

Mass Readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it?
When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.*

1.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots.
2.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
3.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself.
4.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

Psalms 80 (79)

Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia.

Gospel

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.” And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.’
Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.’

Matthew 21:33-43

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3 rd /4 th October 2026 – 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
Saturday 3 rd October		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 4 th October 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: Jill Swash		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 5 th October			
Tuesday 6 th October			10:00am: Mass: Joan Harrison
Wednesday 7 th October	9.30am: Mass: Denis Hills		
Thursday 8 th October		9.30am: Mass: Mary O’Hanlon & family	
Friday 9 th October	7.00pm: Mass: Winifred Thompson		
Saturday 10 th October		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: The O’Hanlon Family	
Sunday 11 th October 28 th 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 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.

27th Sunday of the Year

Walking through the Kent Countryside last month was the first time I had seen vineyards. You can appreciate their beauty and seeing all those grapes that will be transformed into wine. You can see how the image of the vineyard that features in the first reading and gospel signified something precious and valuable. You can see how the Jewish Christians listening to this passage would have been challenged. It is saying that with God, there are no special exceptional group, there are no favourites, and with God there are no rights.

Like the story of the workers in the vineyards that we had two weeks ago, this gospel emphasises that with God we do not have rights but we have gifts that we are called to acknowledge and use. Like the second reading called us last week, we are not to think about ourselves and the group we belong to but see ourselves in relation to others, all loved, valued and called to acknowledge the rights and needs of others.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Last Friday was CAFOD Family Fast Day. 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.

Baptism

Today at St Cuthbert's at 12.30pm we have the Baptism of Evie Surrey. We pray for Evie and her family as she is united in Christ and joins our community of disciples.

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

Next meeting is of the hub is this coming Thursday, October 8th at 7pm at St Cuthbert's. We will discuss ways of reaching out to the wider community.

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 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

This week-end, Sunday 4th October, the Feast of St Francis marks the end 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. At Mass we will read together St Francis' Cantic of Creation

<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:

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that "the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast" (Homily for the Solemn Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry, 24 April 2005). This calls us to recognize that, in some way, what is broken around is also broken within us. In order to build a peaceful society, therefore, we must not only reform structures but also renew our hearts. The deep-set causes of conflict and the exploitation of creation stem from an ethical and cultural crisis, including the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit, and the inability to recognize the God-given dignity of each human person.

Diocesan Vacancy

Role: Parish Secretary
Contract: Permanent
Salary: £9498 per annum
Hours: Part-time – 13 hours per week
Working Pattern: Able to be negotiated at interview
Location: St John Vianney, Hillhead Parkway, West Denton, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE5 1DP
How to apply: Please visit <https://diocesehn.org.uk/vacancy/parish-secretary-19/>
Closing Date: 12:00 pm, 07/10/2026.

Flame 2027

Flame 2027 takes place on Saturday 6th March. The theme is 'TAKE COURAGE'. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, almost 900 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults).

COST: £55 per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact: Mary Madziva mmadziva@ymt.org

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