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THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

"You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master."

MATTHEW 25

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SUNDAY MESSAGE



It is encouraging to think of all the talents which friends and neighbours have and which I don't have. It is all part of the gifts of the Spirit, which Paul sees as making up the whole Body of Christ. Everyone has a special contribution to make. As for me, it is extraordinary that God created me with all my twists, defects, fears and failures and it is precisely because of those boils, sores, abscesses that God loves me, helps me and guides me to work out my salvation. And it is just possible that there may be friends who can think that God has given me talents which make a tiny contribution to the happiness and goodness of the world. In the longer version of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus mentions a man with just one talent who hides it in the ground: the master calls him "wicked and lazy" and has him thrown out. Why is he so severely treated? This is surely someone who resolutely turns his (or her) back on the goodness she (or he) has received and refuses to work with it for the Lord's purposes or for anyone else's. Such a talent goes to waste and merely rusts and corrupts. If I know anyone like that, it is just worth asking whether, with infinite and patient kindness, I can help that person to release their talent and bring it to blossom.

Just think for a moment: what is your best talent? Is it a gift, skill or humour which brings joy and happiness to those around you? Are you like the man who buried his talent in the ground, or do you use this skill or gift or wisdom to bring joy to others?

ST HILDA OF WHITBY | 17TH NOVEMBER



Saint Hilda was born in Northumbria in 614 and baptised aged 13. Inspired by her sister's religious life, she became a nun under St Aidan's guidance. She led the monastery at Hartlepool before founding the famous double monastery at Whitby. Renowned for her wisdom, kindness and holiness, Hilda encouraged scriptural study and preparation for the priesthood. Her community included Caedmon, the first English poet, and hosted the influential Synod of Whitby, which addressed divisions within the Church. Despite suffering illness during her final seven years, Hilda continued leading her community until her peaceful death on 17 November 680.



ST EDMUND KING AND MARTYR | 20TH NOVEMBER

He was king of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom of East Anglia, covering modern Suffolk, Norfolk, and part of Lincolnshire. Very little documentary evidence for the details of his life exists, but it is known that Edmund was captured and killed by the Danish Great Heathen Army, which invaded England in 869, and the tradition is that he died the death of a Christian martyr. Edmund's body was buried in a wooden chapel near to where he was killed, but was later transferred to Beadoriceworth, where in 925 Athelstan founded a community devoted to the new cult. Thirty years after Edmund's death, he was venerated by the Vikings of East Anglia, who produced a coinage to commemorate him. In the 11th century a stone church was built at Bury, and Edmund's remains were translated to it. The shrine at Bury St Edmunds became one of the greatest pilgrimage locations in England and the town retains St Edmund's name to this day.

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

7th November

Mary Beth Muncaster **40**

200 CLUB

at St Mary Magdalen's

8th November

371 - £50 PRIZE

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

The McCourt & Ward Families
at St. Mary Magdalen's

George Strong and Barney and Sheila Lavery
at St. Cuthbert's

Dora & Joe Kenyon
at St. Joseph's

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THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR

This 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 next weekend, Saturday 21st / 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!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Georgina Naylor who has died. Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated At St. Joseph's Church on Friday 20th November at 12noon. The Holy Rosary will be recited on Thursday 19th November at 31 Windsor Crescent at 6:00pm. **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.

ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL – WORLD KINDNESS DAY

To celebrate **World Kindness Day on Friday 13th November**, the Mini Vinnies from St Cuthbert's School have been spreading a little kindness by making special prayer cards for our parishioners. Please feel free to take a prayer card for yourself or a family member and share in this lovely act of kindness. **A big thank you to the Mini Vinnies for their thoughtfulness and generosity!**

AVE MARIA CLUB CORRECTION

Correction from AVM Fundraiser, we would like to thank **PETER** Carney for his wonderful singing & giving his services free on our Club afternoon. We hope to welcome him back soon.

SEAHAM CIVIC ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE

The Seaham Civic Ecumenical Carol Service is being held at St John's Church on Wednesday 9th December 2026 at 6.00pm. Music will be provided by Seaham Music Academy Band and Singers and there will also be a performance by Trinity Primary School children. Refreshments are provided following the service, and all are welcome to pop in for a cuppa and cake.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH – SALVATION ARMY TOY APPEAL

St Joseph's Parish is delighted to have donated **£100 to the Salvation Army Toy Appeal**, helping to bring joy to children and families in need this Christmas. We are pleased to support this wonderful initiative and the valuable work of the Salvation Army in ensuring that children can experience the joy of receiving a gift at Christmas.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL MASS – FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

We are delighted that the children from St Joseph's School will be joining us for Mass on **Friday 20th November**. All parishioners, families and friends are most welcome to attend and join the children in prayer and worship.

ST JOSEPH'S OVER 65S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come along and join us for an afternoon of festive fun, friendship and Christmas cheer! **Tuesday 29th December, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Tickets: £3.50 per person.** Tickets are available from the back of St Joseph's Church, at the Coffee Morning, or alternatively by emailing Brenda using the email address on the front of the bulletin. **Everyone aged 65 and over from all three parishes is warmly invited to attend.** We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you!

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 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*
Monday 16th Nov *Weekday in Ordinary Time*		**8:45am** *Adoration* **9:30am** *Service of the Word & Holy Communion*	
Tuesday 17th Nov *St Hilda of Whitby*	**9:40am** *Holy Rosary* **10:00am MASS** Rosa Davison (healing and recovery)		
Wed 18th November *Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter and Paul*		**9:30am MASS** Forster and Robinson Families	**10:00am MASS** Jenny & Ernest Burns & DFM
Thurs 19th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**9:40am** *Holy Rosary* **10:00am MASS** Valorie Barlow (healing and recovery)		
Friday 20th November *St Edmund, King and Martyr*			**10:00am MASS** Frederick & Julia Mason **12noon REQUIEM MASS** Georgina Naylor
Saturday 21st Nov *Presentation of the BVM* **THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**	**10:00am** *Adoration and Benediction* **10:30am MASS** Michael & Margaret Grogan *Confessions after Mass*	**4:00 - 4:20pm** *Confessions* **4:30pm VIGIL MASS** Connor Drinkwater	
Sunday 22nd Nov **THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**	**9:30am MASS** Bernard Joseph Robson *Coffee in the Hall after Mass*		**10:30am** *Confessions* **11:00am MASS** Thanksgiving for the green scapular and All the Saints *Coffee in the Hall after Mass*

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