

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 10th September 2023

Sat. 9th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Patricia Otway
Sun. 10th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Ellen Devlin
Sun. 10th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Samuel Cardozo
Mon. 11th	** NO MASS **	
Tues. 12th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed. 13th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 14th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 15th (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
* Sat. 16th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 16th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Tierney & Emmett Families
Sun. 17th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 17th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes at the entrances to our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

17th September - The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The presence of the Spirit of Christ guides every individual Christian who is genuinely living for the Lord."

Second Reading: Life as Christ's Community (Romans 14:7-9).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Merciful God, we are truly sorry for the things that we have done wrong. Forgive us and help us to try to forgive others as your son Jesus teaches us. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our prayers for help, guidance & support. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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Contact us via parishsecretary@mail.com or 0191 268 4222

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Sunday 10th September 2023:

The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-20), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

The Church has had to be selective as we work through the Gospel of Matthew for this year's readings. In this eighteenth chapter of Matthew on relationships within the community it is striking that the Church has chosen this passage to put before us.

The first part is all about sorting out disputes and about forgiveness. Despite the presence of Christ in the Christian community there are going to be disagreements and misunderstandings in every church and every family. The vital thing is to sort them out and not to let them fester. So here we are given a safe process to do this.

Just after today's passage, Jesus underlines his teaching here when he says that we have to forgive not just seven times (the perfect number) but seventy-seven times. That means again and again and again, without limit. Christ also reminds us that he is present always in his community. The same promise is given at the beginning (the name Emmanuel means 'God with us') and at the end of the gospel ('I am with you to the end of time'). Therefore the decisions of the community will be considered binding in the sight of God. It is especially striking that the same pledge (of binding and loosing) is made with the Church here as had earlier been made with Peter himself; Peter on his own exercises the authority of the Church.

How may we best put this process of reconciliation described by Jesus into practice?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

RETIRING COLLECTION: After masses this weekend for Catholic Education.

CONFESSION: Saturday 16th September at St Aidan's

The first & third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am

The second & fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

ST AIDAN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: ** POSTPONED **

A new date will be arranged shortly. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

ST MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wed 20th Sept, 7pm

Issues for council's attention can be left in the box next to bookcase in hall.

Previous minutes can be viewed via www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & PRODUCE SALE: Sunday 24th September

Taking place in the hall after 9.15am Mass. Homemade bakes will also be available to buy, with donations brought in on the day most welcome.

Please remember cash with proceeds to Justice & Peace fundraising efforts.

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER: You may have heard that Peter and Trisha are leaving St Mary's for pastures new in Bristol. We couldn't let them go quietly and so announce:- "A Musical Evening - Thank You and Farewell"

Taking place in the church hall straight after 5.30pm vigil mass, there will be food and entertainment and all are invited. More details will follow and over the next few weeks we will be asking those wishing to attend to put names on a list in the hall to assist with numbers for catering. If you would like to get involved please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com

COLLECTIONS: w/c 3rd September 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £270.00 / Envelopes: £52.00 / Hall Hire: £48.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £233.82 / Envelopes: £75.00 / Donation: £51.98

Friday Coffee Morning: £70.00 (NE Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED: There is a continuing need for food to help refugees in our area. Donations can be left at both churches.

Non-perishable food is always in demand. Thank you for your support.

RECENT CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

St Aidan's donated £240.00 to Heart NE, a homeless support charity championed by Pat. The money was raised during last month's Sunday coffee mornings.

St Mary's donated £911.60 to Little Sisters of the Poor. The money, raised at Friday Coffee Mornings April - July, will help buy new lifts for residents.

FROM THE DIOCESE

READERS OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD COURSE

Aimed at those who are new to this ministry, but existing readers are more than welcome to attend. The programme consists of two sessions:

Venue: St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton NE12 8AD.

Dates: Session 1 (evening): Monday 9 October, 7.00 – 9.00pm.

Session 2 (day): Saturday 14 October, 10.30am – 3.00pm*.

*Participants to bring packed lunch – tea/coffee provided

Please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com to attend.

FIRST STEPS - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE

First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward.

First Steps online begins on Wed 11th October at 7pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom. Further information and the registration link can be found via www.diocesehn.org.uk

ROSARY RALLY: Saturday 7th October

The day will start with First Saturday Mass & devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, (near Gateshead Metro Station), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge to Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm. All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

VACANCIES: Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or 0191 243 3301 Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) – Full-time, term-time.

Closing date: 18 September

Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 September

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