

- Mask wearing is now a personal choice in our Churches -

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 14th August 2022**

Sat. 13th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Anne Todd
Sun. 14th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Bernard Collingworth
Sun. 14th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson
Mon. 15th Aug	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 16th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Val Henderson
Wed. 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	John Walsh
Thurs. 18th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri. 19th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Frances Egan
Sat. 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Patricia Ann Hodgson
Sun. 21st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Derek Savin
Sun. 21st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson

**Sunday 21st August 2022 - The Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Narrow Door (Luke 13:22-30), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

....Today's Gospel almost forms the centre-piece of the instructions to the disciples as they make their way with Jesus up to Jerusalem and to his Passion and Death. There is no cheap way to salvation: each disciple must take up the cross behind Jesus and follow to the end of the road. This teaching is the more striking in Luke, who stresses that both Jews and Gentiles will take part in the festival. Are we complacent? How do we best journey on the road of salvation?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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Mon. 22nd Aug	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 23rd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	John Walsh
Wed. 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs. 25th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri. 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Raymond Henderson
Sat. 27th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 28th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 28th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Fr. Michael Marr

**Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:**

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

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**Sunday 14th August 2022**

**Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady**

After listening to today's Gospel, Mary's Visit to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The core of this gospel reading is Mary's canticle of thanksgiving for God's gifts to her. It is, however, fitting that, on the Feast of the bodily Assumption of Mary, it should begin with her bodily attention to the bodily needs of her elderly relative.

With her own baby on the way, she would have plenty of other priorities, making her long journey a real act of kindness. Her canticle, sung daily in the liturgy of Evening Prayer, sums up God's faithfulness to his promises, focussed on his gifts to this simple peasant girl. It combines a wonderful sense of the holiness of God with warmth of gratitude, showing the thoughts that revolved constantly in Mary's mind. As is fitting in the mouth of a girl whose only knowledge of books was the Bible, Mary's song is a texture of scriptural phrases.

We cannot assume that Luke wrote it down at Mary's dictation, for putting words in the mouth of his characters is a feature of Luke the historian; but it must reflect her thinking. If any theme resounds again and again throughout the Bible, it is God's care for the poor, for the simple and for those in need. It is this which sets the Hebraeo-Christian tradition apart from the ways of the world.

What was Mary thinking as she walked to Elizabeth's home and back again? How may we in our daily lives show gratitude and give praise to God?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

*Please note this is a two-week edition of the newsletter-so keep it safe!*

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who attended the St Mary's Friday Coffee mornings and donated so generously to the Ukraine Appeal. A cheque for £1,061.50 has been sent to CAFOD this week.

### **COLLECTIONS: w/c 7th August**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £165.00 / Envelopes: £52.00 / Hall Hire: £28.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £107.700 / Envelopes: £127.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £53.00 (Coping with Cancer)

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

### **JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS**

Non-perishable food and toiletries are always needed.

Please leave your donations at St Mary's. Thank you.

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

Those who are sick: Jim Humble, Anne Innes, Eimear O'Hogarty.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

John Hodgson, Mary Anne King, Joanna Thomasse-Hesters, Evelyn Tate, Henry Card, David Ross, Gwen Malone, Mary Allan, Mark Hirst, Clement Abbott, Winifred Snailles, Fenwick Jackson, Mary Pattison, Margaret Park, Bridget Duffy, Augustus Bone, John Moone, Ainee Curry, David Chippenfield, Agnes Heffel, Charles Laing, Doreen Ritson, James Purcell, Charles Rydon, John Nicholson, Peggy Summers, Mary Heidi, Margaret Hazel, William Soffitt, Eileen Hiscock, Edith Sample.

### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or [seanehall1@gmail.com](mailto:seanehall1@gmail.com)

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:**

### **PROUD CATHOLICS**

Next meeting Tues 16th August at 7.30pm. Meet at Haymarket Metro to walk together to a local park for a bring & share picnic.

Indoor picnic at St Andrew's if the weather is bad!

### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

You are invited to join the parish of St Mary's, Hexham for the visitation of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue and the Relics of Ss Jacinta and Francisco.

Saturday 27th Aug from 10am with; Procession with Our Lady's Statue, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass and Homily, reciting of the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, a talk on Fatima and the Brown Scapular, enrolment in the Brown Scapular, confession & Benediction.

Please bring a packed lunch for a break between 12.30pm – 2.00pm.

Tea & Coffee provided in Church Hall and the day will end around 6.30pm.

Sunday 28 August - Mass at 10.30am and 6pm (with Adoration at 5pm).

This event is open to everyone and All are very welcome.

More information via Tel: 01434 603119

### **THE TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE**

The relics of St Bernadette will be at St Mary's Cathedral from 11am on 1st October 2022 for 24 hours. Booking is essential for those wishing to attend. Please visit [www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour) for more details.

### **CAFOD'S FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM**

Climate change, the pandemic and the rising prices of food & agricultural products as a result of the Ukraine crisis, have together revealed the fragility of our current global food system. These impacts are mostly felt in low-income countries, but they also have serious repercussions at home, where earlier this year 9% of the UK population were experiencing food insecurity. The current global food system is not working for both people and planet. But together we can play our part in re-thinking it, and challenging the imbalance of power so that it works for everyone. Find out more via [www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Fix-the-food-system](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Fix-the-food-system)