

Mass Readings
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

First reading **Amos 8:4-7**
Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?’
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: ‘Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.’

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 113(112)**
Response: *Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.*

1. Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD!
May the name of the LORD be blest
both now and for evermore!

2. High above all nations is the LORD,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God,
who dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon heaven and earth?

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,
to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Second reading **1 Timothy 2:1-8**
Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.
For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,
so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

Gospel **Luke 16:1-13**
At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.” And the manager said to himself, “What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He said, “A hundred measures of oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.” Then he said to another, “And how much do you owe?” He said, “A hundred measures of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and write eighty.” The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.’ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.
‘One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’


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20 th /21 st September 2025 – 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 20 th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass People of the Parish	
Sunday 21 st September 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – C	11.00am: Mass: Kathleen Hanson Live stream		9:30am: Mass: Alec Turner (MT)
Monday 22 nd September			
Tuesday 23 rd September			10:00am: Mass: Patsy O’Callaghan
Wednesday 24 th September	9:30am: Mass Stan Storer		
Thursday 25 th September		9:30am: Mass	
Friday 26 th September	7.00pm: Word and Communion Service	9:30am: Requiem Mass for Mary Smith	
Saturday 27 th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass	
Sunday 28 th September 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Live stream		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Autumn: Students and Teachers; the Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Sarah Harrison, Jean Slater, 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, Sr Zita. Please pray for Mary Smith and for all those who have died recently.

25th Sunday of the Year

Three points for me come from the readings. First of all is the importance of justice in God's eyes. The first reading has a warning to those who trample on the needy and the 'poor to an end'. Secondly, there is a warning about how seductive and destructive a life focused on simply attaining wealth can be. Thirdly, wisdom is needed how we use the resources given to us. As Sr Imelda Poole stated when spoke about the work of her Order in protecting, empowering and preventing victims of human trafficking, money was needed to get the best legal, practical and therapeutic help for these women. Like most aspects of life, wealth is not bad in itself, yet in its pursuit and attempt to grasp as much as possible it is destructive. Whatever gifts we have been given, may we have the wisdom to use them for God and for those in need?

Mission Week

As I type not all the events have taken place but starting with the trip to Holy Island last Saturday and the evening events that have so far taken place, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed. It has been very moving and inspiring. The faith and insights shared have been a wonderful gift. Thank-you.

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.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

This Sunday is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday, formerly known as Home Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection for the work of promoting the Gospel in this country.

Introductory Night for the First Holy Communion Programme

The introductory session for parents of children in year 4 or above for the First Holy Communion Programme is on Wednesday 1st October at St Cuthbert's at 6pm.

Christian Mediation Group

This group also did not meet last week due the Mission. It will gather at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday September 23rd at 7pm.

Lectio and Lager Group

The group was supposed to meet last Thursday but was postponed due to the Mission Week. The meeting will take place this Thursday 25 Sept at St Cuthbert's at 7pm.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

N.B. you can include this QR code in your newsletter which links to a CAFOD virtual envelope where they make their donation.

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

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.

Newman Society

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Nicholas Sagovsky speak about 'Heart speaks to heart'; what has Newman to do with synodality? in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 30 September, at 7.30pm.

Ministry of Welcome

This short course looks at how we welcome those who come to us for Mass and the Sacraments. It will help us review how we keep in touch with newcomers and occasional visitors, as well as keep track of long-established parishioners. We look at how we engage as a community with those who come to Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals as guests and well-wishers. Parish priests are invited to indicate if they would like to send participants to the course. The course consists of two sessions: Monday 6 October, 7.00-9.00pm and Saturday 11 October, 10.30am - 3.00pm (includes a Commissioning Service).

Venue: St Hilda's Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY Cost: £10.00 per person

Booking form: <https://forms.office.com/e/CBc7sw7jzV>

Liturgical Day of Reflection for

Existing Ministers of Holy Communion –

'Called to the Supper of the Lamb', led by Fr Mark Millward Saturday 25 October, 10am–3pm, St Augustine's Parish Hall, Larchfield Street, Darlington. Cost: £15.00 per person Booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ZP2PsychHaD>

The Baby Bank at St John's Church Percy Main

is facing an increased demand for nappies. We are particularly in need of size 7 and size 8 nappies and pullups. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please contact Rev Helen Young at: revhyoung@gmail.com or on 0191 447 1025.

Job Vacancies

Parish Secretary, Parish of All Saints, Lanchester and St Teresa, Annfield Plain. Salary £6,322.68 per annum (£13.51 ph) All Saints Parish Office, Kitswell Road, Lanchester DH7 0JH; 9 hours per week: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am–12.00 noon. Deadline Thursday 25 Sept at 12.00 noon. Further information available from humanresources@diocesehn.org.uk

CEO of Cedarwood. For over 40 years, Cedarwood has stood alongside the Meadow Well and North Tyneside community – tackling poverty, building resilience, and enabling people to flourish. It is known as a trusted anchor charity within North Tyneside and the wider region, pioneering practical responses to food insecurity and supporting local people to build skills, confidence and community connections. They are now seeking a new Chief Executive Officer; the advert can be found in a number of places: Cedarwood webpage and social channels - News – Cedarwood VONNE – Job: Chief Executive Officer at The Cedarwood Trust LinkedIn – LinkedIn Indeed – Chief Executive Officer - North Shields NE29 7QT - Indeed.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 tip: Reflect on what you will do for CAFOD Family Fast Day on October 3rd.

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

October 4/5 Harvest and Creation Sunday

Please bring contributions for local foodbank.

November 29th Christmas Coffee Morning & Launch of Crib Festival

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