

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Psalm 25 (24)

Response: *Remember your compassion, O LORD.*

1. O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.
2. Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.
3. Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia.
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia.

Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

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26 th /27 th September 2026 – 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
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: Isabella Mason
Monday 28 th September			
Tuesday 29 th September			10:00am: Mass: Leo McMenamin
Wednesday 30 th September	9.30am: Word & Communion		
Thursday 1 st October		9.30am: Mass: Paul Hull	
Friday 2 nd October	7.00pm: Word & Communion		
Saturday 3 rd October		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 4 th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Jill Swash		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish

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Prayer Intentions for Autumn: Students and Teachers: the Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

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.

26th Sunday of the Year

The Gospel reminds us that action speaks louder than words, but it is the second reading that stands out. We have this passage during Palm Sunday.

The first part is an exhortation from St Paul for communities to have peace and harmony. He calls for no competition, people being self-effacing, putting the interests of others instead of their own. He calls for a common purpose and a common mind. There is a humility needed to ensure that the community is united and at peace.

Then Paul calls people to have the mind of Christ who emptied himself by becoming human and even accepting death, but God has raised him high. It is the Christ event of incarnation, cross and resurrection, that enables us to promote unity and peace, promote the common good and have a deep sense of solidarity with one another. This common purpose and common mind is needed within and beyond our churches.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

Linskill Choir at St Cuthbert's

Come and join us for Afternoon Tea and the music of Linskill Choir at St Cuthbert's Church on Saturday 10th October at 1 o'clock. Tickets £5 – can be purchased after masses or booked by email: kathnaylor2020@gmail.com

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 were 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.

Parish Meditation Group

A Four Week Introductory Course started on 22nd September and will last 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 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.

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

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/>

Churches Together in North Shields Quiz

There will be a quiz at St Augustin's Church on Friday 23 October at 6:00 pm. Tickets: £10 a table, including tea, coffee and biscuits. Money raised will be shared between NiteBite and New to the UK. If interested in taking part, please speak to either Linda Shotton or Anne Bradley.

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

From Pope Leo's Message for the Season of Creation:

The above-mentioned crises (war stands as a counter-witness to the Gospel of peace) calls not only for responsibility but also for a conversion of heart that will bear fruit in a deeper fidelity to God, love of one another and respect for the gift of creation. Indeed, the discord we see in the world, such as violence, injustice and ecological degradation, is not simply the result of flawed systems or

structures; it is a "symptom of the deeper dichotomy that is rooted in humanity itself" (Gaudium et Spes, 10). In fact, the human heart is the place where the deepest struggles unfold and our fallen condition reveals itself. It is not merely the seat of emotion, but the centre of the person — the place where reason, desire, will and conscience converge. It is here that we wrestle with the contradictory desires within us between love and indifference, truth and illusion, justice and injustice (cf. Jas 1:14–15). The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth, then, are profoundly linked to the condition of the human heart. The conflicts that torment humanity are in many ways the outward expression of interior discord and division. When the heart is distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we build begin to reflect that disorder.

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 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