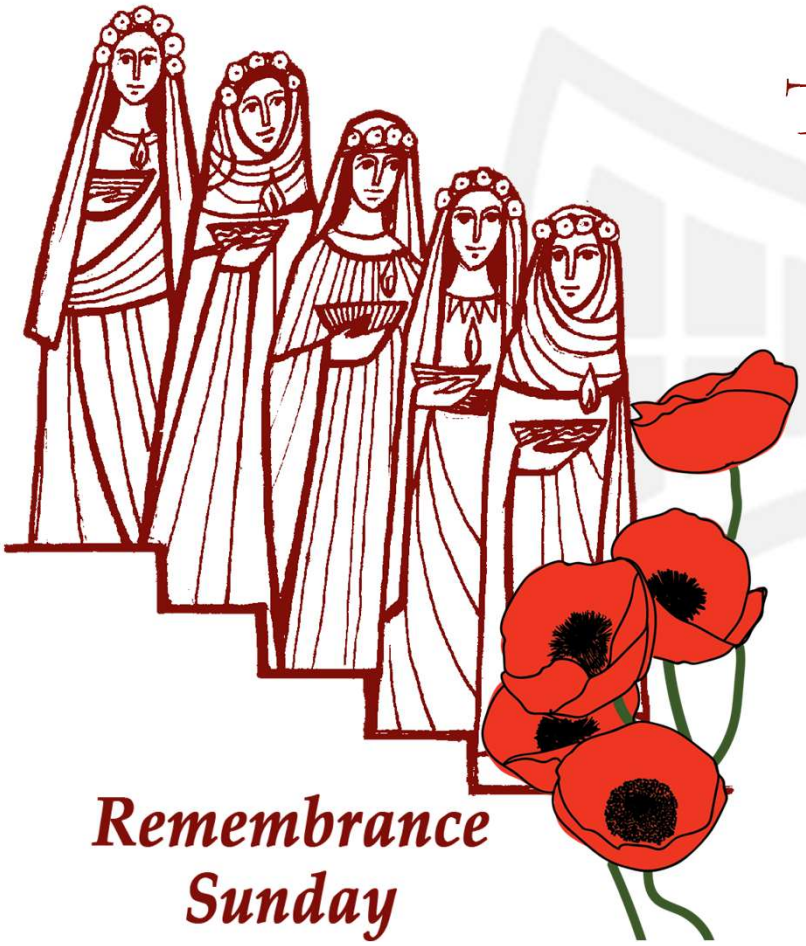
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THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

"GIVE US SOME OF YOUR OIL, FOR OUR LAMPS ARE GOING OUT."

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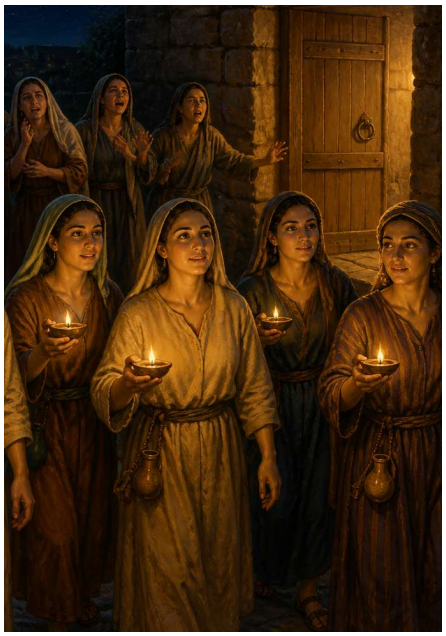
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SUNDAY MESSAGE



Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Did any words or phrases stand out to you in the Gospel? If so, take a few moments to meditate on them.

ST LEO THE GREAT | 10TH NOVEMBER



He was born in Etruria and became Pope in 440. He was a true shepherd and father of souls. He constantly strove to keep the faith whole and strenuously defended the unity of the Church. He repelled the invasions of the barbarians or alleviated their effects, famously persuading Attila the Hun not to march on Rome in 452, and preventing the invading Vandals from massacring the population in 455. Leo left many doctrinal and spiritual writings behind and a number of them are included in the Office of Readings to this day. He died in 461.



ST MARTIN OF TOURS | 11TH NOVEMBER

He was born in the Roman province of Pannonia (approximating to the western half of modern Hungary) in about 316 and was educated at Pavia in Italy. He was baptized, left the army and after spending some time as a hermit on an island off the Ligurian coast, founded a monastery at Ligugé in western France, where he lived a monastic life guided by St Hilary. Later he was ordained priest and became bishop of Tours. In his actions he gave an example of what a good shepherd should be. He founded other monasteries, educated the clergy, and preached the Gospel to the poor. He died in 397. The famous story about St Martin is that while a soldier in Amiens he gave half of his military cloak to a beggar and later had a dream in which the beggar revealed himself as Christ.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with the parish office by 5pm on a Wednesday. Please email *bulletin@seaham-catholics.org.uk*

BONUS BALL WINNER

at St. Joseph's

24th October -	**Irene Maine**	**13**
31st October -	**Sarah Smith**	**45**

200 CLUB

at St Mary Magdalen's

25th October	**196**
1st November	**301**
October Monthly	**293**

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Leone PP. XIV

SANCTUARY CANDLE



THE CANDLE THAT BURNS AT THE SANCTUARY IS FOR

Anne Barksby
at St. Mary Magdalen's

Caroline Robinson
at St. Cuthbert's

Barbara and Basil Hudson
at St. Joseph's

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THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS

TODAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



We join with people across the country on Remembrance Sunday to remember those who gave their lives for our country in the two world wars. We think of the fallen in all conflicts, and those men and women who bravely serve in the armed forces today, often away from their families for months on end to ensure we can be safe with our families here at home. We think, we remember but most importantly, we pray. We pray in thanksgiving for the freedoms we enjoy, and the evil that was defeated in past wars, We pray for the repose of the souls of all the fallen, whose names we do not know, yet of the debt to them we do know. We pray for peace, that diplomatic solutions can be found and innocent life protected.

"When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for their tomorrow we gave our today."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

Next weekend, Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th November is world day of prayer for the poor. In his message for the 10th World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reflects on God as "the refuge of the poor," urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE YOUTH

There will be an annual collection for the Diocesan Youth Service at all Masses on the weekend of Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November. If any one of our young people would like to help in the parish, whether it is reading, helping with the bulletin, etc please inform Fr. Charles, one of our priests of Deacon Peter. Don't be shy!

CLERGY TRAINING FUND

Thank you to all who contributed towards the recent retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund. St Mary Magdalen's raised **£138.79,** St Cuthbert's raised **£126.90** and St Joseph's raised **£233.73.** Also a huge thanks to the AVE MARIA CLUB for their donation of £250 to St. Cuthbert's Parish

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Hubert Connelly and Georgina Naylor who have died. Hubert Connelly's Funeral Service will take place at St. Joseph's on Thursday 12th November at 12noon. Georgina Naylor's Funeral details will be announced in due course. **REQUIESCAT IN PACE.**

CHRISTMAS SANCTUARY LAMPS

As in previous years, parishioners are invited to purchase a **Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for **£10.00**. The red candles will burn around the Altar on **Christmas Eve** and will then be stored and used, one by one, throughout the year on the Sanctuary. To take part, please collect a special envelope from the back of the church marked **"Sanctuary Candle Intention."** Enclose £10, complete the details on the front of the envelope, and place it in the collection plate or hand it directly to a **Priest or Deacon**. Candles will be placed in the church they are submitted.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE REPORT - ST. JOSEPH'S

We are delighted share the news that following our recent RE Inspection, St Joseph's School has been rated as 'OUTSTANDING'. We are extremely proud of all our staff and children, whose hard work, dedication, kindness and commitment make our school such a special place to learn, grow and flourish. A huge thank you to our parents and families for your continued support. Your partnership means so much to us and plays such an important part in our school community. ***St. Joseph's.....loving, respectful and resilient, with Christ as our guiding light.*** A copy of the full report can be viewed on the website below:
https://diocesehn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/114276-St-Josephs-Primary-School-01-10-2026.pdf

CONFIRMATIONS

Father Charles and the Confirmation Volunteer Group will be meeting with the Parents, Guardians and Candidates for Confirmation on Tuesday 10th November at St. Mary Magdalen's Seaham Parish Hall at 5:45pm

A FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!

What a wonderful afternoon we had at the **Ave Maria Club on 26th October!** A fantastic time was enjoyed by all, and thanks to your incredible generosity, our fundraising total has reached an amazing **£950!** A huge thank you to **David Carney**, who entertained us with his wonderful singing and generously gave his time free of charge. Special thanks also go to **Kurt Muller (Dalton Park)** for their kind donation of vouchers. Congratulations to **Mrs T. Watson (St. Cuthbert's)**, the lucky winner of our chocolate hamper! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our raffles, our loyal members and all who came along to make the afternoon such a success. **And the good news? We're not finished yet!** Our fundraising appeal remains open for donations, so there's still time to contribute! Every penny raised will be shared between **four cancer charities**, helping to make a real difference. **£950 raised so far – thank you for your amazing support!**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

A = Anniversary | **(LD)** = Lately Deceased | **(DFM)** = Deceased Family Members

	St Mary Magdalen's SEAHAM HARBOUR	St Cuthbert's NEW SEAHAM	St. Joseph's MURTON
Saturday 7th November **THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**10:00am** *Adoration and Benediction* **10:30am MASS** Val & Brian Roberts *Confessions after Mass*	**4:00 - 4:20pm** *Confessions* **4:30pm VIGIL MASS** Peter Smith	
Sunday 8th November **THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**9:30am MASS** Rose & Colin Thompson *Coffee in the Hall after Mass*		**10:30am** *Confessions* **11:00am MASS** Frederick & Julia Mason *Coffee in the Hall after Mass*
Monday 9th November *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*		**8:45am** *Adoration* **9:30am** *Service of the Word & Holy Communion*	
Tuesday 10th Nov *St Leo the Great, Pope*	**9:40am** *Holy Rosary* **10:00am MASS** Terence Jackson SNR		
Wed 11th November *St Martin of Tours, Bishop*		**9:30am MASS** Eileen Clarke	**10:00am MASS** Peter Matterson
Thurs 12th November *St Josephat, Bishop, Martyr*	**9:40am** *Holy Rosary* **10:00am MASS** Robert & Agnes Jackson		**12noon** **FUNERAL SERVICE** Hubert Connelly
Friday 13th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*			**10:00am MASS** Margaret Christie
Saturday 14th Nov *Weekday in Ordinary Time* **THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**10:00am** *Adoration and Benediction* **10:30am MASS** Hubert Connelly *Confessions after Mass*	**4:00 - 4:20pm** *Confessions* **4:30pm VIGIL MASS** Stuart, Ted & Kitty Grainger	
Sunday 15th November **THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**9:30am MASS** Betty & Bruno Mellenthin *Coffee in the Hall after Mass*		**10:30am** *Confessions* **11:00am MASS** Peggy & Jack Cram *Coffee in the Hall after Mass*

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