Mass Readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

First reading **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 128 (127)**

Response: *Blessed are all who fear the LORD.*

1. Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD
May the LORD bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life!

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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St Thomas More High School: https://stmacademy.org.uk/
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14th/15th November – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

Masses, Devotions and Services

	St Cuthbert's	St Joseph's	Our Lady & St Oswin's
Saturday 14th November		**5:30pm: Vigil Mass:** People of the Parish	
Sunday 15th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	**11.00am: Mass:** Maria Mason		**9:30am: Mass:** Deceased Members of the Shippen Family
Monday 16th November			
Tuesday 17th November			**10:00am: Mass**: Jane Mann
Wednesday 18th November	**9.30am: Mass:** Alfred & Lillian Laws		
Thursday 19th November		**9.30am: Mass:** Raymond Howe	
Friday 20th November	**7.00pm: Mass:** Anne Baker		
Saturday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		**5:30pm: Vigil Mass:** John Hughes	
Sunday 22nd November Christ the King – Solemnity	**11.00am: Mass:** People of the Parish		**9:30am: Mass:** Maureen & Gordon Hogg

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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 Patricia Swaddle and all those who have died recently.

33rd Sunday of the Year

In recent years this penultimate Sunday of the Liturgical year is a World Day of Prayer for the Poor. Initiated by Pope Francis, this day asks us to pray and be in solidarity with the poor, powerless and vulnerable, especially those who are victims of war and violence.
In recent years there have been some interesting interpretations of parables of the talents. Some have suggested that originally, it was a parable against Herod and his unjust rule, so the man who does not use his talent is one of the good guys, he is standing up to an unjust ruler.
Whatever interpretation is given, as we approach the end of the Church's year we are asked to contemplate the 'last things' – death, hell, heaven and judgement. That may be not a pleasant thought but we are called to be responsible for the gift of our life and all other gifts. We can take this time as an opportunity to think how we use our gifts so we can deepen our knowledge, love and service of God in a way that is creative and not destructive.

Annual Missionary Appeal

This weekend we have our annual missionary appeal. This year the Diocesan Appeal is for the Colomban Missionaries. We welcome Fr Kevin McDonagh to the parish for this week-end.

Baptism

This Sunday at St Joseph's at 1pm we will have the baptism of Thiago dos Anjus-Marks. We pray for Thiago and his family as he is united in Christ and joins our family of disciples.

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.
Though we started planning for this event in July, the events on November 5th make me feel this event is spirit led and very relevant. Please contribute with some food if you can. Please state the ingredients.

Christmas Fayre

Any donations for the Christmas Fayre will be much appreciated and are as I write much needed. The Fayre is on November 28th.

Sick and Housebound in the Parish

Please inform Fr Chris whether you are aware of any parishioners who cannot come to Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion at home.

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 saint who focused on God's creation. Although she was only 24 when she died, St. Therese left behind stacks of writings, instructions almost, on how to admire and be in awe of creation.
"Far away on the horizon we could see the great mountains . . . The sight of these beauties made a deep impression on my thoughts; I felt as if I were already beginning to understand the greatness of God and the wonders of heaven."
"The sun's light that plays on the cedar trees, plays on each tiny flower as if it were the only one in existence; and in the same way our Lord takes a special interest in each soul."

#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."

Young Couples Retreat

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries are organising a one day retreat Reinvigorating I Do's for Married Couples between 1-10 years on 21st November from 10am till 4pm at St Mary's Church, Great Lime Road, Forest Hall, NE12 7AB. If you know anyone who comes under this bracket please encourage them to attend. Spread the word around and invite all your African, English, Filipino, Indian and Polish friends to attend. If you have children who are in the age range of 5-12, we will arrange a separate session for them while their parents attend the retreat. There will be Holy Mass and confessions available on the day. Booking is essential as we need numbers for catering purposes. A collection will be taken to meet the expenses. Please email the number of children and couples attending the retreat to afcmnewcastle@gmail.com. For any further enquiries please ring Deacon Alison Rebello on 07931-136243 or Santhosh Joseph on 07545 861400.

Health & Safety in the parish

Thank-you to Tony Pinkerton who trained 6 of us in first aid and use of defibrillators on November 7th. There are at least 7 of us who trained first aiders. Tony will be offering sessions on fire marshalling and handling in the new year. The former will be at his place of work on the Tyne Tunell industrial site. That sounds fascinating!

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.

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