

Mass Readings for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *The LORD is compassionate and gracious.
slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

Sirach 27:30-28:7

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.
2. It is the LORD who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.
3. He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

Gospel

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

Matthew 18:21-35

The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Joseph, North Shields

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Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 12th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Priest's Intention	
Sunday 13th September 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 14th September			
Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows			10:00am: Word & Communion
Wednesday 16th September	9.30am: Word & Communion		
Thursday 17th September		9.30am: Word & Communion	
Friday 18th September	7.00pm: Word & Communion		
Saturday 19th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 20th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Maria Mason		9:30am: Mass: Isabella Mason

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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.

24th Sunday of the Year

The central theme of the Gospel is about forgiveness and being able to let go of anger and resentment. Easier said than done!

We have the parable about the man who had a huge debt cancelled but he is unwilling to forgive the small debt owed to him. To be honest, I have some sympathy for that man. I am not surprised he was not able to cancel the small debt. He would not have had the time to come to terms with the immense generosity he had been given, even though it was something he dearly wanted. Even positive experiences take time to come to terms with. It is the positive experience of what it means to be loved and forgiven we need to come to terms with, if we are able to forgive others. Also, such reflection will enable us to see that holding on to resentment ultimately damages us and not the other person. Having said that for people who have had traumatic experiences, forgiveness is not a switch that can be turned on like a light. It is a process that takes time, grace and healing. It is a long journey but one

we need to take if we are to be liberated from self-harming anger and resentment, that damages us and the common good.

Special Collection — 12/13 September

This Sunday is Education Sunday. There will be a special collection for Catholic Education.

Journey in Faith (Re-)discovering the Catholic Church

The Coast Partnership Journey in Faith sessions for 2026–2027 will begin on Tuesday October 6th in St Edward's meeting rooms, from 7:00 pm until about 8:30, and continue fortnightly.

The meetings are open to all who are enquiring about the Catholic Faith, or already know that they wish to become a Catholic, or are already Catholic but wish to renew and deepen their understanding of the Church. Catholics who have been away from the Church for a while are especially welcomed also.

Please share this message with anyone who may be interested. Further information is available via the parish office or Joe James at jjames9241@aol.com.

Tyne and Wear Citizens

There was a meeting of the hub on Wednesday 2nd September. There was 17 people present.

It was agreed that a list of communal groups in the area would be drafted and added to. Once we have a full list, we will invite them to an event at St Cuthbert's Church on November 22nd at c 12 noon. This will be called 'Shared Food, Shared Concerns'. People will be invited to share in a 'weaving trust', where people share their concerns. It is hoped it will build community within and beyond the parish.

Some funding from a research fund for this event could be used. The Mayor of North Tyneside will be invited.

Next meeting is October 8th at 7pm at St Cuthbert's.

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 22nd September till 13th 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

First Aid Training

The new Health & Safety Officer for St Cuthbert's, Tony Pinkerton, is a health and safety professional. He is willing to offer for free first aid training on November 7th from 9am

to 2.00pm. There are up to 8 places. If you are interested, please email Tony at: tonypinkerton63@gmail.com

Ave Maria Brunch

Women of all ages and from all across the Diocese are warmly invited to our Ave Maria brunch on Saturday 12 September, 10.00-12.00pm at English Martyrs Church, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 3JR. Inspired by Mary's Magnificat, the morning will include prayer, reflection, music and fellowship as we rejoice in God's goodness. For the bring and share brunch, we ask that you bring an item e.g. pastries, croissants, fruit; drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact Mary Madziva at mmadziva@ymt.org

Newman Tyneside Circle

Invites you to come and hear Pat Devlin speak on World Week for Peace in Palestine & Israel, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Monday 21 September 2026, at 7.30pm.

The theme for this year's WWPPi highlights in particular the trauma experienced by children in Palestine & Israel. The talk will move from examining the tragedy unfolding in the current situation to the hope found in the joint Palestinian/Israeli groups committed to working together for a Just Peace for all, and will conclude with practical suggestions for how we in the UK can contribute to that work

"Home Mission Sunday

On Sunday 20th September, we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds it's fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website.

Season of Creation

Tuesday 1st September marked 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 it 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

In his Message for the Season of Creation Pope Leo has said:

The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). This peace is neither superficial nor fleeting; it flows from the enduring love of Christ and his care for every human person.

Yet this promise of peace stands in stark contrast to the realities we see in many parts of the world. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when nations "shall beat their swords into plowshares" (Is 2:4), transforming what destroys life into what sustains it. But today, we too often witness the very opposite, as efforts continue to be directed toward violence and war.

Move It or Lose It

Turn back the clock with our fun and friendly exercise classes to improve your balance & confidence, mobility & flexibility and strength & independence.

Every Tuesday at 10.30am in St Cuthbert's Church hall starting 15th September, £7 per class.

Please contact Joanne Hindmarch with any queries 07708 091 435.

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