

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 12th November 2023

Sat. 11th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Jhon Terrence Sherman Moral
Sun. 12th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth Ann Brown & Family
Sun. 12th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Matthew Bradley
Mon. 13th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 14th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Alan McManus
Wed. 15th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 16th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 17th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Emily Jane Lambino
* Sat. 18th (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 18th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph & Margaret Hall
Sun. 19th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Tobitha Togy (birthday)
Sun. 19th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief."

(Thessalonians 5:1-6)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Generous God, we give you thanks for the gifts and talents that you have given us. Help us to make the best use of them that we can and to serve you in all that we do. Amen

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick;

Pat Sanderson, Patrick Bradley and Jane Hall.

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.

Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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Sunday 12th November 2023:

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Ten Wedding-Attendants

(Matthew 25:1-13), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

Of course they weren't bridesmaids! According to the custom of the time the girls were attendant on the bridegroom, to greet him with their lamps as he arrived at the wedding-reception. Anyway, half of them weren't ready, let him down, and then found themselves shut out. There is a subtle difference between the parables given in Mark's and Matthew's gospels. In Mark they are all about the sudden coming of God's Kingship in history, at the time of Jesus. Jesus proclaimed that the crisis was now. In him God's reign had arrived: it was time to take drastic action. Matthew's parables take a longer-term view: there will be a final judgment at the end of time, for which we, in the Church and in the course of history, must prepare.

Some will and some won't. Some will be found to be wheat, others to be weeds. When the catch of fish comes in, some fish will be thrown away, some kept. Some will be sheep and others goats.

Each year, as the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church reminds us of this. And the End will besudden and unpredictable, like a burglar on the one night I forgot to lock the door, or like a mouse-trap snapping shut, or like the unpredictable moment of birth pangs.

Am I ready for the coming of Christ? What does it mean to be like the wise bridesmaids and have oil in my lamp?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Both our churches are always on the look out for people who can support the parish in any way.

Please consider coming along to our next meetings to hear more.

St. Aidan's—Thursday 16th November, 7pm - 8pm in the church hall.

St Mary's - Wednesday 22nd November, 7pm - 8pm in the church hall.

CONFESSION: Saturday 18th November 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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sat 25th Nov

St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road. All are welcome 1pm - 4pm.

HEART NORTH EAST: This small local charity supports people in our area, providing food and clothing to the homeless. Given the recent bad weather they are making an urgent appeal for gloves, socks, hand warmers, sleeping bags and tents. Donations can be left in St Aidan's foyer. Thank you for your help.

JUSTICE & PEACE - SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED: There is a continuing need for tinned and packet food and personal toiletries to help refugees in our area. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 5th November 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £270 / Envelopes: £70 / Hall Hire: £30

Sunday Coffee Morning: £115 (Ncle Food Bank)

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £236.90 / Envelopes: £54 / Donations: £225

Clergy Training Fund: £64.35 / Friday Coffee: £73.30 (Mary's Meals)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND: supporting the formation of Diocesan seminarians & training of Permanent Deacons. You can donate through the annual collection in parish, or via www.diocesehn.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: A Service of Remembrance for those who mourn the loss of a child will take place on Sunday 19th Nov from 3pm at St Joseph's Church, Gateshead (next to Gateshead Metro Station).

PROUD CATHOLICS - NEXT MEETING: Tues 21st November - 7.30pm

Reading With Care: Queer Perspectives on the Bible

Zoom link available. See www.proud Catholics.co.uk for info.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW: Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly, supports the work of the Emmaus Village providing opportunities for young people to reach their full potential. Thank you to all who have supported the Significance Grand Draw which closes on Friday 17th November. Ticket stubs and payment should be returned by this date to Significance, Emmaus Village, Consett DH8 9BA. Cheques payable to Significance.

Payment can also be made by bank transfer:

Account Name: Significance / Sort Code: 52-30-44 / Acc. No: 46107363.

Please use name as reference. The Draw will be live streamed on Youth Sunday (26th Nov) after 11am Mass at St Peter's, Gateshead.

Please contact significance316@gmail.com for further information.

INVITATION FROM THE SACRED HEART SISTERS IN FENHAM

This year the celebration of our 180 years in this country draws to a close on December 8th, 2023. The sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared their mission of Education in Fenham over the years as students, pupils, staff and friends from the Sacred Heart schools or St Mary's Teacher Training College to join us for Mass on 8th December in St Robert's Church, Fenham at 6pm.

Come along and meet old friends!

Bishop Seamus will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. To have some idea of numbers for the Mass leaflets please RSVP to rscjfenham@yahoo.com by November 30th or leave a message on 0191 422 3840.