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28th Sunday, Ordinary time 11/12 October 2025

SUNDAY MASSES

Northallerton Saturday 6pm. Sunday 9.15am.

Aiskew Sunday 11am.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 10am. Northallerton

Wednesday 10am, Aiskew

Thursday 10am. Northallerton

Friday 10am. Northallerton

Sunday Readings

2 Kings 5: 14-17

Psalm 98 : 1-4

2 Timothy 2: 8-13 Luke 17: 11-19



Response to the Psalm

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia

Mass intentions

Saturday 6pm. Johannah O'Driscoll, R.I.P. (birthday) Sunday 9.15am. Rajan James, R.I.P. (from SVP)

"I am the resurrection and the life"

John 11.25

Next weekend

Sunday 19 October, 9.15am. In thanksgiving for 50 years of happy marriage

Prayer of the Church at Sacred Heart, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

9.40am before Mass All are welcome.

This Week

Monday St Edward the Confessor d. 5 January 1066, London

Tuesday St Callistus, Pope & martyr

d.11 October 222AD. Rome

Wednesday St Teresa of Avila **Memorial**

d.4 October 1582, Spain

Friday St Ignatius of Antioch **Memorial**

d. early 2nd century, Rome. Pope & martyr



"Jesus teaching on prayer is extraordinary simple and intimate. He has no time for long-winded devotions or extravagant gestures.

For him, prayer is a place hidden in the human heart where we can open ourselves to receive God's mercy and love.

Simple words of love and need: for daily bread, for forgiveness, for finding God's will. Simple gestures of thanksgiving and praise, desire and generosity, without any need to impress. This is where God seeks us and hopes to be found."

Gemma Simmonds - "The Closeness of God"

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



Tea/coffee is available after Sunday Masses in both churches. All welcome.

<u>PLEASE HELP</u> if you are able to sign up for the new rota for October in Sacred Heart porch.With grateful thanks to all who help.



Sacred Heart primary School Aspiration Talks



Last year the school held a series of really successful talks/assemblies with the children and they are reaching out again to request new speakers across a variety of fields.

We would be very grateful for your help in developing the children's understanding of future job pathways. We are looking for adults (parents, parishioners. friends) working across varied fields: education, medical profession, fashion industry, sports, finance, social work, caring professions etc.

If you would be willing to discuss your job/vocation/ role with a class or the whole school we would love to hear from you. Or you may know of a friend or family member who might do this.

Please telephone (01609 780971)

or email enquiries@shn.npcat.org.uk Miss Sharp (our school administrator) will make contact to arrange a suitable time.

Talks can be any time in the academic year.



Collections

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development SS Mary & Joseph £307.30

Sacred Heart total will be given next week.

"Thank you". Showing gratitude.

Today's First Reading - background.

The leper we hear about is Naaman, a pagan commander in the Syrian army who has already led military incursions into Israel. His wife had an Israelite slave who had told Naaman about the prophet Elisha. Naaman was desperate for a cure for his leprosy and now made another expedition into Israel. When Elisha heard he was coming, he sent a message to the Syrian to bathe seven times in the Jordan river. Naaman followed the advice.

He was cured and sought out the prophet to show his gratitude and offer him a reward. Elisha declined the reward but agreed that Naaman could take some earth and build a shrine to the one true God. Naaman had not only rejoiced in the cure but also recognised the giver. He praised God and thanked the prophet. So it is that the God of Israel heals the outsider and the pagan.

Today's Gospel - background. It is worth noting that Luke is the only New Testament writer to mention Naaman, which he does in 4.27. He sees the story as a good example of God's reach to those outside Israel. Remember he is writing to the Gentiles and has a particular interest in presenting God's call to all peoples.

So, in the Gospel when Luke tells the story of the ten lepers it is noticeable that the only one who shows gratitude is a foreigner, a Samaritan. Like Naaman, it is the outsider who shows his faith in God and his gratitude to God's servant.

All ten lepers experience healing. One turns in his tracks and shouts in praise of God and makes Jesus his new destination. When the Samaritan returns to thank Jesus, the absence of the other nine leaves Jesus hurt and puzzled. He asks: Were not all ten made clean? So, what makes people act that way? Why do the nine who are healed stay away from him (as people usual stayed away from lepers)?

Probably those nine lepers were appreciative of what Jesus had done but they never bothered to show their gratitude. Why are people (ourselves?) sometimes reluctant to say thank you? Or do we just not think about it and miss the chance? We all have many reason to be grateful, to God and others.

Eucharist means "thanks". When we gather in church we come to join God in the midst of the assembly. We do what Naaman the leper did: we give praise to God and give thanks for God's chosen ones who have graced us with their help. Our thanks should not be chained up inside us. God's good news is not chained up but our response to it can be.

Let our thanks find expression in this Eucharist, and perhaps we could surprise someone this week with a note which is long overdue and which says thanks.

Denis McBride
"Seasons of the
Word"





The Jubilee Prayer

father
in heaven,
may the faith you have
gifted us in your Son,
Jesus Christ,
and the flame of charity
kindled in our hearts
by the
Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the
blessed hope for the
coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us, into diligent cultivators of the seeds that make humanity rise in the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth.

Then,
with the powers of evil
overcome,
your glory will be
manifest eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures, and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer.

To you God, blessed in all eternity, be praise and glory for ever and ever.

AMEN

"Christian hope is usually thought of as a hope for the life to come, a place in heaven as it were.

This was a consistent strand of Jesus' teaching but, arguably, not the predominant one - in the Lord's Prayer he teaches us to pray for the kingdom to come 'on earth, as it is in heaven.'.

So, Christian hope is not just for personal salvation but for the salvation of the world."

Peter Sills "Light in the Darkness"