

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 12th February 2023**

Sat. 11th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Gerard Earley
Sun. 12th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Ret Hudspeth
Sun. 12th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Michael and Jean Bell
Mon. 13th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 14th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Mark Stevens
Wed. 15th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Paddy McMahon
Thurs. 16th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 17th (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of Turkey & Syria
* Sat. 18th (St. Aidan's)	11am - 11.30am	Confession
Sat. 18th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Syd Haslam
Sun. 19th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Patricia Gilmore
Sun. 19th (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

## **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK**

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th February 2023

"Every member of this holy Temple which belongs to Christ has its special part to play."

Second Reading: The Temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

## **CHILDREN'S PRAYER**

*Generous God, you share all that you have made with us. Help us to love each other and to share all that you have given us. Amen.*

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

Those who are sick: Mary Jane Delbridge;

Those who have died recently: Fr Paddy McMahon;

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

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Contact us via [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com) or 0191 268 4222

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

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## **Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:**

**St. Mary's & St. Aidan's R.C Churches**

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## **Sunday 12th February 2023**

### **The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Teaches the True Meaning of the Law (Matthew 5:20-22.27-28.33-34.37), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Jesus is the completion of the Law of God, given to Israel through Moses. He has come not to sweep it away but to perfect it. In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew has gathered together six instances (four this week, two in next Sunday's Gospel) of the ways in which Jesus brings the Law to perfection.

The first factor to notice, however, is that Jesus does not hesitate to adjust the divine Law on his own authority, for he too has divine authority. Each amendment begins with a statement of the Old Law and boldly goes on, 'But I say this to you...'. Each of the alterations has its own character. The first is about enmity, the sixth about love. About enmity, it is not enough merely to forego violent injury; we must even expel enmity from our hearts, positively seeking reconciliation, whether the offence is our fault or not. About lust, it is similarly not enough to forego acts of lust; we must not even harbour such thoughts in our hearts. About truth, it is not enough to keep a legal oath; we must be people whose every word can be relied upon. These are Jesus' demanding standards. Have I allowed any enmity to fester? Can I solve it now? Am I a person whose every word can be trusted as true?

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**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY** (22nd February)

Mass at St Aidan's at 10am // Mass at St Mary's at 7pm

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

This weekend and next we will be having a special collection in both parishes for the CAFOD Turkey / Syria Earthquake Appeal. CAFOD's local experts are already on the ground, assessing the needs of those affected by the earthquake and the charity has committed £100,000 to provide urgent humanitarian support. There will be baskets at entrances to our churches - your donations are much appreciated.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Thank you to all who joined Alison for Eucharistic Adoration at St Aidan's - a much welcomed reception for the first week.

Alison will be ordained as a Deacon this summer and will lead this mass on the first Monday of the month at St Aidan's, 6pm-7pm.

### **ST. AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:**

The following numbers are still to be claimed, so please check your tickets - 72, 91, 141, 159, 203, 220, 274, 278, 313, 424, 472, 591, 593, 597 and 615.

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP**

Thursday 16th February, 7pm at St Aidan's (join also via zoom)

Tuesday 21st February, 1030am at St Mary's.

Each session, we will reflect together on the Readings for the coming Sunday.

All are very welcome. More details on [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

### **CONFESSION** - Saturday 18th February 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

### **COLLECTIONS:** w/c 5th February

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £177.00 / Envelopes: £52.00 / Hall Hire: £36.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £201.80 / Envelopes: £47.00 /

Friday Coffee Morning: £63.00

*Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.*

## **FROM THE DIOCESE**

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

SVP (England & Wales) are seeking a Support Centre Manager in Newcastle upon Tyne. View full job details and apply via [www.uk.indeed.com](http://www.uk.indeed.com)

Closing date for applications is Friday 17th February 2023.

### **CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES**

The CCS are seeking to appoint a part-time Administrator, 21 hours per week, focusing on CCS events and communications.

Full details can be accessed via [www.durham.taleo.net](http://www.durham.taleo.net) using the reference number 22001983. Closing date is midnight on Mon 20th February 2023.

### **HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIE CAMP 2023**

Are you interested in your child having a holiday in 2023? Let them join SVP for a week on Holy Island! They'll stay in the SVP Centre and be looked after by DBS checked and trained helpers who will ensure they have a safe and fun time. There are lots of interesting and enjoyable activities such as rock pooling, football, rounders, walking, crafts, quizzes, sandcastle building, swimming and scavenger hunts. Girls and boys aged 9-12 are welcome for a great way to meet new people and make friends from all over the North East. A week's all-inclusive holiday costs £150 and can be paid in instalments. In some circumstances children may be able to receive partial or full funding to attend. If you're interested, or know of a child who could benefit from such a holiday, please visit: [www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island](http://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island) Applications are open now and fill up fast.

### **MINSTERACRES RETREAT**

Sing A New Song To The Lord – The Music Of Estelle White

On this day retreat you are introduced to the timeless work of Estelle White, professional, musician and nun. Estelle transformed praise and worship with hymns including 'Oh the Love of My Lord is the Essence' and 'I saw the grass'. Host Veronica Whitty guides a journey to discover the woman, her influences and adversities and her choice to focus on praise over suffering.

Lunch and refreshments included.

Saturday 29th April 10am-4pm with a recommended donation of £35.00.

Reserve your place via [www.minsteracres.org](http://www.minsteracres.org)