

Mass Readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Sunday of the Word of God

First reading

Isaiah 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 27(26)

Response: *The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

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| <p>1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?</p> <p>3. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!</p> | <p>2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple.</p> |
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Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people

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24th/25th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 24th January		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 25th January 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass:		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 26th January			
Tuesday 27th January			10:00am: Word & Holy Communion
Wednesday 28th January	9.30am: Mass: John & Phillip Howells		
Thursday 29th January		9.30am: Mass:	
Friday 30th January	7.00pm: Mass: Maria Mason		
Saturday 31st January		5:30pm: Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 1st February 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Ordinary Time (Winter): Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity; the Sick and those who care for them; Victims of Trafficking and those who combat it; the Unemployed; Elderly in Poverty; The upholding of International Law and those who seek to defend it.

We pray for all who are sick, including Ros McGann, Jean Slater, Irene Keenaghan, Mary Quinn, Patricia Thompson, Paul Atkinson, Francis McSherry, Mary Kidd, Mary Rowley, Antoni Kulik, Peter Chester, Rebecca Cummings, Dorothy Falla, Bridget Geddes, Sr Zita Stephen Davies.

Please pray for Thomas Smith, Sheila Wheatcroft, Mary Stoo Sarah Harrison, Joyce Rogers, Canon Bob Spence and for all those who have died recently.

Third Sunday of the Year

It is only on this 3rd Sunday of the year that we begin going through St Matthew's Gospel in this cycle of yr A. It is interesting that we still in the first reading and Gospel have a strong theme of epiphany, of God being manifested in Christ. The prophet Isaiah mentioned in the first reading is also mentioned in the Gospel. 'The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light and for those in the region and shadow of death on them a light has dawned'. This is the interpretation of the early church of the significance of Christ and his life, ministry, death and resurrection. A transformative power has appeared for people who needed to know that power. We hear how the first apostles are called as they go about their ordinary life. May we know this transforming power and light as carry on in our 'ordinary lives'. Who knows where grace will break through!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This week-end marks the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity, with the theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). This year the resources have been put together by the Armenian Apostolic Church, one of the oldest

Christian Communities in Christianity. Here is a prayer from the resources:

"From Sunrise in the East to Sunset in the West, blessed are you, O Lord, because you are King, and your name is revered throughout the universe. Let our psalmody resound sweetly in your hearing. Let justice dawn from your righteousness and rise over our frailty, and may your most holy name be glorified. Let us become worthy to abide by your commandments and to sing praise and glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages."

We continue to pray for Christian Unity.

White Flower Appeal

This week-end there will be a retiring collection for SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child). The appeal links Peace Sunday last week-end. There can be no peace unless the dignity and sanctity of every human life is recognised, from the cradle to the grave and everywhere in between.

Christian Meditation Group

This will resume at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 27th January at 7pm.

Lectio and Lager Group

This group will be resuming at a new time in the month, the last Thursday of the month which will be 29th January at 7pm. Lectio is compulsory but not the lager!

Baptism

This weekend on Sunday 25th at St Joseph's at 1pm there will be the baptism of Rosie Kate Rendles. We pray for Rosie as she is united in Christ and welcomed into our Catholic Community.

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This weekend, we have our next First Holy Communion Liturgy at our Masses. The theme will be on the importance of the word of God. We continue to pray for our candidates.

Meeting with Mayor Karen Clark

On Tuesday 27th January at 9.30am we have the honour of welcoming Mayor Karen Clark back to St Cuthbert's. She will first of all do the 'Walk of Hope' with us as featured in the recent Guardian article and then she will face questions about concerns that have arisen from our listening. All the parish is welcome.

Mass for Sick and Housebound

The World Day of Prayer for the sick is February 11th, Our Lady of Lourdes. Our annual Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing for sick and housebound will take place on Saturday 7th February at 2pm at St Joseph's. All are welcome.

World Leprosy Day

This Sunday is also 'World Leprosy Day'. We pray for all sufferers of this awful disease.

Please go to the website below if you like to explore ways you can help

<https://www.stfrancisleprosy.org/>

Mass for Marriage and Family Life

Bishop Stephen has kindly agreed to preside at our annual Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 12:00pm.

Pope Leo in his June 2025 celebration of families said, 'Marriage is not an ideal but the measure of true love between a man and a woman.' As we note in society internationally, moves to counter this principle and discount the Sacrament of Marriage are clearly evident in our secular world.

Talk on the Camino

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela is a 500-miles ancient pilgrimage across northern Spain. There are many recognised routes, all culminating in Santiago de Compostela. Kerry Clegg, who has walked two of them, invites you to join her to share reflections and stories from her experiences through a visual presentation on Tuesday 27th January at 7pm in the Holy Name Church Hall, Towers Avenue, Jesmond NE2 3JX. Those who have walked the Camino are welcome to bring their thoughts and experiences to share at this informal gathering.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

31st July – 7th August 2026

Celebrating 100 years since the First Diocesan Pilgrimage, bookings are now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We travel on Friday 31st July and return on Friday 7th August. 2026 is the 100th anniversary since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage took place led by Bishop Joseph Thorman. If you would like to book, please contact Tangney Tours, our Tour Operator by going to their website: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-hexham-newcastle/> or by calling 01732 886 666.

Lourdes Pilgrimage – Youth Section Reminder

A reminder that bookings for the Youth Section of the Lourdes Pilgrimage will close on 31st January. If you, or you know any young people in your parish that are interested in joining us, please get in touch as soon as possible to secure a place.

For more information or to register interest, please email: evie.rea@ymt.org

Diocesan Vacancies

Role: Education Business Manager – Salary Scale from £35,000 to £37,323. Based within our Education Team at St Vincent's Diocesan Offices, Newcastle upon Tyne. Importantly you will be working in or have experience of education, ideally in a primary or secondary school setting. Similarly, knowledge and experience with Education Trusts will be distinctively advantageous. Moreover, you will need

to show us how you have undertaken, reported upon and delivered professional evaluation processes, presenting findings for example to a committee, board or agency.

You will lead on event planning, delivering no less than three annual conferences within the region liaising with our Communications Manager. You will have the ability to handle sensitive information with discretion and confidentiality and have both excellent verbal and written communication skills. If you would like to apply please get in touch with us to request an Applicant Pack by emailing Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources at: annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk The closing date: 12 noon Sunday 1st February 2026 (we reserve the right to close the post early.) Shortlisting will be undertaken 13th February, with interviews scheduled for Thursday 19th February.

Role: Cleaner

Salary: £3,276.00 per annum; Hours: Part-time 5 hours per week; Location: Sacred Heart, Great North Road, North Gosforth, NE3 5EB; Closing date: 12:00 pm, Friday, 30th January 2026. To apply please visit:

<https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/cleaner-sacred-heart-north-gosforth/>

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

Community Support: Local Consumption: Purchase locally sourced food to reduce transportation emissions and support local economies.

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

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