

## HM Queen Elizabeth II - Requiescat in Pace

“The Queen has been a role model for many, in her constancy to service and her commitment to Christian faith and values, living those values throughout her life. Notably at the young age of twenty one, Queen Elizabeth made her solemn vow to serve the Nation and Commonwealth throughout her life – an inspirational act of vocation and commitment.

“Queen Elizabeth has represented stability throughout her reign and was this country’s longest serving monarch. Although this is a time of very great sorrow, it is also time for gratitude, for a life well lived in duty and in service.

“We pray for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

“Our prayers and thoughts are also with our new Monarch, His Majesty King Charles III. We pray that King Charles will be guided by the message of Jesus Christ to have the strength to carry on the vital role of the monarch to ensure stable government and national unity.

“I will celebrate a Diocesan Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral for the repose of the soul of the late Queen Elizabeth on Sunday 11th September at 11.30am

“There will also be a Requiem Mass on the day before Queen Elizabeth’s state funeral.”

**Bishop Robert Byrne CO  
8 September 2022**

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**Sunday 11th September 2022**

**The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today’s Gospel, Forgiveness (Luke 15:1-32), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough’s reflection.

In today’s Gospel St Luke recounts three particularly attractive stories about forgiveness. The first two form a typical Lukan pair. First he tells the story of the lost sheep, which also occurs in St Matthew’s Gospel account. Luke, however, places the accent on the joy in heaven at the return of the sinner. Then, to the story of the man looking for his sheep, Luke adds the story of a woman looking for her lost coin. He is always careful to show that women have an equal part in the Kingdom with men. So he deliberately pairs Zechariah and Mary, Simeon and Anna, Jairus’ daughter raised to life with the Widow of Naim’s son, and so on.

The main story today, however, is the Prodigal Son, told with all Luke’s love, artistry and delicacy of character-study. In the full version of this Gospel, we hear of the wastrel son who goes back home simply because he is hungry; of the loving father perpetually on the look-out, running to meet the son, interrupting the carefully prepared speech and pampering the returned young dissolute; of the disgruntled stay-at-home who invents slanders about the other’s ‘loose women’ and is gently corrected by his father’s reminder that he is ‘your brother’. Jesus presents us with an unforgettable picture of the overflowing love and forgiveness of God. Is there anyone you have not yet forgiven? Sometimes it is not easy.

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **\*\*\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*\*\***

As we continue to get back to familiar ways, both St Aidan's & St Mary's are in desperate need for new volunteers to support the roles that help to make our Parishes. We are looking for people to: -

Serve teas & coffees after Masses on Sunday; facilitate Children's liturgies; create our beautiful flower displays; aid CAFOD fundraisers and oversee Red Box Mission Collections.

If you can help once a week, once a month or at all, please speak to Fr Hall or contact parishsecretary@mail.com / telephone 0738 5597 757.

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you!

### **MUSICIANS FOR ST AIDAN'S**

Can you help lead our songs of praise at St Aidan's on a Sunday morning? Groups, duos or soloists - please get in touch via details above.

### **CONFESSION - Saturday 17th September at St Aidan's.**

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

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

### **AUTUMN PLANT AND HOME PRODUCE FAIR - Sunday 25th Sept**

St. Aidan's Church - Justice and Peace Group is delighted to announce the return of their popular sale to help those in need. Taking place in St Aidan's Church Hall after 9.15am Mass with refreshments available, please bring along something you have grown, baked or made! All are very welcome.

### **DATE FOR THE DIARY**

St Mary's will be hosting a very special coffee morning after 11am Mass on 25th Sept. Please keep free if you can!

### **COLLECTIONS: w/c 4th September**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £250.00 / Envelopes: £64.00 / Hall Hire: £36.00  
Mass Stipend: £20.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £169.97 / Envelopes: £89.75

Donations: £110.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £56.15 (Coping with Cancer)

### **PAKISTAN FLOOD RELIEF FUND**

Next weekend we will be holding a collection to support those affected by the floods in Pakistan. Baskets will be at both churches during all weekend masses. *Thank you for continued support and generosity.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 11th September 2022**

Sat. 10th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Christine Quinn
Sun. 11th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 11th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	George Candlish
Mon. 12th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 13th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Patricia Otway
* Tues.13th (St. Aidan's)	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Audrey Malbut
* Wed. 14th (St. Aidan's)	11.15am	Requiem Mass for Jim Humble
Thurs. 15th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
* Fri. 16th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eimear O'Hogarty (School Mass)
* Sat. 17th (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 17th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Emmett & Tierney Families
Sun.18th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Jim Humble
Sun. 18th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK**

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 18th Sept 2022

*"God wills all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth."*

Second Reading: : Universal Salvation (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

### **WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:**

Those who are sick: *Anne Innes, Yeau Sen Mai, Mary Jane Dellbridge.*

Those in our Books of Remembrance;

And all those within our Parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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