

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *I love you, LORD, my strength.*

1. I love you, LORD, my strength.
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
2. My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the LORD!'
and see, I am saved from my foes.
3. The LORD lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The LORD gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed.

Second reading

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.
Alleluia.

Gospel

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

Exodus 22:21-27

Psalm 15 (17)

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

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24 th /25 th October 2026 – 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time – A			
Masses, Devotions and Services			
	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 24th October		5:30pm: Vigil Mass:	
Sunday 25th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am: Mass: People of the Parish		9:30am: Mass: People of the Parish
Monday 26th October			
Tuesday 27th October			10:00am: Mass: Alec Turner
Wednesday 28th October	9.30am: Mass: Michael & Mary Flannery		
Thursday 29th October		9.30am: Mass: Peter Cooke	
Friday 30th October	7.00pm: Mass: Thomas Flood		
Saturday 31st October		5:30pm: Vigil Mass: People of the Parish	
Sunday 1st November All Saints Day	11.00am: Mass: Mary McCristal		9:30am: Mass: Alistair

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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 and Pope Leo XIV.

Please pray for Fr John Coyle, Peter Cooke, Maureen Ruddick, Amanda Holmes, Rev Terry McGann and all those who have died recently.

30th Sunday of the Year

The Gospel this weekend is very well known. A very simple message and one we know well. That is the commandments of the Hebrew Scripture condensed to love of God and love of neighbour. As I have said before, one of the key aspects of love is attentiveness. So, for our love of God to be real and living we need to be attentive to the mystery of God, which we call as Father and son and holy spirit. This is a community of love, and mutual self giving. May we be enfolded in this mystery, so that the love of God is poured out into our hearts and overflowing to those who need it and to those where the call to love is not easy.

Rev Terry McGann RIP

Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 30th October at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay. At the request of Deacon Terry's widow, Christine, Mgr Andrew Faley will preside. His burial will follow at Earsdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Baptism

This Sunday at St Cuthbert's at 12.30 we have the baptism of Maeve Ann Brown. We pray for her and her family as she is united in Christ and welcomed into our community of disciples.

Masses for All Souls

The Masses for All Souls presided by Fr Chris will be on Tuesday November 3rd
10.00am at St Oswin's
7.00pm at St Cuthbert's
At both Masses the names of all the funerals that have come from St Cuthbert's, St Joseph's & St Oswin's will be read out. May they all rest in peace.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal Harvest

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

Bible Study Group

A group that used to meet regularly on a Thursday evening to study the scriptures for the following Sunday.

Shared Meal, Shared Concerns. Sunday 22nd November 12.15pm

On the feast of Christ the King, the parish is hosting an event for the parish and others in the wider community. We see the event as a time of welcome, sharing and listening. It will be similar to our recent celebrations for Pentecost. We ask that people provide food reflecting the diverse cultures in our parish. If you would like to provide some food for this event, there is a list at the back of Church. In providing food, you will need to state what ingredients you have used.

This event is a celebration and witness to God's Kingdom of peace, love, truth and justice within and beyond the community. We want to hear people's concerns so that we can continue the work we have done that has improved mental health provision for younger people, transformed a local park and cheaper bus fares for young people. We can promote cohesion in the community, a great witness to Christ the King and his Kingdom.

Parish Accounts

Gary did not speak last week-end due to the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. So, it will be this weekend that he will give an overview of parish finances. Gary is standing down after 8 years of faithful service to the committee. My sincere thanks for his work and guidance.

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

Any donations for the Christmas Fayre will be much appreciated. Raffle tickets are now on sale from Sunday – £2.50 for 5.

Tea and Choir Event

The final total of money raised at the Tea and Choir event on October 10th is £800. The money will be for parish funds. A big thank-you to all who contributed, Special thanks to the Social Committee and to the Linskill Choir for your hard work and talent. It was a very popular and successful event.

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 true tools for building peace are not weapons of destruction, instead they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God's grace. Only these qualities possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world.

Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. Prov 4:23).

If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into ploughshares, and the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation.

Appeal from Churches Together

"Churches Together, of which we are members, seeks to help two sets of local people in need and are already (sorry I know it is still October) preparing Christmas plans. Nite Bite helps homeless/needy. Donations will provide gifts for males and females from teenage to middle-aged. Items such as tinned meat, socks, underwear, toiletries, chocolates or anything you believe could help.

Away from Christmastime both churches have boxes where tins of food can be donated. NewtoUK helps people, mostly Asylum Seekers, recently sent/arrived in North Shields. This set includes families with children from new-born to teenage and volunteers will be assembling gifts in November. Again gloves, scarves etc., toiletries for adults of both gender and toys, books etc. for girls and boys will be appreciated."

Little Sisters of the Poor – Christmas Fayre

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November 2026 at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle.

The Fayre is on from 12pm until 3pm. There will be a raffle, tombola, bottle stall, arts and crafts and other stalls. They will have a children's stall where everyone is a winner. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Appeal

I have been asked to share an appeal on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Mission Hospital in Muhoroni, Kenya. They are currently experiencing severe financial challenges, and many children are at risk of malnutrition due to a lack of essential nutritional support. Any support would be appreciated. Contributions can be channelled here: <https://paystack.shop/pay/3otwbsjabj>

Move it or Lose It

Will resume this Tuesday 27th of October.

Newman Tyneside Circle

invites you to come and hear Fr Colin Patey speak on The Dream of Gerontius: how might Newman's poem inform our November prayers for the Holy Souls?, in the hall of Holy Name Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, NE2 3JX, on Tuesday 10th November 2026, at 7.30pm. "We shall be like him, because we shall see him as he really is" (1 John 3:2). A timely reflection from Scripture and Newman's great poem.

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