

Mass Readings
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

First reading Genesis 18:1-10a
‘O Lord, do not pass by your servant.’

In those days: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, ‘O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, ‘Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.’ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ The Lord said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 15(14)
Response: *O LORD, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?*

1. Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue.

2. Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the LORD.
3. Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken.


Second reading Colossians 1:24-28
‘The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.’

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.
To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.
Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42
‘Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion.’

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’

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19 th / 20 th July 2025 – 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 19 th July		5:30pm: Vigil Mass	
Sunday 20 th July 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Ricci Hudson Storey (SS)
Monday 21 st July			
Tuesday 22 nd July			10:00am: Mass: Patrick McKuminsky(TMCK)
Wednesday 23 rd July	9:30am: Mass: Aaron, Niall &Jordan Simpson		
Thursday 24 th July		9:30am: Mass	
Friday 25 th July	7.00pm: Mass Maria Mason		
Saturday 26 th July		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 27 th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: Stan Llewelly Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Summer: A Deeper Understanding between Christian and Jews; those who suffer Persecution; the Oppressed and those denied human rights; Europe; the Dignity of all Human Life; Seafarers.

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Sarah Harrison, Scott Oakley, Jean Slater, Richard Sutherland, Irene Keenaghan, Mary Quinn, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik, Peter Chester, Rebecca Cummings, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Falla.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

16th Sunday of the Year

The Gospel is the story of Mary and Martha. It is a story that has poor interpretations in the past, giving the impression that a life of contemplation is better than a life of active service. I can understand how people feel that Martha is being treated unjustly. However, I still want to argue that the words of Jesus 'she has chosen the better part' are correct. The dichotomy between service and contemplation is an incorrect one. The correct dichotomy is giving attention or being distracted.

Last week we had the story of the good Samaritan. In that story the religious types are distracted, it is only the Samaritan who gives attention to the man in need. In the readings for next week, we have Jesus in contemplation in prayer in silence. He is not distracted with a prayer of many words, as the hymn says, he encounters 'the silence of eternity interpreted by love'.

In being attentive to the words of Jesus, Mary is hearing the call to show radical compassion and to be a person of silent contemplation. Scripture scholars argue that is no coincidence that the story we have is placed between the good Samaritan story and Jesus praying in silence. Contemplation and compassion are not 'either or' but 'both and'. May we be attentive to presence of God and the needs of other. Such attention is the 'better part' that is Jesus is asking of us in our Gospel.

Confirmations

Congratulations to all who were confirmed last Wednesday. May the Holy Spirit bear much fruit in all the candidates.

My sincere thanks to the great work carried out by the Catechetical team. They are a great asset to the partnership.

Summer Fayre

A huge thank-you for all who contributed in anyway to the Summer Fayre. My thanks to the Social Committee who have worked so hard. It was a lovely occasion – wonderful to see so many present on a lovely summer's day. As I type the total £4,514.03. A superb total, well done!!

A Note from Mrs Claire Bryant

As this school year draws to a close, it also marks the end of my time at St. Joseph's—a place that has been such a meaningful part of my life for the past 11 years, including the last 9 as Headteacher.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire Parish community. Your unwavering support—whether through attending school events, helping prepare our children for their First Holy Communion, or sharing in the celebration of Mass—has been a true blessing.

Your kindness, encouragement, and prayers have uplifted me more than words can fully express, and I will carry that gratitude with me always.

With my deepest thanks, warmest wishes, and continued prayers for you all.

Claire Bryant

Mission 13th to 19th September

As part of our Jubilee Celebrations, we will have a mission in the parish. It will start on 13th September with our pilgrimage to Holy Island. The mission will not have any outside speakers but will be led by the parish for the parish. The theme of the week is 'Peace, Justice and Community'. The first Mission evening is on September 15th at 7pm. It will be lead by members of the Proclaimers group and Tyne and Wear Citizens. We will be reflecting on the Parable of the Good Samaritan, through different 'lenses', with the evening called 'Who is my neighbour?'

The last evening we want to be 'intergenerational' with parishioners who have been in the parish for a number of years helping us to look back and our younger parishioners helping us to look forward. The other sessions will be led by our ethnic groups, the Filipino, African and Indian communities. If you are interested in taking part please contact Fr Chris or Veronica Whitty at:

veronicawhitty@hotmail.com

Liturgy Group

This group will be meeting at St Jospeh's on Tuesday 22nd July at 7pm. Our main focus will be the Mission in September. All are welcome.

Sea Sunday

Last week-end was Sea Farers Sunday. There was a retiring collection for Stella Maris to support them in the important work of offering pastoral care to seafarers. Please feel free to put your donation in the envelope provided and leave this or next week.

Parish Keys

If you have any parish keys that you are not regularly using please hand them to Katherine or Fr Chris. If you or your group has recently used the hall or church and still have keys please return them as soon as possible. Thank-you.

Jubilee Celebrations

The Jubilee Group will be meeting on Thursday at 7pm at St Joseph's

70th Jubilee celebration of St Joseph's Church

To celebrate the 70th Jubilee of St Joseph's Church, we are planning a fun filled day on Saturday 30th August.

Activities will include:

Stalls; BBQ; Choir Performance; Refreshments.

Celebration of Mass with Bishop Stephen, followed by light refreshments.

For this to take place we need help. If you feel you are able to help, please sign up on the lists at the back of both churches. Any help big or small would be appreciated. The following jobs will need to be covered: Setting up in the morning; Clearing away; Organising or running a stall (e.g. Cakes with possible baking competition, Children's Tombola, Children's Activities, General Tombola, Teas); Face Painting.

Thank you for your support from the Jubilee Committee.

Job Vacancy

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint an IT Field Engineer. The IT Field Engineer works with the Technology Services Manager in the delivery of the Diocesan Technology strategy across our Diocesan and Parish communities. This includes close collaboration with Clergy, staff and volunteers to assess requirements, provide technical guidance, in-person support, project delivery and hardware configuration. The role provides an opportunity to contribute to the mission and values of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle by leveraging technology to support and empower the Diocese and Parish communities.

A copy of the Job Description can be obtained from annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk ; The closing date for applications is 09:00 Friday 1st August 2025.

Alive in HOPE: A Church for MISSION

Bishop Stephen invites all across our diocesan family to celebrate Jubilee Day, a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends and new, celebrate our community and reawaken and empower us for mission!

Saturday 27th September, 10am – 3pm at Cardinal Hume Catholic School, Gateshead.

Guest speakers, a choice of inspiring seminars, meet and speak with our Catholic partners. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer space in the chapel plus praise and worship led by local musical group Set A Fire. To book a place go to:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=rbNF1OvKcEahMOeyP9EtH_YHKwRxno9Cu67SQLFhVslUNFBYQTQ4WE9GQIRCT0VOVkhWVvKFHVzVDSiQIQCN0PWcu&route=short

Live Simply Tip

Living Simply is based on the following three strands:

- living simply
- living in solidarity with people in poverty
- living sustainably with creation

This week's quote from Pope Francis' Prayer for Creation:

"All powerful God, you are present in the universe

and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists."

Parish Finance – Standing Orders

If you would like to set up a Standing Order the details of the parish account are:

Name: DHN North Shields St Cuthbert & St Joseph

Bank: HSBC

Sort code: 40-34-45

Account number: 91146513

Dates for Diary

Annual Mission Appeal August 2nd and 3rd

Churches Together North Shields. Members of local Churches will be joining us at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 2nd August

70th Anniversary of St Joseph's Church 30th August

Starting at 12 noon. Mass said by Bishop Stephen

Pilgrimage to Holy Island – 13th September

Prayer for Peace

As the fever of day calms towards twilight. May all that is strained in us come to ease. We pray for all who suffered violence today. May an unexpected serenity surprise them.. For those who risk their lives each day for peace. May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.. That those who make riches from violence and war. Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.. That we might see through our fear of each other. A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.. That those who enjoy the privilege of peace. Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters That the wolf might lie down with the lamb. That our swords be beaten into ploughshares. And no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the holy mountain.

John O'Donohue Benedictus A Book of Blessings