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26th Sunday, Ordinary Time, 26/27 September 2026

Sunday Masses

Saturday	6pm.	Northallerton
Sunday	9.15am.	Northallerton
	11am.	Aiskew

Weekday Masses

Tuesday	10am.	Northallerton
Wednesday	10am.	Aiskew
Thursday	10am	Northallerton
Friday	10 am.	Northallerton

Readings

Ezekiel 18 : 25-28
Psalm 25 : 4-9
Philippians 2 : 1-11
Matthew 21 : 28-32



Response to the Psalm

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia

Mass Intentions

Saturday	6pm.	Alwin Sebastian, R.I.P.
Sunday ,	9.15am.	Michelle Gemmel, R.I.P. (3rd anniversary)

This week

Monday	SS Lawrence Ruiz, patron of the Philippines, d.29 Sept. 1643, Nagasaki ; & companions, martyrs.	
Tuesday	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels	Feast
Wednesday	St Jerome died 30 September, 420 AD.	Memorial
Thursday	St Therese of Lisieux, d.30 September 1897	Memorial
Friday	The Holy Guardian Angels	Memorial



Prayer of the Church

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.40 before the 10am Mass

All are very welcome.
In this we join with the Church worldwide.

Churches Together in Bedale

This Sunday 27 September
Bedale & District methodist Church
have the last of their "Summer Evening Extras
"Paper Thoughts"
Engaging with Scripture in a creative way
This will be led by Pip Smith, commencing at **6pm**
in their **church in The Wynd**
Everyone is welcome

Newsletter - important information

*** Please see side 2 ***

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

This Friday, 2 October is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, an opportunity to think of those who are hungry, to eat less ourselves and to donate to help CAFOD's work around the world. There will an **Appeal and Collection** for CAFOD on the weekend of 10'11 October



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



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 possible. There is a **a rota** for October in Sacred Heart porch. Please sign if you can.

Welcome to Sacred Heart Church

A Rota for welcoming people to the Saturday and Sunday Masses
is 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.

Sacred Heart Primary School would really appreciate you support in advertising and promoting our **school nursery.** Currently we have lots of 3-4 year old Nursery spaces and our waiting list is small. To futureproof our school we would like your assistance in spreading the word about our lovely school with young families and friends. Prospective parents are welcome to visit at any time (whatever age your child) and can arrange an appointment through the school office **(01609 780971** or via **enquiries@shn.npcat.org.uk**
Please encourage friends/family to our monthly Baby Toddler events - we had several new Reception families join us in September following the success of previous events. **Our first event this year is on Friday 2 October, 9.30am in our school hall** (see page 2 for notice of event.)

Thinking about Jesus, and the power of God's word

"Jesus was totally free before the authorities of his time. He told people not to be guided by the behaviour of the scribes and Pharisees. He broke down the barriers between God and people as well as those among people and offered a new model : a circle where God lives in full solidarity with the people and the people with one another.

You will not be able to really meet Jesus while your body is full of doubts and fears. Jesus came to free you from these bonds and to create in you a space where you can be with him. He wants you t o live the freedom of the children of God.

Often we think about God's word as an exhortation to go out and change our lives. Yes, it is, but the full power lies not just in how we apply it in our lives, but in its transforming power that does its divine work as we listen. The Gospels are full of examples of God's presence in the word. When Jesus read from Isaiah in the synagogue of Nazareth about the good news to the afflicted, liberty to captives and sight to the blind he said

'This text is being fulfilled today even while you are listening'

Suddenly it becomes clear that the afflicted, the captives, the blind and the oppressed are not people somewhere outside who, someday, will be liberated ; they are the people who are listening. It is in the listening that God becomes present and heals.

The word of God is not a word to apply to our daily lives at some later date - it is a word to heal us through, and in, our listening here and now. The questions therefore are : How does God come to me as I listen to the word ? Where do I discern the healing hand of God touching me through the word ? How are my problems and sadnesses being transformed at this very moment ? Do I sense the fire of God's love purifying my heart and giving me new life. These questions lead me to the sacrament of the word, the sacred place of God's presence.

Most of us know already the healing or destroying power of the spoken word. When some one says to me 'I love you' or 'I hate you', I am not just receiving some useful information. These word do something to me. They make me feel and think differently. They lift me up to a new way of being and give me another knowledge of myself. Words can have the power to heal or destroy me."

"Jesus' freedom was rooted in his spiritual awareness that he was the beloved child of God. He knew in the depth of his being that he belonged to God before he was born, that he was sent into the world to proclaim God's love and that he would return to God after his mission was fulfilled. This knowledge gave him the freedom to speak and act without having to please the world and the power to respond to people's pain with the healing love of God."

Henri Nowen - "Jesus, A Gospel"

Everyone is welcome
to join the Friends of Sacred Heart Primary School at a meeting on
Friday 2 October straight after the Celebration Assembly

See poster in Sacred Heart Church porch

Zion URC Church - Eco, Justice and Peace Group
Movie Nights on the important topic of

Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

The first event is on Monday 28 September at 7pm.

Further events on 26 October, 23 November and 4 January
See poster in Sacred Heart porch

Collection for Home mission Sunday

SS Mary & Joseph - £80.00 Sacred Heart - tba.
With many thanks

Newsletter - from 3/4 October onwards

Please send events/items for the newsletter to Kayleigh at kpratt2311@gmail.com
Please continue to give Mass Intentions to Geoff/Fr Michael as now. They will then be passed to Kayleigh for newsletter inclusion.

Side 1 of the newsletter will be Sunday Plus from the Redemptorists ;
Side 2 - Mass times, parish news events etc.