MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 13th November 2022

Sat. 12th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	John Kennedy
Sun. 13th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth Ann Brown
Sun. 13th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson
Mon. 14th **	** NO MASS *	***
Tues. 15th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Eileen Gunning
Wed. 16th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Denis Glancy
Thurs. 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	John Bradford
Fri. 18th (St. Mary's) *** NO MASS ***		
Sat. 19th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Gerard Earley
Sun. 20th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Kath Bourke
Sun. 20th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Frank Murphy

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

Christ the King - Sunday 20th November 2022 *"Jesus is the Crown of Creation."* Second Reading: The Kingdom of Forgiveness (Colossians 1:12-20).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

"O Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour, may we never forget your love for each one of us. We praise you always. Amen."

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Eddie McCormack, 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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Sunday 13th November 2022 The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Sadducees' Riddle (Luke 20:27-38), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus.

By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line.

The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infi nitum').

Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument back upon them by returning to that key text of scripture when God replies to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this reply in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection of, and his presence with, his people through thick and thin.

This is one more instance of Jesus' deep knowledge and mastery of scripture, of the way that he can transcend the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents and make plain the deep and true sense of these holy texts.

To God no one is 'dead and gone'; we all remain safe in his hands. What does it mean to you to be a 'child' of the resurrection?

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES: WEEK COMMENCING 13th NOVEMBER

Please note several changes to our weekly schedule on back page.

<u>CONFESSION</u> - Please note no confession at St Aidan's on Sat 19th Nov.

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

ST AIDAN'S FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Beginning shortly for the children attending St Stephen's Primary School. If your child is in Yr 4 or above, attending another school & ready to make their First Holy Communion please speak to Fr. Hall.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bishop Robert Byrne will be celebrating Mass in our two Parishes on Sunday 4th December, 9.15 am at St Aidan's and 11.00 am at St Mary's.

ST MARY'S PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 11th Dec at 4pm we will be hosting an Advent Carol Service. Come along to enjoy the music & hear more about projects supporting Christians in Bethlehem. All very welcome.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Wed 14th Dec, 6pm - St Stephen's School Carol Service at St Aidan's. Mon 19th Dec, 2pm - St Mary's School Carol Service at St Mary's.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Minutes of St Aidan's joint Parish Council & Finance Committee meeting held on 2nd November are available on www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com

COLLECTIONS: w/c 6th November

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £242.00 / Envelopes: £52.00 / Hall Hire: £36.00 ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £304.30 / Envelopes: £72.00 Donation: £160.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £67.00 (MacMillan Cancer Care) Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

As the colder weather takes hold, donations of warm clothing, non perishable food (no pork please) and toiletries are even more desperately requested for those in need. Items can be left in the foyer at St Aidan's and in the hall at St Mary's. Thank you for your care & support.

FROM THE DIOCESE:

HOLY ISLAND VINNIES CAMP - URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with Term Time Camps taking place between Easter and the Summer Holidays and then September and October. Please see www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island for details.

SAINTS AND THE EUCHARISTIC REFLECTIONS

As part of the Year of the Eucharist, Reflections on the Saints associated with the Eucharist have been prepared by the Seminarians of the Diocese, with artwork from Fr John Bagnall. See www.bit.ly/Saints_Reflections

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The Diocese needs nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to support the trip leaving on Fri 28th July. For more information, please visit www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

DIOCESAN VACANCIES

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Chester le Street – 6 h/p/w. Closing date: 18 Nov. Cleaner, St Cuthbert, North Shields - 3 h/p/w. Closing date: 24 Nov. Parish Secretary, St Charles, Gosforth – 12 h/p/w. Closing date: 30 Nov. Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or call0191 243 3301

PRAYER VIGILS AT DERWENTSIDE IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE

A short monthly prayer vigil is held on the first Sunday of each month at 3pm outside the barrier to Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre. We believe detaining women who are asking for a safe place to live goes against our faith; we are asked to welcome the stranger and feed the hungry. All are welcome to join us there or to pray with us from home. Details via Liz Archibald on lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com