

Mass Readings
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

Exodus 19:2-6a

‘You shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, ‘Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 100 (99)

Response: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

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| <p>1. Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.</p> | <p>2. Know that he, the LORD, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.</p> |
| <p>3. Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.</p> | |

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

‘If we were reconciled by the death of the Son, much more shall we be saved by his life.’

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

‘My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.’


At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, ‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.’

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13th / 14th June 2026 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 13th June		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 14th June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Maria Mason		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 15th June			
Tuesday 16th June			10:00am: Mass: Dewhurst Family (CD)
Wednesday 17th June	9.30am: Mass: Austin Fagan		
Thursday 18th June		9.30am: Mass:	
Friday 19th June	7.00pm: Mass: Ric Hool		
Saturday 20th June	10.00am Mass of First Holy Communion	5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Aino Handelin	
Sunday 21st June 12th 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 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, 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 & Fr Leo Pyle. Please pray for Norman Robson, and all those who have died recently.

11th Sunday of the Year

We now are back in ordinary time. Since we are in year 'A' of the cycle we take up as we did before Lent in hearing St Matthew's Gospel. In the Gospel for this weekend, we see Christ attentive to the people. We are told that Jesus is moved with compassion because they looked like sheep without a shepherd, harassed and dejected. He then stated the harvest is great and labourers are few. So, he then calls the first apostles and sends them out on mission. I am struck how the apostles are given their role in the light of Jesus being attentive to the reality of people's lives. Like Jesus we are called to be attentive and have compassion with others, so that we can discern God's call for us. If Jesus realised that he could not meet the need he saw and was dependant on others so we too must work with others, hence it is important that we are synodal and working together to discern God's calling for us – a community of disciples who like Christ are moved with compassion for others.

Baptisms

During Mass this Sunday at St Cuthbert's we have the baptism of Corriera Rayona-Samiryiah. After Mass we

have the baptism of Daisy Blacklaw. Please pray for Corriera and Daisy as they are united into Christ and become members of our family of faith.

Mass for First Holy Communion

Our Mass of First Holy Communion will be this Saturday at St Cuthbert's at 10am. We pray for our candidates. My sincere thanks to the excellent work carried out by our catechists.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

The next stage for the parish for the diocesan plan is that there will be a meeting of representatives from all the parishes in the partnership to discuss the four parish returns and to explore the next steps forward. I have asked Conrad Masiwa, Felicity Penny, Allan Badenhop and Tim O'Grady to represent the parish on this group. The partnership group will meet this June 14th.

Parish Summer Fayre 27th June 2026

Our Summer Fayre, this year, is on 27th June. Donations for any of the stalls would be very welcome. They are: Toys, Gifts, Plants, Cakes, Bottles, Tombola, Crafts, Books and Raffle Prizes. Thank you very much – the Social Group – for your kind support of Parish events.

CAFOD Sponsored Walk for Sudanese Appeal & its response to the DRC Ebola Crisis

This walk will be taking place on Sunday 5th July after the 11am Mass. There is a form if you would like to sponsor the parish walkers. We hope to have a brief prayer service and picnic once we arrive at St Mary's. I am delighted to say the Regional CAFOD rep., Rachel Blaylock will be joining us at the 11am Mass and for the walk. There is a sign up sheet at the back of Church if you would like to take part. We have also received via Bishop Stephen an update in how CAFOD are supporting partner organisations in DRC in facing the Ebola outbreak. We pray for all who involved in providing emergency care at this time.

Churches Together Quiz

Churches Together will be holding our first quiz night on Friday 26th June at 7.30pm at St Columba's URC, Northumberland Square, North Shields. Teams of 5, with £5 per person entry. There will also be a Raffle on the night and a Domino Card – £1 a Number. Tea and coffee will be served with biscuits. All monies made will be donated to Pearey House Centre for Visually Impaired.

Parish Keys

Fr Chris would like to update the register of holders of parish keys. Could you please contact the parish administrator if you have any parish keys. Katherine can be contacted at: Katherine.Main@diocesehn.org.uk or on 01912573408.

Driving on Parish Business

If you use your car for parishes purposes, such as taking communion to sick and housebound, please complete forms available at the back of Church. You may also need to inform your insurance company, that your car is being used for Church purposes.

Diocesan Property Trustee Vacancy

Role: Property Trustee

Description: The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a Trustee with property skills and experience. Chaired by the Bishop, The Board of Trustees provides leadership and determines the overall strategic direction of the organisation. Individuals with significant property, estates management and acquisitions experience and knowledge of charity law relating to land are encouraged to visit the Diocesan website to download the role descriptor and application form. Closing Date: 26 June 2026. To apply please visit: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/diocesan-trustee/>

Trained First Aiders

Since Fr Chris cannot remember who approached him about being trained first aid providers, he would be very grateful if they could contact one of the members of the Pastoral Care Group, Elaine McColl, at elaine.mccoll@btinternet.com Thank-you.

Feast of St Thomas More

In celebration of the Feast Day of St Thomas More, you and your family are invited to our annual evening celebration on Thursday, June 25th at Our Lady & St. Columba's Church, Carville Road, Wallsend at 6:00pm. The celebration will begin with Mass before moving to the parish concourse and hall for a summer festival of food, music and entertainment. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for families and parishioners to hear from our students about some of the activities they are involved in at St Thomas More.

We hope this event will be a coming together of all in our school community, as well as our parishes across Tynemouth Priory Partnership – a family event for all: students, parents, younger siblings, staff, clergy and parishioners! All are welcome.

Job Vacancy

Applications Are Invited For The Post Of Lay Chaplain At St Thomas More Catholic High School (part of Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust). Hours: 37 hours per week, Term Time plus 5 Additional Days as confirmed by the school, £32,597 – £35,412 per annum pro rata, actual £27,990 to £30,407 per annum. We wish to appoint as Lay Chaplain a practising Catholic with the appropriate skills and personal qualities to work with all members of our school community, supporting us in our journey of faith and helping us to put our mission statement into practice in our Work, Worship and Relationships. Our

recruitment process is via the online portal eteach. If you would like to arrange a visit prior to an application or for any further information or queries contact Catherine Palgrave, Headteacher's PA. The Local Governing Committee is committed to safeguarding and the protection of its pupils. The post is subject to an Enhanced DBS and an online check. Closing date: 9am Wednesday 24th June. Interviews: 9am Thursday 2nd July.

Little Sisters of the Poor Fundraising Night

50s and 60s night at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle Live entertainment, licenced bar, bingo 7pm on Saturday 4th July 2026. Tickets £7 from 0191 273 1279 All proceeds to St Joseph's Home.

Stella Maris

Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) is seeking one volunteer from this parish please to help with Sea Sunday (which falls on 11/12 July this year) in this parish. This is the day when the Church comes together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and takes a second collection to support the work of Stella Maris. The volunteer will read out the appeal (which Stella Maris will provide) at the end of Masses that weekend. If you can kindly do this, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org

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

Tip: Since Pope Leo has said the Just War theory is out of date we pray for the end of violence and explore we can be instruments of peace and reconciliation in our own communities

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 No.: 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