

Mass Readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *The LORD is close to all who call him.*

1. I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured.
2. The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
3. The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.
Alleluia.

Gospel

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, “You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.” So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, “Why do you stand here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You go into the vineyard too.”’

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm 145 (144)

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16

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19 th /20 th September 2026 – 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 19 th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 20 th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Maria Mason		9:30am: Mass: Isabella Mason
Monday 21 st September			
Tuesday 22 nd September Our Lady of Sorrows			10:00am: Word & Communion
Wednesday 23 rd September	9.30am: Word & Communion		
Thursday 24 th September		9.30am: Word & Communion	
Friday 25 th September	7.00pm: Word & Communion		
Saturday 26 th September		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: Maria Scott	
Sunday 27 th September 26th 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, 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.

25th Sunday of the Year

The Gospel for today is the parable of the workers of the Vineyard. We have the vineyard owner hiring workers throughout the day. As he pays his wages, he gives the same amount to the workers no matter how long they work, with those who had worked all day complaining, though the owner states he gave what was agreed. I am not sure if this parable is particularly informative about the relationship between employers and employees, though the Church is clear that every worker is entitled to a just wage. The reading however is informative about the nature of God and God's free and gratuitous giving, that is universal and is for all. All are included in the self-giving and generosity of God. We have no rights with God but the responsibility to be open to his grace and respond to it. In God's eyes we all matter and no one is more important than others.

Home Mission Sunday

On Sunday 20th September, we 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. For more details visit the Bishops' Conference website.

The Second Collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales.

Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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 25th at St Cuthbert's (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

First Holy Communion Programme

There will be an introductory session for those parents of children in year 4 or above, who would like their child to make their first Holy Communion next June. This will be on Wednesday 30th September at St Cuthbert's at 6pm. Please let other parents know, especially those whose children do not attend St Cuthbert's or St Joseph's Primary schools.

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 can contribute to that work.

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

Message for Season of Creation from Pope Leo
War leaves wounds that extend far beyond the battlefield. It claims lives, tears families apart and forces millions to flee their homes, thereby deepening fear, injustice and division (cf. Gaudium et Spes, 77-82). War also leaves

behind social and ecological destruction that endures for generations. Moreover, the interaction between armed conflicts and environmental degradation often creates a vicious cycle, which destroys ecosystems, contaminates essential resources, such as air and water, and undermines food security. This fuels poverty, inequality, and new social tensions that can contribute to the emergence of further conflicts. What is more, war creates wounds that damage the whole fabric of life, harming not only individual persons and communities, but also their broader network of relationships with the whole human family, and their harmony with creation. It reveals a deeper failure to live in God's image and likeness, to respect life and to care for the earth entrusted to us. This is not only a political failure, but also a moral and spiritual one. Rooted in distorted desires and the misuse of human freedom and power, war stands as a counter-witness to the Gospel of peace.

Pie and Pea Supper

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Pie and Pea Supper on Wednesday 7 October at 7pm at St Joseph's Home.

Tickets cost £8 and are available from St Joseph's on 0191 2731279.

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, £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