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 Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time 20/21 June, 2026. Year A.

<u>Sunday Masses</u>	<u>Weekday Masses</u>
Saturday 6pm. Northallerton	No weekday Masses this week
Sunday 9.15am. Northallerton	as Fr Michael is attending the Diocesan
11am. Aiskew	Clergy Retreat at Ampleforth Abbey.

<u>Readings</u>	<u>Response to the Psalm</u>
Jeremiah 20 : 10-13	In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.
Psalm 69 : 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35	Gospel Acclamation
Romans 5 : 12-15	Alleluia, alleluia
Matthew 10 : 26-33	The Spirit of truth will bear witness
	about me, says the Lord, and you also
	will bear witness.
	Alleluia

<u>This week</u>	
Monday.	SS John Fisher & Thomas More, martyrs. Feast
Tuesday.	St Ethelreda, abbess
Wednesday	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist, Solemnity

John Fallows, R.I.P.
 There will be a Funeral Mass for John at SS Mary & Joseph, Aiskew, **this Monday, 22 June at 10.30 am.**
 We remember John and his family in our prayers.




There are many who need our help, both in Northallerton and worldwide.

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church
A Rota for welcoming people to the Saturday and Sunday Masses
 is in now in the church porch, and it is very important that people are greeted on arrival at Mass.
Please sign if you can be involved.
With many thanks to all who have helped so far.

Ranchhod Community Services and Hospice.

 Hiking boots at the ready, I plan to walk **1 mile a day throughout this month**, in support of **the orphans of Kabwe, Zambia.** They still need our help. Many have supported this in the past and I hope you can help this year.
 Please contact **Catherine Cadogan, 6 Church Garth, Great Smeaton. 01609 881394. Thank you.**

Advance notice,
On Thursday 16 July, 10 am, (the final day of the school year)
 Mass will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church for all the Y6 leavers of Sacred Heart School and their families.
 Everyone is invited and welcome.




Tea/coffee is available after the Sunday Masses in both of our churches. All are invited.
With very many thanks to all the helpers who make this social occasion possible.
A rota for June is in the Sacred Heart church porch - please sign if you are able to help.



Churches Together in Bedale
This Friday, June 26,
a Service of Prayer and Praise Live
 at St Gregory's on the topic of **"Life in the Spirit".**
 This will be in the Chantry Hall.
 The Service begins at **7pm** with Refreshments at **6.45pm.**
 All are very welcome, so please attend if you are able to do so.

Hambleton Food Share
 Please don't forget that there are boxes in both churches in support of Hambleton Food Share. This is a very worthwhile cause, so please help if you are able. For further information visit : www.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk
"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

May God bless you and your family, today and always.
Father Michael and Deacon Paul.



Expanding the Vision. A challenge for me ?

"I was high up on the moor, sitting with my back to a dry-stone wall facing heather and bracken. But on the other side of the wall was a beautiful green field full of sheep. As I ate my picnic, I began to think about what made one side of this wall so different to the other side - **it was a person of vision.**

Sometime in the past, a farmer looked at the land and decided that, with hard work, he could change the land so that it was better for his flock. This then made me think of all the people I had known who had reached beyond what seemed to be the limit and extended their vision, their life, or the way they deal with the world around them.

I think we must learn to walk the edges of our experiences if we are to really journey into God. As we are living and moving beings, we cannot stand still for long : we will either reach forward and grow, or we can stultify and start losing what we had. This applies to individuals and their talents as well as to communities and churches. To live life to the full we have to reach out to the beyond ; we have to seek to extend ourselves

One of my favourite descriptions of heaven comes from County Kerry in Ireland. A woman was asked , "Where do you think heaven is ?" She replied, "Heaven is about one foot six

inches above the height of a man". This sounds a strange answer, but that woman was in no doubt that heaven was not far away but very near indeed. If you would only stretch yourself you could reach out and touch the borders of heaven ; with a bit of effort you should be able to enter into it. Heaven is there close at hand, and is waiting for us to become aware of its presence. There is no real boundary between heaven and earth, they are one, both parts of God's kingdom. It is only our blindness that prevents us entering into the kingdom.

The reaching out for the new, the other, the different, can open us to the great Other who is God and who comes to us each moment of our lives. If we are afraid of the other, afraid to venture, if we seek security, safety and status quo, we are surely in danger of shutting God out. People who only seek safety, perhaps create a comfortable God in their own image.

But faith gives us the courage to enter new territories and to discover that all of life is a journey and an adventure. It was with these thoughts in mind that I decided to look at a few people who had **the vision to see the closeness of His presence** and became aware that the kingdom is "close at hand", people who knew that God was always with them and always ready to help them. "

David Adam
"Walking the Edges"

A Prayer for all times and places

*May God be with us
on every road we take,
on every sea we cross,
through every sky we fly.*

*May the One who is Alpha
and Omega be with us
in our leaving and in our
arriving,
in our rising and our lying
down to rest
in our dreams of the night,
and especially in our last
hours on earth.*

*Whoever we are,
wherever we might be,
may the Lord always
extend his loving hands to
uphold us.*

AMEN



Denis McBride
**"Journeying
with Jesus"**

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Churches Together in Bedale Advance notice of a Strawberry Tea Party

On Sunday 5 July at 3pm

in the Rectory Garden at St Gregory's Church (or in the Chantry Hall if it is raining). This is a charity event with all donations going to Hambelton Foodshare and possibly some other local charity (tba).

There will be a table quiz and it will be a great opportunity for getting together on a lovely social occasion. Please support this ecumenical event if you can.

To aid catering please put your name and telephone number on the form in the porch at SS Mary and Joseph, or ring Tony on 01677 423205.

Retiring collections

This weekend for "The Day for Life". Also advance notice of the collection **next weekend** for Peter's Pence for the Pope's charitable causes., and coinciding with the Feast of SS Peter & Paul.

The Card Reader is now updated to take named retiring collections if this is helpful.