Mass Readings
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 63 (62)**

Response: *For you my soul is thirsting, O LORD, my God.*

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

2. I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

3. I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

4. When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 24:42a, 44**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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St Thomas More High School: https://stmacademy.org.uk/
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Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 7th November		**5:30pm: Vigil Mass:** George Millar	
Sunday 8th November **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**11.00am: Mass:** People of the Parish		**9:30am: Mass:** People of the Parish
Monday 9th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica			
Tuesday 10th November			**10:00am: Mass**: Mary Hughes
Wednesday 11th November	**9.30am: Mass:** Pat Murray		
Thursday 12th November		**9.30am: Mass:** Kazys Murkstys, Haraltas Kasparavius, Zoras Murkstys & Rita Gurskyte	
Friday 13th November	**7.00pm: Mass:** Sofia Patuska		
Saturday 14th November		**5:30pm: Vigil Mass:** People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th November **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**11.00am: Mass:**		**9:30am: Mass:** Deceased Members of the Shippen Family

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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.

32nd Sunday of the Year

I once read that a simple summary of the world religions could be that the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Islam and Christianity could be seen as focusing on a God of encounter. Whereas the religions of the Asia and far east could be seen as placing the emphasis on discovering wisdom. I am sure that is far too simplified but there maybe some grain of truth. In the gospel, it acknowledges the importance of wisdom. In the God we encounter in Christ, the context of the gospel was people waiting longer than expected for Christ to come back. We are still waiting! The initial enthusiasm of the early church was waning. There was a need for patience, endurance and persevering in the faith, hope and love they had known in Christ. This is the wisdom that was needed. As we encounter the love of the Trinity in Eucharist and prayer, may we discern the wisdom needed to maintain this divine encounter and continue to be channels of Christ's grace in our world.

Remembrance Sunday

We remember all who have died in war and conflict. We pray for peace and that we can all be peacebuilders.

Annual Missionary Appeal

Next weekend we have our annual missionary appeal. The appeal from Missio Red Boxes was a 'one off'. This year the Diocesan Appeal is for the Colomban Missionaries.

First Holy Communion Liturgy

This weekend we have the second of our First Holy Communion Liturgies. This liturgy will be reminding our candidates of the significance of their baptism. We continue to pray for our candidates and their families as they guide them to their First Holy Communion.

Pastoral and Funeral Ministry Group

This group will be meeting on Tuesday at St Joseph's at 7pm. Please let me know if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

Tyne and Wear Citizens Hub

The hub will be meeting at St Cuthbert's on Wednesday at 7pm. We will be discussing the 'November 22nd event'. All are welcome

Clergy Training Fund

This annual appeal started last week-end will be open for the next three weeks.

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.

Christmas Fayre

Any donations for the Christmas Fayre will be much appreciated. Raffle tickets are now on sale from Sunday – £2.50 for 5. The Fayre is on November 28th.

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

In this month of All Saints why not learn about those saints who have shown their appreciation of God's gift of nature and creations. For more information go to: https://laudatosimovement.org/news/10-saints-whose-care-for-creation-still-inspires-us-today/.
Here is another example: St. Augustine, 354-430
Pop quiz: Is the below quote about "things like mice and fleas that are real but inconvenient" from Laudato Si' or St. Augustine?
"so strong is this preference, that, had we the power, we would abolish [them] from nature altogether, whether in ignorance of the place they hold in nature, or, though we know it, sacrificing them to our own convenience."
Such warnings against self-centeredness in regards to nature show yet again how the Catholic Church has long been about caring for all of God's creation. Arthur O. Ledoux, a philosophy professor and lecturer at the Augustinian Study and Legacy at Merrimack College in the U.S., wrote about St. Augustine's deep love for creation in "A Green Augustine: On Learning to Love Nature Well."
"For Augustine the ideal would be to see nature as God sees it, feeling deeply both its beauty and its impermanence, loving nature without clinging to it," Ledoux wrote. "With such clear seeing would come love and the motivation for sustained and skillful action."

Artificial Intelligence (AI) –

Amid all the talk about the potential benefits and dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Pope Leo has published his first major teaching document (an Encyclical) on this very topic. The subtitle of the Letter reads, "On safeguarding the human person in the time of AI". Dr Sean Hall will give a talk outlining the Pope's thoughts in the Holy Name Church Hall, Towers Avenue, Jesmond, Newcastle NE2 3JX on Thursday 19 November at 7pm. All are welcome and there is no need to book.

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 & Concert

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November, from 12pm until 3pm, at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. 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.
Also The City of Newcastle Male Voice Choir and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at The Little Sisters of the Poor, St Joseph's Home on Saturday 5th December at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor.
Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home 0191 2731279

Christmas Wreath Making

Christmas Wreath Making event will take place on Friday 4th December at St Cuthbert's Parish Hall. Join us for a festive afternoon to create your own decorative wreath. £15 per person. For more information and to sign up see notices at the back of both churches.

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 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