

- Mask wearing is now a personal choice in our Churches -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 10th July 2022

Sat. 9th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Gerard Earley
Sun. 10th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Aleyamma Joseph
Sun. 10th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Laura Anne Heslop
Mon. 11th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 12th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Nicholson Family
Wed. 13th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Kennedy
* Wed. 13th (St Mary's)	1.00pm	Requiem Mass for James Aitchison
Thurs. 14th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 15th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Hannah Curry
Sat. 16th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Mary Kirby
Sun. 17th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth Ann Brown
Sun. 17th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson & Henderson Family

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 17th July 2022

"The salvation promised to Abraham and his kin now extends to all people."

Second Reading: The Servant of the Church (Colossians 1:24-28).

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Anne Innes, Eimear O'Hogarty.

Those who have died recently: Fr Dermott Donnelly, James Aitchison, George Candlish.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Stuart Hood, Edward Armstrong, Thomas Mullen, Margaret Wilkes, Jean Kenney, Andrew Young, Hannah Curry, Denise Novell, George Taylor, Mary Morris, Catherine McQueen, Jennine Reilly, Mary White, John Nolan, Roseanne Stockdale, Jessie Davison

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

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Sunday 10th July 2022

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

To many a Jew at the time of Jesus the hatred of the Samaritans was such that a Good Samaritan was a contradiction in terms.

It is striking that Luke changes the dialogue about the two commandments.

In Mark's and Matthew's accounts Jesus answers the question about the commandments, while in Luke Jesus challenges the questioner, who then himself gives the right answer.

It is also striking that, in his reply at the very end, the lawyer, despite Jesus' praise of him, cannot bring himself to pronounce the hated name, 'Samaritan', and says 'the one who...'.

The conscientious dilemma of the priest and the Levite reveals a dry humour within this story: if the huddled traveller turns out to be dead, they will incur corpse-defilement and be unable to perform their sacred duties! This legal difficulty makes the Samaritan's attentive generosity all the more poignant, for a Samaritan is free of any such hang-ups. Love shown to the unfortunate and the down-trodden is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. But note also the Samaritan's careful administration of his funds: he gives not a blank cheque but two days' wages, which he will supplement on his return if necessary!

What is the main point of Jesus' story?

Is it to be generous or not to be judgmental?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

FROM FR. HALL

"Although I feel 100% better than I did last weekend, I am still testing positive for Covid. Other priests - along with many others in our area - have succumbed to the virus in the last few days - I am delighted, however, that Fr Dermot Preston sj is able to celebrate all three Masses for us this weekend. I am most grateful for his help.

Thank you for all your good wishes, prayers and offers of practical support over this last week, they are much appreciated."

MR JAMES AITCHISON RIP

James Aithchison's Requiem Mass is Wednesday, 1pm at St Mary's. It will be celebrated in British Sign Language by Fr Bob Kinlen.

PARISH SECRETARY

We are looking to appoint a part-time Parish Secretary, to work 12 hours per week for the parishes of St. Mary Forest Hall and St. Aidan Benton. An application pack is available at www.diocesehn.org.uk
The closing date for applications is 18 July 2022.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 3rd July

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £207.00 / Envelopes: £47.00 / Hall Hire: £36.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £173.20 / Envelopes: £119.74

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Sea Sunday is Sunday 10th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live & work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers & fishers in need. You can donate in church or via www.stellamaris.org.uk
This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

Non-perishable food and toiletries are always needed.
Please leave your donations at St Mary's. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

THANKSGIVING MASS

As part of the Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Robert invites all NHS doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and chaplains to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 14th July at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. This Mass, which is open to all, will be an opportunity for the Diocese to express gratitude to all healthcare workers and NHS chaplains as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

PROUD CATHOLICS

Next meeting Tues 19th July from 7.30pm at St Andrew's RC Church.
Visit www.proud catholics.co.uk for more details.

MERCY PROJECT TRUSTEES NEEDED

The Mercy Project, a small North East charity, requires Trustees able to assist with grant management and as a treasurer / bookkeeper.
To discuss, contact Ruth Corless via mercy@mercyproject.org.uk or on 07549960071.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2022-2023

This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders & other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 with a short presentation shown on www.diocesehn.org.uk/education
Further information is available via Eamonn Diffley on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

THANK YOU

"We are extremely grateful for the kindness shown to us.
We ask God to bless and reward you and your families for all you have done to help us continue the work of Jeanne Jugan in caring for our elderly residents. Assuring you of our grateful prayers."
Mother Deirdre and The Community at Little Sisters of the Poor.