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 Twenty-first Sunday, Ordinary Time, 23/24 Aug., 2025

<u>SUNDAY MASSES</u>		<u>WEEKDAY MASSES</u>	
Northallerton	Saturday 6pm.	Tuesday	10am. Northallerton.
	Sunday 9.15am.	Wednesday	10am Aiskew
Aiskew	Sunday 11am.	Thursday	10am. Northallerton
		Friday	10am. Northallerton

<u>Sunday Readings</u>	<u>Response to the Psalm</u>
Isaiah 66 : 18-21	Go into the whole world and proclaim
Psalm 117 : 1-2	the good news
Hebrews 12 : 5-7, 11-13	<u>The Gospel Acclamation</u>
Luke 13 : 22-30	Alleluia, alleluia
	I am the way, and the truth, and the life,
	says the Lord. No one comes to the
	Father except through me. Alleluia

Mass intentions

Saturday, 6pm. Mrs Catherine Pike, R.I.P. (2nd anniversary)  
 Sunday, 11am. Audrey Town, R.I.P. Died recently  
 Friday, 10am. Winifred Norfolk, R.I.P. 25th anniversary.  
 In thanksgiving for her life.

Next weekend

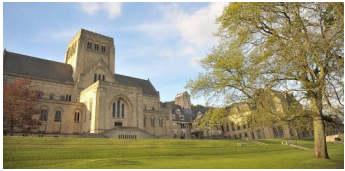
Sunday, 31 August, 9.15am Jean Brogan, R.I.P.  
 This would have been the 68th wedding anniversary of Jean  
 and Michael.

*"I am the resurrection and the life"*

Prayer of the Church,  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
 9.40am before Mass All are welcome.

SS Mary & Joseph and Sacred Heart  
**Parish Day at Ampleforth,**  
**directed by Abbot Robert Igo, OSB**  
**Saturday, 20th September, 2025**  
**£30**  
**Lifts can be arranged.**


Within the next few days we will need to give final figures for attendance to Ampleforth for catering purposes and room planning,  
Have you paid ? Please give the money to either Geoff or Elizabeth, either in cash or by cheque payable to "Sacred Heart Church".  
If you would like a lift, please sign in the church porch.  
If you can offer lifts, again please sign.



This Week

Wednesday St Monica died 27 August, 387AD..  
 at Ostia Memorial  
 Thursday St Augustine died 28 August, 430AD.  
 at Hippo. Memorial  
 Friday The Passion of John the Baptist  
 Memorial


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

 All are welcome to tea/coffee  
 after Sunday Masses in both  
 churches.  
 With grateful thanks to all who help in this.

Ranchhod Community Service and Hospice,  
Zambia

Recently, Catherine Cadogan and a few friends walked a mile a day for a month, raising money to support the orphans and their helpers in the Community Centre & Hospice - a very worthwhile cause.  
 They raised a total of £1,507 - well done !!  
 With many thanks to all who supported this.



 **Bible Alive**

Subscribers can now collect their named copy from the church porch, covering the months of both **September and October.**  
 Hope you find Bible Alive to be helpful.

Day for Life

SS Mary and Joseph £75.50  
 Sacred Heart £71.05  
 With many thanks

## Entry to the Kingdom

*In today's Gospel*, Luke tells us about entry to the Kingdom of God, and how there's no such thing as automatic membership. While Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem, someone asks him about the number of those who will be saved. Rather than speculate about the arithmetic of salvation Jesus gives practical advice about the present time, then and now.

*He says* : "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed." The door is not so wide that anyone can casually saunter through at any time : the door is narrow, and individuals must strive, now, to enter it. Nor will the door be open indefinitely.

*Those who wait until* the door is shut try knocking, but the householder in today's Gospel, regards them as strangers. The latecomers try to remind the householder of common ties - they ate and drank with him, they listened to him teaching in the streets. But the Lord is not too impressed with superficial acquaintance : camp followers are not disciples.

*And those allowed in* come from all over - "from east and west, from north and south" - and take their place at the feast in the kingdom of God. The prophecy of Isaiah that we heard in the **First Reading** is seen to be fulfilled as people "from all the nations" enjoy the favour of the Lord. All sorts. In the kingdom of God, there's no sure way of knowing who's coming to dinner !

*The teaching of Jesus* is clearly opposed to the kind of national or religious elitism that presumes it has an assured place in God's kingdom. As one who is treated as an outsider by his own people, Jesus has a natural allegiance to those who perhaps don't belong to the 'right crowd'. Good roots are not enough ; having the right address is not enough ; having a history that goes back to Abraham is not enough. There is no substitute for a person's own decision, made for the kingdom of God.

*Jesus describes the condition* for entering the kingdom when he says : "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the words of God and put it into practice." (Luke 8 : 21) Fellowship in the kingdom of God is open to all who do these things. Entry is determined by faithfulness to the word of God.

Denis McBride  
"Seasons of the Word"



*Each morning ...  
Looking for light, and life.*

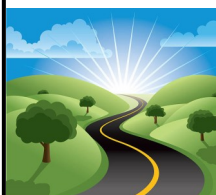
*As the light of dawn awakens  
earth's creatures  
and stirs into song the birds of the  
morning  
so may I be brought to life this  
day.*

*Rising to see the light  
to hear the wind  
to smell the fragrance of what  
grows from the ground  
to taste its fruit and to touch its  
textures,  
so may my inner senses be  
awakened to you  
so may my senses be awakened to  
you, O God.*

J Philip Newell  
"Celtic Benediction"



*"You show me the path of life",  
O God.  
In your presence there is  
fullness of joy."*



Psalm 16 : 11



Rajam James, R.I.P.

### Advance notice

The funeral Mass will take place on  
**Monday 1 September, 12 noon at Sacred  
Heart Church**  
followed by cremation at Middlesbrough  
Crematorium.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Flora  
and the family at this sad time.



We are now taking

part in the

**Big Give Christmas**

**Challenge**, which has

match-funding that helps your donation go twice as far. Pledges must be for a minimum of £100, but a group can come together to raise the pledge and one person can then make the donation on behalf of the group.

The Big Give page is at

[https://community.biggive.org/s/pledge?  
campaignid=a05WS000005xp5GYAQ](https://community.biggive.org/s/pledge?campaignid=a05WS000005xp5GYAQ)

If you wish to donate £5 or £10, or multiples of these amounts, and to have it doubled in the Big Give scheme, please give any donation to Carol or John L. and Carol will make the bulk donation.

**Alternatively, donations of any value can  
be made by** bank transfer to

a/c 40-52-40, number 00023262  
or online at  
[www.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk](http://www.hambletonfoodshare.org.uk)