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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2026



" AND HE CALLED TO HIM HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES AND GAVE THEM AUTHORITY OVER UNCLEAN SPIRITS, TO CAST THEM OUT, AND TO HEAL EVERY DISEASE AND EVERY AFFLICTION "

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SM SUNDAY MESSAGE

Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel). When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available. He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God's Kingdom. That is what every Christian must do. Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God? Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God's peace and healing to all the sick sheep? After all, I was made in the image of God, and God gave me the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called me, too, to work with him.



Am I supposed to cure the sick and cast out devils?

ST ROMUALD | 19TH JUNE

He joined a Benedictine monastery but made himself unpopular there by trying to get the lax monks to mend their ways and so, with the permission of his abbot, became a wandering hermit. In a constant fight against the degenerate monasteries of the day, he founded hermitages and monasteries where a life of prayerful solitude could be truly lived. The monastery at Camaldoli, which he founded and where he remained as abbot for a number of years, became the first house of an order of hermits which still exists. But Romuald took to his wanderings once more, and died in a monastery he himself had founded at Val di Castro – as he wished, alone in his cell.



ST ALBAN, FIRST MARTYR OF ENGLAND | 20TH JUNE



St Alban is considered the first British martyr, though historical details about him are uncertain. He likely lived in Roman Verulamium and was martyred sometime between 209 and 314 A.D. Tradition says he sheltered a fleeing Christian during persecution, converted to Christianity, and was executed in place of or alongside the fugitive, though many details are legendary rather than factual. Despite uncertainty, his veneration was well established by 429 A.D., and a major abbey later grew on the supposed site of his death, giving the town of St Albans its name. Over time, additional legends developed, including the supposed companion St Amphibalus, now understood to be a misunderstanding of language rather than a real person. The key message of Alban's story is his moral courage: in a sudden crisis, he chose what was right, a decision seen as reflecting his whole life and character.

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



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE



For the value of Sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Leone PP. XIV

SANCTUARY CANDLE



THE CANDLE THAT BURNS AT THE SANCTUARY IS FOR

Dorothy Martin
at St. Mary Magdalen's

Stuart, Kitty & Ted Grainger
at St. Cuthbert's

In Memory of Peter Eugene Hopper
at St. Joseph's

BONUS BALL WINNER

at St Joseph's

6th June
Patrick Varley

50



at St Mary Magdalen's

7th June
Number 129
Prize £50

✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

DAY OF LIFE - NEXT WEEKEND

A day of life will be celebrated in all parishes around the country next weekend. Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Parliament has approved an amendment that removes the legal consequences for a woman aborting her own baby—at any stage for any reason. Self-induced abortion up to birth is now legal in England and Wales. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, *Day for Life* is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on **Sunday, 21 June**. This year's theme is *The Wonder of the Child in the Womb*. There will be a retiring collection for the day of life at all Masses next weekend. To find out more and what YOU can do to fight back. Join SPUC and fightback today. Visit: spuc.org.uk/campaign/join-the-fightback.

THANKS TO OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We thank the Eucharistic Ministers for successful renewing their commitment on Sunday. We thank them for the good work they are doing in Parishes and pray that God will continue to bless them and their families.

WEDNESDAY MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S

There will be no Mass on Wednesday at St. Joseph's as Fr. Frank is unavailable. Mass will be on Thursday instead.

FINANCE UPDATE

We have successfully completed the financial year, and have held our finance council meeting. We thank all our parishioners for their support in keeping the parishes financially stable, through which we are able to pay for the gas and electric bills, buy other materials for the Eucharistic celebrations and maintain our Churches. The head of finance for our parishes will be talking to us briefly after communion next weekend.

AN INVITATION TO MASS

The Mass is a very special prayer for us and the world. We are encouraged to attend both Sunday and weekday Masses as much as we can, so we could pray as a community for ourselves and others.

THE AVE MARIA CLUB

A reminder that The Avenue Maria club at St. Mary Magdalen's will be CLOSED on Mondays 15th and 22nd June to all our volunteers a break and will return on the 29th June, when we welcome the children's music group from St Mary Magdalen's school to entertain us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION'S AT ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S

This year the children from St Mary Magdalen's School will receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday 20th June. We pray for the school children as they prepare to received Our Lord for the first time.

ORDINATIONS 2026

We congratulate Fr Christopher Brolly SJ, who was ordained to the priesthood for the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle on Saturday 13 June. Ted Patulan will be ordained a deacon for the Diocese at the Cathedral on Saturday 4 July at 11am. All are welcome.

SEA SUNDAY 2026

Sea Sunday is on 12th July 2026. We are asked to encourage prayer and financial contributions to support the work of Stella Maris (formerly, the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL 2026

Significance and the Youth Ministry Team invite you to join them at the Emmaus Village for the annual Significance Festival on Saturday 27th June. Arrivals from 12.00pm, Guided Walk of the Laudato Si' Environmental Project at 1.15pm, Presentation from Significance and Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen, at 3.00pm followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets cost £10. All proceeds and donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To request a booking form and for further information email Evie at evie.rea@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

✠ 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 13th June <i>St Antony of Padua</i>	10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i>	4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i>	
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:30am MASS Gladys Oliver <i>Confessions after Mass</i>	4:30pm VIGIL MASS Pat and John Dunn	
Sunday 14th June THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:30am MASS David Liddle <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Andrew Welsh <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>
Monday 15th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		8:45am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9:30am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday 16th June <i>St Richard of Chichester</i>	9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS Chris Lawrence		
Wed 17th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		9:30am MASS John & Pat Dunn	NO MASS TODAY
Thurs 18th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS Seafarers and their Families		10:00am MASS Deceased Members of the Cram & Rutherford Families
Friday 19th June <i>St Romuald</i>			REQUIEM MASS 10:00am - Bette Foley
Saturday 20th June <i>St Alba</i>	10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i>	4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i>	
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10:30am MASS Friends of Sunderland Seafarers <i>Confessions after Mass</i>	4:30pm VIGIL MASS Ann Williams	
Sunday 21st June THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:30am MASS Jean & Arthur Brunning <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS James & Mary Haffey <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>

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