

Mass Readings for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations; He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, ‘Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.’ For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *In the LORD’S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.*

1.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.
2.

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.
3.

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
4.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In the LORD’S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Psalm 23 (22)

Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Gospel

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.” And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Matthew 22:1-14

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10 th /11 th October 2026 – 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert’s	St Joseph’s	Our Lady & St Oswin’s
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
Monday 12 th October			
Tuesday 13 th October			10:00am: Mass: Leo McMenamin
Wednesday 14 th October	9.30am: Mass: Stan Llwelllyn		
Thursday 15 th October		9.30am: Mass: John Mullholland	
Friday 16 th October	7.00pm: Word & Communion		
Saturday 17 th October		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 18 th October 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass:		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 John Coyle, Peter Cooke, Maureen Ruddick, Amanda Holmes and all those who have died recently.

28th Sunday of the Year

Last week we had the image of the vineyard, this week-end is the image of the wedding banquet. Last week, we had people being disrespectful to the owner of the vineyard, this week we have people ignoring the invitation. In both readings we have St Matthew's primary concern in writing to a predominately Jewish community of new Christians, that God's offer of life is now for all people. There is no exceptional group of people.

The image of banquet has two insights that are important for our discipleship. The first is one of invitation. Our God does not command but invites. A loving God does not impose his wishes and gifts. God offers and invites. What is God offering and inviting you at this time?

The second insight is the God of hospitality, which is made so clear at the Eucharist. Our God wants us to know the hospitality he offers. We are then called to show that hospitality. There are so many ideas and ideologies. There are lots of different voices. What will make a

difference is the hospitality we offer. Acts of kindness and generosity will have a bigger impact on whatever we say or write. Sharing the hospitality of God with others is what will have a big impact on the hearts of others.

Appeal on Behalf of Missio

This week-end we welcome Fr Noah Mbabazi MHM. He will be giving appeal on behalf of Mission and their 'red boxes'. Fr Noah you are very welcome.

First Holy Communion

The first of the First Holy Communion Liturgies take place this weekend. We pray for those children starting this journey.

Baptism

Today at St Cuthbert's at 12.30pm we have the Baptism of Albie Axel Nilsson. We pray for Albie and his family as he is united in Christ and joins our community of disciples.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Harvest

This appeal is still open to the end of this month.

People in Prison Sunday

This Sunday we are called to pray for all women and men in prison.

Prisoners' Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. Our prisons are in crisis. There are record numbers of people behind bars. Inspectors regularly report instances of vermin, violence, self-harm and people languishing in cells with nothing to do. At the same time, too many people are released with no home, no job, no family and no hope. PACT is the Catholic Charity that supports men and women in prison and their families, offering support when released. There are envelopes you can give donations at the back of Church. You can also donate at: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/>

Journey in Faith

(Re-)discovering the Catholic Church

The Coast Partnership Journey in Faith sessions for 2026–2027 started 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 also very welcomed. Further information is available via Joe James at jjames9241@aol.com.

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.

Bible Study Group

A group that used to meet regularly on a Thursday evening to study the scriptures for the following Sunday. The first meeting will be on Thursday 15th October at 7pm. All are welcome.

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

Christmas Fayre

Raffle tickets on sale from Sunday 18th October.
£2.50 for 5 Donations for the Fayre gratefully received.

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 prophetic call to "beat swords into ploughshares" (Is 2:4) is therefore not only a vision for nations, but a call to each person. It invites us to transform harm into life. Yet this transformation cannot be achieved through external change alone. It requires, through cooperating with God's grace, a deeper personal and collective conversion — a returning to God, who will reorder our desires, heal our wounds and help us grow in virtue. Without this inner transformation, peace will remain fragile and short-lived. But where hearts are renewed, new possibilities begin to open. What has been used for destruction can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation. This is the path of authentic ecological conversion, where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us (cf. Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 217). Peace, then, begins in the heart and flows outward to our relationships, communities and the broader world.

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

Stonyhurst Retreat: Be Still And Know That I Am God 20th–23rd November 2026

Step away from the noise and rediscover the stillness in which we become attentive to God. Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate. Find out more and book:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

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