

Mass Readings
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

First reading
‘Humble yourself so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.’
Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man’s desire.

Responsorial Psalm
Response: *In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.*
Psalm 68(67)

1. The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing.
O sing to God; make music to his name.
The LORD is his name.

2. Father of orphans, defender of widows:
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain;
when your heritage languished, you restored it.
It was there that your flock began to dwell.
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

Second reading
‘You have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God.’
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Take my yoke upon you, says the LORD,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

Gospel
‘Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’
Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, “Give your place to this person”, and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’ He said also to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’

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30 th /31 st August 2025 – 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
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: People of the Parish Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 1 st September			
Tuesday 2 nd September			10:00am: Mass: Pat Dougal (MM)
Wednesday 3 rd September	9:30am: Mass		
Thursday 4 th September		9:30am: Mass	
Friday 5 th September	7.00pm: Mass		
Saturday 6 th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass	
Sunday 7 th September 23 rd 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, Patricia Thompson, 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.

70th Anniversary of St Joseph's

A warm welcome to Bishop Stephen as he shares in the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the opening of St Joseph's. We give thanks to all those who have contributed in the life of St Joseph's over the last 70 years and the blessings that have arisen from its mission and presence in the community. I am conscious that members of Jubilee Group, Social Committee members of the parish have worked very hard for this weekend. A very big thank-you to you all. Your hard work and sense of dedication to the parish is much appreciated.

22nd Sunday of the Year

In the Gospel, we are told, all who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who are humbled will be exalted. The call is clearly to life of humility and a warning on how pride distorts the way we perceive the world. Pride can prevent us from being able to stand in the shoes of others, while insisting that people should stand in our own! The contrast between humility and exaltation also recalls the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. We are called to imitate that mystery. The one seen as criminal, mocked, humiliated and rejected now shares in the glory of God. That is our model. Not an easy one to follow but may the grace of Christ who embraced the cross and was exalted work within us so that our desire is for service and not status.

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.

United We Stand

Parish Mission 13th to 20th 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.

From the 15th to the 20th the following events will take place:

Monday 15th September St Cuthbert's at 7pm:

Who is my neighbour – A reflection on the Story of the Good Samaritan

Tuesday 16th September St Joseph's at 7pm:

This will be led by our Filipino Community

Wednesday 17th September St Cuthbert's at 7pm:

This will be led by our Indian Community

Thursday 18th September St Joseph's at 7pm:

This will be led by our African Community

Friday 19th September St Cuthbert's 7pm:

Mass with reflections from members of the parish celebrating the past and looking to the future

Saturday 20th September St Joseph's at 10am:

A time of prayer during the week of Prayer of Peace in Palestine and Israel including a video presentation from Listening with the Heart from the People's Family Forum

New Academic Year

Next week schools return. I would like to wish all the pupils and staff of St Joseph's Primary, St Cuthbert's Primary and St Thomas More High School, every blessings and success as the pupils start another year in their growth and development.

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.

Christian Meditation Group

This re-starts on 2nd September after the summer break 7pm at St Cuthbert's. All are welcome.

North Tyneside Hub of Citizens

The hub will be meeting on Wednesday 3rd September at St Cuthbert's of the North Tyneside Hub at 7pm. Our focus will be our meeting with Sir Alan Campbell on September 19th and our meeting with Mayor Karen Clark later in the autumn. I will also be sharing the concerns that have arisen

from the listening asked the parish to undertake during the summer.

I will be writing up your concerns this week. If you submitted a concern, you are very welcome to come to the Hub meeting to speak to the issues that you think need to be addressed.

Pastoral Care Group

Our group who focuses on the Pastoral Care and Ministry for the dying and bereaved will be meeting at St Joseph's on Tuesday 2nd September. All are welcome.

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.

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_YHKwRxno9Cu67SQLFhVslUNFBYQTQ4WE9GQIRCT0VOVkhWVkfFHVzVDSiQIQCN0PWcu&route=short

Little Sisters of the Poor – Pie & Pea Supper

St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are having a Pie & Pea Supper on Wednesday 24th September at 7pm.

Bingo, Raffle and Entertainment.

Tickets at £8 each, are available by ringing the Little Sisters on 0191 2731279.

MARY'S PLACE – St Mary's Cathedral

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

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:

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

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;

9th September at St Cuthbert's 7pm Proclaimers;

11th September at St Cuthbert's Parish Council Meeting;

Parish Mission from 15-20 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