

Mass Readings
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

First reading
‘They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations.’ **Isaiah 66:18-21**
Thus says the Lord: ‘For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the Lord, ‘just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,’ says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 117(116)**
Response: *Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.*

1. O praise the LORD, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!

2. For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

Second reading
‘The Lord disciplines the one he loves.’ **Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13**
Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.’ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the LORD.
No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 13:22-30**
‘People will come from east and west, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.’
At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, ‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’ And he said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us”, then he will answer you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’


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23 rd /24 th August 2025 – 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 23 rd August		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 24 th August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: Audrey Lewis Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 25 th August			
Tuesday 26 th August			10:00am: Mass: Pauline and Billy Murdock
Wednesday 27 th August	9:30am: Mass:		
Thursday 28 th August		9:30am: Mass: Helen Hannard	
Friday 29 th August	7.00pm: Mass:		
Saturday 30 th August		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: 70 th Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen Pat and George Leighton	
Sunday 31 st August 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: 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 Aguyekuwa, Kathleen Hanson and for all those who have died recently.

21st Sunday of the Year

The Gospel for this weekend is something of a paradox for me. The demand of the gospel is made clear, 'strive to get through the narrow door for many I tell you will seek to enter and will not be able'. And yet there is a sense of universalism to the passage, 'and people will come from east and west, from north and south'. What are we to make of this? St Luke is the only one of the 4 evangelists who was born a gentile. He knows that the Gospel is for all, the invite to share in God's offer. Grace is gift offered to all, but it is an invite that needs a response. Responding to the invitation for is the 'narrow door'. We have no rights if we make no response. Distinctions between people are dissolved in Christ, but this grace is gift from God. Like all gifts, this brings a sense of responsibility to use that gift the way God intended. We have rights as citizens but not as members of the Kingdom. As members of the Kingdom, we are joyful partaker of God's offer of new life, but this invitation calls for a faithful response.

Baptism

This Sunday at St Cuthbert's at 12.30pm, we have the baptism of Owen Lloyd Morris. We pray for Owen and his parents as he united in Christ and becomes a member of our Community of Disciples.

70th Jubilee of St Joseph's Church

Next 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.

Please bring cakes on the day.

Thank you to everyone who has said the will help at the Jubilee Celebration your services are much appreciated. We are meeting at church at 10.30am on Saturday 30th August to set up for the day.

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

MARY'S PLACE – St Mary's Cathedral – opposite Central Station.

Every Monday morning between 10am-1pm Mary's Place Community cafe opens its doors and offers a warm, welcoming smile that extends dignity, companionship and hope to anyone who is in need – they maybe homeless, poor or feeling alone. It's a place where everyone is known by name, where they can share their stories or simply sit in silence as they share a hot meal together. It is more than a refuge, it is a community – a reminder that no one walks alone.

We have a team of volunteers who do various roles from preparing food, serving our guests as well as washing dishes and, of course, making our guests welcome. We work on a rota basis usually once a month. To find out more

and how to join our team please see Detta Wright (St Joseph's) for more details or contact: marys.place@outlook.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.

Fighting Human Trafficking

Sr Imelda Poole IBVM, MBE, an English religious sister who has been working against human trafficking in Albania for 20 years, will give a talk on the situation there, and how her mission is helping victims of Human Trafficking. She will be at St Cuthbert's at 7pm on Thursday 4th September. All are welcome.

Great North Bike Ride

One of our parishioners, Ali Hain is raising funds for the teenage cancer charity Chris Lucas Trust. It is a cause close to his heart following his daughter Louisa's recovery from thyroid cancer 10 years ago. You can donate at (<https://www.justgiving.com/page/alistair-hain-1>)

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.

Head of Safeguarding – Salary Scale from £46,000 to £52,000. The closing date for applications: 31 August 2025. Please email annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk for an Applicant Pack

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: Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

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

Sr Imelda Poole IBVM, MBE on Human Trafficking 4th September St Cuthbert's at 7pm

Parish Mission from 15-20th September

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