

Mass Readings for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

Thus says the Lord:
'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

1. You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain.

2. And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

3. You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy.

4. The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing!

Psalm 65 (64)

Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

Matthew 13:1-23

Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.'

'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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4 th / 5 th July 2026 – 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 4 th July		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Alma Fox	
Sunday 5 th July 14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 6 th July			
Tuesday 7 th July			10:00am: Mass:
Wednesday 8 th July	9.30 am Mass		
Thursday 9 th July		9.30am: Mass: Jean Black 90 th Birthday	
Friday 10 th July	7.00pm: Mass:		
Saturday 11 th July		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 12 th July 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: In thanksgiving of Anne O'Flannagan's 90th		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, James Llewellyn, Sr Zita, Stephen Davies & Fr Leo Pyle.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

Christ states in the Gospel that his message is not for the learned and clever. This does not mean we do not use our brains but 'mere children' symbolise those who are overlooked, on the margins and have no power. At a time when power and wealth was in the hands of few, Christ was addressing most of those he encountered. We then have the invitation to 'shoulder his yoke'. As I have mentioned before, a young ox would be shouldered with a yoke with an old ox, so that the young ox could walk side by side. So the invitation to shoulder his yoke is an invitation for him to walk side by side. In the Mass, I will have some space for you to imagine Christ is walking side you. What is he saying to you. Aware of Christ present with you, I will then ask you to be present with each other in groups of two or three to share what is putting pressure on you, families, friend and communities. Present to Christ and to each other may we share each other's burdens.

Confirmations

The Partnership Confirmations will take place on Wednesday 15th July at 6.30pm presided by Bishop Stephen Please pray for our candidates

Parish Council

The Parish Council will be meeting on Thursday July 9th at St Cuthbert's at 7pm. Please let Fr Chris or members of the parish council aware of any items you wish to be discussed

Diocesan Pastoral Plan

The Partnership Group will be meeting this Sunday at 2pm to discuss a draft of the Partnership submission. Please keep this process in your prayers

Trinity Shop

Last week I received the latest cheque with our share of profits from the Trinity Charity Shop. It was for £4,000. A great total. My thanks to all who contribute in anyway, especially those who volunteer on a Thursday. Your hard work and commitment help the finances of the parish. Thank-you.

PROPS Event

Anne Greaves would like to express her sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Props event in June. The amount raised was over 1000,00

Parish Fayre 27th June 2026

Thanks to all who contributed to the Summer Fayre on Saturday. People's hard work is much appreciated. The total raised so far is £4,035. Well done to all involved

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.

CAFOD Emergency Appeal for Venezuela Sponsored Walk for Sudanese Appeal

In the light of the devastating earthquake in Venezuela CAFOD have announced an emergency appeal. There will be a retiring collection this week-end for this appeal. The sponsored walk for the Sudanese Appeal will start after the 11am Mass. We welcome Rachel Blaylock from CAFOD this Sunday 5th July after the 11am Mass. She will make a brief statement about the work of CAFOD in Sudan and Venezuela. 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

The Pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Stephen, from 22nd till 29th October 2027 – £1725 per person. Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your

place. The itinerary and booking details can be found on the diocesan website (www.diocesehn.org.uk) or alternatively via the parish office.

Pastoral Carers

The Pastoral Carers will be meeting on Tuesday 7th July at 7pm. All are welcome. I am delighted that the Filipino Community will be represented by Jenny Loscin. Any more representative from our ethnic minority communities would also be appreciated

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.

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.

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. My thanks to Jim Mason who will give an appeal at St Cuthbert's. Would anyone be willing to give the appeal at St Joseph's?

Community Hub North Shields

The Li'l Community hub in North Shields town centre is offering activities that may be of interest and benefit to those that attend our church. This is a wonderful warm inviting place to pop in or join in an activity, make new friends and ease isolation.

Activities include creative writing, ukulele, men's walk and talk, parent and baby sensory, crafts, cuppa chat and chill and more. See the website <https://www.facebook.com/Theilcommunityhub>

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: Please support the parish sponsored walk for CAFOD for this week-end

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