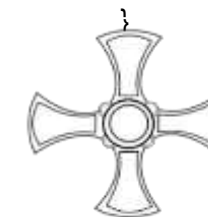
Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL**John 20:19-23***As the Father sent me, so am I sending you; receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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Sunday, 4th June 2017 – Pentecost Sunday - Year A**Masses, Devotions and Services**

	St Cuthbert's Church	St Joseph's Church
Saturday 3 rd June Uganda Martyrs	4:45pm-5:25pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: Bernard & Anna Teresa Hearn	9:30 am No Mass
Sunday 4 th June Pentecost Sunday	11:00am Mass: No intention	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: Anthony & Doris Doherty
Monday 5 th June	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Word & Communion	
Tuesday 6 th June		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Paul Black
Wednesday 7 th June	9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: No intention	
Thursday 8 th June		9:00am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass:
Friday 10 th June	9:00am: Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 9:30am Mass: Greg Jones	
Saturday 11 th June	4:45pm-5:25pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass: No intention	9:30 am Mass:
Sunday 12 th June The Most Holy Trinity	11:00am Mass: No intention	9:25am The Angelus 9:30am Mass: June Marshall

Bidding Prayers and our Partnership

The clergy in the partnership have agreed that at the end of the bidding prayers we will have a short litany of saints to include all the Churches in our partnership. Those writing bidding prayers please note: That in seeking the way ahead or our partnership, we will be open to your Holy Spirit. We seek the intercession of our parish saints and pray:

- Holy Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us.
- St Joseph, Pray for us.
- St Columba, Pray for us.
- St Aidan, Pray for us.
- St Oswin, Pray for us.
- St Cuthbert, Pray for us.
- St Edmund, Pray for us.
- St Edward, Pray for us.
- St Bernadette. Pray for us.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer. Or Lord Hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

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, Mel Mitchell, Audrey Lewis, Father Michael Marr, Father Bill Bellamy, Ros McGann, Father Richard Harriott, Gary James, Catherine West, Dorothy Rutherford, Nancy Healy, Gerry Thirsk, Tom Wright, Florence Redpath, Mary Wood, Chandra, Debbie Megan, Kay Butler, Sarah Harrison, Fred Stimpson, Lena Armbuster, Scott Oakley and David Shieber. We pray for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Easter 2017

There will acts of Worship on the following afternoons during Easter at 4.pm:
Pentecost Sunday. 4th June – service at St Cuthbert's

Pentecost Sunday

Today is the great feast of Pentecost, where we acknowledge the great gift of the Holy Spirit to enable us to carry on with the work of Christ and to live out the Gospel in our world. The Holy Spirit clearly transformed and empowered the early disciples. We pray that the spirit will have a similar affect on us as a community of faith. Pentecost Sunday also marks the establishment of the new 18 partnerships across the diocese including our own of 'Tynemouth Priory'. There will be special bidding prayers and a pastoral letter from the Bishop this week-end. We pray for our partnership, that our parishes will work closer together and our friendship and discipleship of Christ is deepened and strengthened.

The Tynemouth Priory Partnership will be having a meeting of Moving Forward Representatives and Chairs of parish councils and finance committees at Our Lady's and St Aidan's on Thursday 8th June at 7pm

Confirmations 2017

Any of our young parishioners who are in year 9 or above are eligible to be confirmed. This year the confirmations will be on July 20, at St Cuthbert's Church. The starting date for the programme is June 15th at 6.30pm at ST Thomas More's Academy. Please let Fr Chris know asap if you or your child like to be confirmed on July 20th

Polish Night

This event was a great success. Thanks to all you came to show our appreciation of the polish members of our community. Thanks also to the Social committee for organising the event and finally, to the Polish parishioners for the wonderful food and hospitality, and the vodka!

First Sunday - Youth Group

The social and faith group held at St. Cuthbert's upstairs room, 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

All young people of secondary school age are welcome for a relaxed social time and a short 'food for thought' time. Sunday 4th June, 6.00pm

It's a great place for young people to come and chill with friends and enjoy each others company.

Catholic Social Teaching: Integral Ecology

This is one of the more recent developments of Catholic Social Teaching. In his encyclical 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis is very concerned about our 'Common Home' our shared environment and ecology. He is concerned by the damage that is being done to earth through a culture of waste, a loss of bio-diversity, climate change, and damage to water supplies. But he is also aware that human being and the environments that they live within are also part of the earth's ecology so he is also concerned about the state of our urban dwelling and the poverty and suffering so many humans face at this current time. Pope Francis wants us to hear at the same time the cries of the earth and of the poor. Both are needed to be heard and unless we respond to both set of cries we will be responding to neither. Pope Francis wants governments and business to change a technological mind-set to one that acknowledges the gift of the planet we share in that is acknowledged and celebrated not simply to be dominated. But as Governments and business must take responsibility local and smaller communities also have a role to place. Simplicity of lifestyle where we appreciate what there is and not just consume what is produced. Where we BE more and not HAVE more

Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Appeal for Nurses

Due to increased requests from people needing nursing care and assistance on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes we need to make an appeal for more nurses.

Are you a nurse? Are you able to join us, do you know a nurse in your family, or a friends, or a nurse in your parish that you might think could help us in Lourdes? Could your parish support funding for a nurse to come to Lourdes?

Are a registered Nurse or experienced Adult Carer ,who can give some time over to helping sick people travel to Lourdes. If you can help please get in touch with Fr Peter J Stott on 01670 513410

www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or contact lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

Mass for the Feast of St Thomas More

"Dear Parishioner, you are warmly invited to our celebration of the Feast Day of St. Thomas More, the patron saint of our local RC Academy. The Mass will be held at Our Lady and St. Columba's Church on Carville Road, Wallsend on Thursday 22nd June at 6.30pm. It will be followed by music, food and market stalls. Please confirm your attendance via email to abmerchant@stmacademy.org.uk."

General Election

The Bishop's conference of England and Wales have asked people to reflect on the following issues

o Refugees and Asylum Seekers

The UK's committed to resettling at least 20,000 of the most vulnerable Syrian refugees by 2020. It is important that the next government keeps this commitment and explores options to expand the programme.

o Leaving the European Union

This election will help to determine how the UK leaves the EU. Important factors include the rights of more than 3m EU citizens in the UK, the rights of UK citizens in other EU countries, and the way new trade deals cover issues like human rights and the environment.

o Protecting Life

In 2015 Parliament voted overwhelmingly to protect society's most vulnerable people, by preventing the legalisation of assisted dying. It is important that the new parliament upholds this decision and supports improvements to end of life care.

o Religious Freedom

Across the world millions of people are being persecuted, imprisoned or killed because of their beliefs. It's important that the next government prioritises freedom of religion or belief in UK foreign policy.

o Prison Reform

In a civilised society prisons should be places of redemption and rehabilitation. The next government faces a significant crisis in the prison system, with unprecedented levels of violence and suicide.

Full copies of the Letter by the Bishop's Conference are at the back of Church

New guidelines for infant baptism

Following the diocesan wide consultation on baptism, the new Guidelines for Infant Baptism have been completed. These will be launched on Wednesday 7 June, 6.30pm – 8.30pm at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Gateshead. All are welcome. The guidelines include theological, spiritual, pastoral and liturgical reflections, examples of good practice, recommended resources and specific recommendations for the preparation and celebration of infant baptism. In order to support the ongoing formation of baptism catechists, there will be five events planned around the diocese in June:

Saturday 10 June	Anne's, Darlington	9.00am-12noon
Thursday 15 June	St Robert's, Morpeth	6.00pm-8.30pm
Saturday 17 June	St Aloysius, Hebburn	9.00am-12noon
Monday 19 June	St Michael's, Houghton	6.00pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 28 June	St Cuthbert's House, Newcastle	6.00pm-8.30pm

Attendance at all events can be booked online at <http://adultformationhn.eventbrite.com> or contact us at adult.formation@diocesehn.org.uk | 0191 243 3313

Pilgrimage to Ladywell, near Preston, Lancs.

on Saturday 24 June 2017, (Nativity of John the Baptist) Cost £20 approx. Rosary and packed lunch required. For details please contact Jose Blay on 0191 2678693

CAFOD Fundraiser

Who?: 2econd Wind, a local band playing music from the 60s to the present day.

Why?: To have a good time, raise the profile of Connect2 and also some funds in the process!

When?: Saturday 10th June from 7 p.m. till 11 p.m.

Where?: St. Joseph's Parish Centre in Birtley

How much? Tickets cost £3 and your invited to bring some food to share, though there is a licensed bar.

To purchase tickets contact::

hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk.

Job Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

Youth Ministry Co-ordinator – Holy Family, Hartlepool, full-time, permanent.

Administrator – Immaculate Heart, Lobley Hill, 16 hours per week.

Organist – St Mary, Barnard Castle, 2 hours per week.

Business Administration Apprentice - Diocesan Offices, Newcastle, full-time.

For further information and an application pack please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us (0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk)

Diocesan Festival 2017

This year will be 24-25th of June at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett. The theme will be 'Changing Hearts: The Challenge of Discipleship with David Wells, Sr Judith Russi and Clare Dixon. Please see poster at back of Church for more details

Training Course for Special Minister of the Eucharist

The Diocese has asked the parish to host the training course for Special Minister of the Eucharist on June 6th and June 13th from 7-9pm and then on 17 June from 10-4pm with the Commissioning Mass at 3pm.

APF Boxes

Would all box holders please bring their boxes in for emptying. If preferred emptying at home please contact Kath on 2577041 or Pauline on 2581456.

Bonus Ball

Bonus Ball money due this week, £4.00

Summer Fayre – Saturday, 10th June 2017 – 12 noon

Good and donations are needed for the summer fayre on June 10th.