

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

Jeremiah 20:7-9

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

Psalm 63 (62)

Response: *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.*

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.
2. I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.
3. I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.
4. For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Matthew 16:21-27

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

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Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 29th August		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Fr Leo Pyle	
Sunday 30th August 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 31st August			
Tuesday 1st September			10:00am: Word & Communion
Wednesday 2nd September	9.30am: Mass: Bob Carpenter		
Thursday 3rd September		9.30am: Mass:	
Friday 4th September	7.00pm: Mass: Alfred & Lillian Laws		
Saturday 5th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 6th September 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Irene Clarke		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 and Stephen Davies. Please pray for Fr Leo Pyle, Michelle Collings, Olive Dargaval, Maria Scott, Fr Joe Kendal, Frankie Hunter and all those who have died recently.

22nd Sunday of the Year

The Gospel immediately follows on from last Sunday's Gospel. Last week we heard how St Peter professes Jesus as the Christ and is then given authority to lead the early church, but St Peter betrays how at that times he did not understand Christ's mission. He cannot accept that his message is not going to result in glory at first but in death and humiliation. Christ then talks how discipleship is about taking up the cross and being willing to lose our life to gain.

In our modern world, talk of sacrifice and self-giving for others is not just very unfashionable but can be seen to be detrimental to human flourishing, but the ancient tradition of Christian discipleship is clear that a life for others is way to gain our life and to have human fulfilment. We do not need to look for suffering, it will find us, but in searching for meaning and purpose, we are called to reflect on the basic orientation of our life. What is the Cross that we are called to take up at this time?

Baptism

This Sunday at St Cuthbert's at 12.30, we have the baptism of Kleo Sierra Valles. We pray for Kleo and her family as she gets united in Christ and is welcomed into our parish community.

Trip to Holy Island

Our annual day pilgrimage to Holy Island is next Saturday, 5th September. The coach leaves at 9am from St Cuthbert's. There are still some places on the coach so please let Nora Pearson or I know as soon as possible. The cost of the coach is £20.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

We pray for our partnership parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, at this time of transition. Mgr Faley will leave the parish after 13 years of faithful service. We pray he enjoys his retirement and is happy at residing with the Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's. We also pray for Fr Binoy as he prepares to take up his new appointment on September 1st.

Start of Academic Year

We pray for our schools as they return after the summer vacation. We wish all staff and pupils every grace, blessing and success for this new year. We keep our schools in our prayers.

Lectio Divina Group

The monthly gathering for Lectio Divina will be on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm in the chapel at St Cuthbert's.

Journey of Faith Programme

The partnership Journey of Faith Programme will start at St Edward's Whitley Bay on October 6th. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about their faith please contact Fr Chris.

Tyne and Wear Citizens

There will be a meeting of the hub on Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm to continue the discussion of July 21st. At that meeting we agreed on the following:

We would map as a group the communal meeting places in North Shields, formal and informal. A member of the group will create a google doc for these places to be collated. Aim is build up relationships in these spaces as the first step in reaching out.

We would try to have 1-2-1s among this group and beyond. I encourage parishioners to reach out to fellow parishioners they see in church but do not know that well to meet up to get to know each other, hopefully discovering shared concerns and building up relationships with each other.

There is training available that will take place 9.30-4pm on September 18th and 25th in at St Cuthbert's. Training is free for all parishioners. You can sign up at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/introduction-to-community-organising-training-north-tyneside-september-2026/>

Parish Meditation Group

A Four Week Introductory Course will be starting on 21st September till 12th October 7.00-8.00 pm at St Cuthbert's, Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. (Mt 11:28). For more information contact Ali Hain: alistairhain@gmail.com

The Leadbeater Bill on Assisted Dying

This bill having failed to pass through the House of Lords is being reintroduced to the House of Commons on September 11th. The Bishop's Conference are asking people to write to their MPs. It is interesting to note that the Prime Minister think that our priority should be first of all given to ensure proper and adequate palliative and social care.

Season of Creation

This week, on Tuesday 1st September marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, where the Church calls us to acknowledge that the earth is our common home and that in not respecting our planet we are making our world inhabitable and increase the likelihood of mass migration. The theme for 2026 is 'Living Water'.

Aspects of the Living Water theme are:

Ecological restoration: Water as a symbol of healing for degraded ecosystems.

Spiritual renewal: Connection between faith, baptism, and transformation.

Human responsibility: Stewardship of natural resources, especially water.

Climate justice: Focus on communities most affected by water scarcity and pollution.

For more information go to:

<https://laudatosimovement.org/news/season-of-creation-2026-living-water-theme-dates-and-how-to-participate/>

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

We are called to live in solidarity and ensure social justice. We are asked to consider how we can move forward together and make the world better for everyone?

As Pope Leo XIV writes in his closing reflection on Mary's Magnificat:

"With the same faith as Mary, let us become 'weavers of hope' in our world, sharing who we are and what we have,

so that the presence of Jesus may grow among us and his Kingdom take shape. In the humble fidelity of daily life, even the era of AI can become a time in which the Holy Spirit brings about the civilisation of love in our lives. (MH – CAFOD)"

Heritage Open Days

The Sacred Heart Church, Great North Road, North Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 5EB are taking part in this years Heritage Open Day Programme.

The Programme provides the opportunity for visitors to experience one of northern England's finest collections of William Morris & Co. stained glass, featuring outstanding Pre-Raphaelite designs by Edward Burne-Jones, William Morris and Ford Madox Brown.

Whether you love stained glass, Victorian art, local history, architecture or simply enjoy discovering places you may never have visited before, the parishioners of the Sacred Heart would love to welcome you.

The Church will be open on the following occasions. Entry is free.

Tuesday, 15 September: 11am–3pm

Thursday, 17 September: 11am–3pm

Friday, 18 September: 11am–3pm

Find out more at:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/sacred-heart-church-north-gosforth-open-days.html>

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