

Mass Readings
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

First reading

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33(32)

Response: *Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.*

1.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage.
2.

Yes, the LORD’s eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3.

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:32-48

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ‘Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Peter said, ‘Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?’ And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.’


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9 th /10 th August 2025 – 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 9 th August		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 10 th August 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: Maureen Delaney Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 11 th August			
Tuesday 12 th August			10:00am: Mass: Mary Knight (KK)
Wednesday 13 th August	9:30am: Mass: Kerry O'Neill		
Thursday 14 th August		9:30am: Mass	7.00pm: Vigil Mass for Feast of Assumption
Friday 15 th August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00pm: Mass: People of the Parish	9.30am: Mass: Sarah O'Callaghan	
Saturday 16 th August		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Charlie Wood	
Sunday 17 th August 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish 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, Bridget Geddes.

Please pray for Christiana Aguyekuwaa, Kathleen Hanson and for all those who have died recently.

19th Sunday of the Year

One of the pastoral questions that the early Church had to face and was addressed by the writers of the New Testament was that the imminent expectation of the return of Jesus was taking longer than they thought. For many following Jesus was supposed to be a quick sprint but it has turned out to be a long race, lasting 2,000 years and counting! For an early Church, the question was how to keep going as they waited. The Gospel is telling the early Christian community St Luke was writing for that they need to persevere. For us 2,000 years later, the question is what keep us persevering. There is the paradox of wanting to keep going, you need to stop. The sabbath rest idea has a lot of wisdom. If we do not stop we will not keep going. What has helped you in the faith journey. What is it that you need to keep the flame of faith and discipleship renewed. No one knows where the finishing tape is for our journey, all we have is the next mile to go on to. What will enable to run that mile of life and faith with vigour as opposed to limping on. We are not solo runners, with the help of the Spirit and our community, may we have the strength to carry on, able to stop so we can continue with faith, hope and love.

Feast of the Assumption

This week we have the Holy Day of the Feast of the Assumption. Masses will be at the following times: Thursday – 7pm Vigil Mass at St Oswin's; Friday – 9.30am at St Joseph's and 7pm at St Cuthbert's.

Annual Missionary Appeal

Thank-you to all who contributed to the Missionary Appeal last week-end. The collection will remain open for just this week-end.

Baptisms

This week-end we will have two baptisms.

On Saturday 9th of August at 11am at St Joseph's, we will have the baptism of Archie Ernest Wrightson.

On Sunday 10th August at 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's, we will have the baptism of Ella-Rae Retford. We pray for both children and their respective families as they are united in Christ and join our community of disciples.

70th Jubilee of St Joseph's Church

On Saturday 30th August we are celebrating the 70th Jubilee of St Joseph's Church. The events of the day are as follows, please feel free to join us for the whole day or dip in and out of events.

12pm children's activities, Cake Stall, BBQ, Tea & Coffee.

2.30pm, performance from the Linskill Choir followed by light refreshments.

5.30pm evening mass with Bishop Stephen, followed by wine, soft drinks and nibbles.

We would be grateful for any children's toys or crafts for a children's tombola and cakes on the day for cake stall. Also if you have old photos of church events we would love to display them, pop your name on the back so they can be returned.

Trip to Holy Island

On Saturday 13th September there will be the pilgrimage to Holy Island. Please sign up at list at back of both Churches. Coach fee is £20.

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 led 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

Open Evening for Catholicism

I am working with parishioners in the local parishes on having an 'Open Evening for Catholicism'. The evening would give people an opportunity to inquire about the Catholic tradition. This will happen on September 24th at St Mary's, Cullercoats at 7pm. I would like those present to hear about the following areas:

Belonging to a Eucharistic Community, Praying as a Catholic, Loving Service to others as a Catholic.

If anyone would be interested helping me with this evening, please contact me at: Chris.Hughes@diocesehn.org.uk or on 0191 2575801. Those who are thinking about taking part in this year's Journey of Faith Programme would be particularly welcome. For your information, the Partnership Journey of Faith Programme for those interested in the Catholic Church starts on Tuesday 7th October at St Edward's, Whitley Bay at 7pm.

Meetings with Mayor and MP

Just a reminder that you were given 'homework' for the summer. To listen to each other and make a note of local concerns we can share when we next meet the Mayor and MP during the autumn. Please see a letter on notice board we have written to the Mayor recording what took place and what was agreed when we met on July 17th.

Stop assisted suicide – action needed!

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an EasyAction tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide – it takes just 30 seconds!

Let's Connect

Are you a "young adult" in Church terms — somewhere in your mid-20s to 50s? We'd love to hear from you. We want to listen to your experiences of living as a Catholic today — your joys, your challenges, and everything in between. Your voice matters, your insights will help us understand how we can further support and walk alongside you. Let's get together. Please get in touch via formation.mission@diocesehn.org.uk Or, even better, please join us in person on 28th August at 6:30pm on the top floor of the Tyneside Irish Centre Newcastle Gallowgate NE1 4SG (Nr St James' metro).

Diocesan Job Vacancies

The Education Department at St Cuthbert's House are looking for an Education Operations Manager to support the Director and Deputy Director of Education in current and future educational needs through the development, engagement, and preserving of our Catholic education. The successful candidate will be the interface to ensure our

Education Department is proficient and productive and that resources are allocated effectively to enable us to support the delivery of a high-quality Catholic education.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk for an Applicant Pack.

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_YHKwRxno9Cu67SQLFhVsiUNFBYQTQ4WE9GQIRCT0VOVkhWVvKFHVzVDSiQIQCN0PWcu&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:

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned

and forgotten of this earth,

so precious in your eyes.

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

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