

Mass Readings
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 69 (68)

Response: *In your great mercy, answer me, O LORD.*

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| <p>1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.
Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me.</p> | <p>2. But I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.</p> |
| <p>3. The poor when they see it will be glad,
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord attends to the needy,
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.</p> | |

Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

Gospel Acclamation


Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

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20th / 21st June 2026 – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 20th June	10.00am: Mass of First Communion	5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Aino Handelin	
Sunday 21th June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 22nd June			
Tuesday 23rd June			10:00am: Mass: People of the Parish
Wednesday 24th June	9.30am: Mass: Kerry O'Neill		
Thursday 25th June		9.30am: Word & Communion	
Friday 26th June	7.00pm: Mass: Terry More		
Saturday 27th June		11.00am: Baptism Eucharist 5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 28th June Saints Peter and Paul	11.00am: Mass: Lillian & Luther Shotton		9:30am: Mass: Maureen & Gordon Hogg

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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.

12th Sunday of the Year

Last week we had the call of the apostles. No doubt reflecting the reality of the early Church, Jesus calls them to be fearless in the face of criticism and adversity from others. There is the call to trust and to know that they are cared for and protected. Jesus himself was rooted in the love of the Father, which gave him the freedom to be faithful to his call despite the hostility of others. None of us like criticism especially when it feels unjustified, but I also know that to be imprisoned simply by the opinion of others is not the true freedom of the Gospel. May we have the freedom to do what is right, to live in the way of faith, hope and love, knowing that God's love cannot be earned but accepted and appreciated, so that we can be truly free from the opinions of others and love in a Christ-like way.

Baptisms

Next Saturday, 27th June at St Joseph's at 11am, there will be the Baptism of Reuben Sean. Reuben's parents belong to the Syro-Malabar Rite. The baptism will take place as part of the Eucharist in the Syro-Malabar Rite and language. Fr Saji, one of the Rite's chaplains will

preside and I will concelebrate. We pray for baby Rueben as he is united in Christ and joins our family.

Mass for First Holy Communion

Congratulations on the Children who made their First Holy Communion on June 20th. We pray that this will be an important stage in their journey of faith. My thanks to our catechists for the great work they do.

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

There was a very fruitful meeting on June 14th. There were summaries from all the four parishes. It was agreed that there was a lot in common. There is clearly a need for lay training for parish mission and ministry. A task group was established to begin to look at the submission form. Felicity Penny and Tim O'Grady will represent the parish on that Task Group.

Fayre 27th June 2026

Our Summer Fayre, this year, is next Saturday 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.

St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's Primary School is a Christ-centred, vibrant and happy community, and we currently have spaces available in some classes. If you are looking for a school place for your child, we warmly invite you to contact the school office to arrange a tour and meet our staff. We are also delighted to invite parishioners to our annual summer fayre, which will take place on Friday 3rd July at 1:30pm. Please do come along and enjoy an afternoon of fun with our school community.

Day for Life

On Sunday 21st June, we mark the Day for Life under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website."

Safer Families

This organisation which provides support for vulnerable families will be making a brief appeal at the end of Mass for people to consider if they could offer support for the families they assist.

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.

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 6pm. 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 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 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.

Newman Society

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Tom O'Loughlin speak on Luke 5:27-32 as a discipleship text: Christian hospitality and the contemporary rejection of liturgy, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 14th July, at 7.30pm.

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: As the summer solstice approaches and summer begins, may we appreciate the gift of God's creation and reflect how we can care for this precious gift.

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