

We ask that you continue to wear a face mask while in our Churches.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 15th May 2022

Sat. 14th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 15th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Edith Latimer
Sun. 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Mrs Mary Anthony
Mon. 16th	***	NO MASS ***
Tues. 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Ernie Thompson
Wed. 18th	***	NO MASS ***
Thurs. 19th	***	NO MASS ***
Fri. 20th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Joan & Neville Peppiatt
Sat. 21st (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 22nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Edith Latimer
Sun. 22nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Una Byrne

PREPARATION FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (22ND MAY)

"The ultimate goal of creation, when we share the very life of God."

Second Reading: The Holy City of Jerusalem

(Revelation 21:10-14. 22-23)

WE ASK YOU PRAY FOR

Please pray for all those who are sick; and all those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Thomas Blewitt, Robert Perry, Felix Rea, Edward Mallett,
Charlotte White, Anton Craigen, Robert Gilmore, Lilian Kelly,
Katherine Richardson, Mary Robson, Olive Blaylock, Peter White,
Francis James, Michael Maughan, Edward Turnbull, Francis Croney,
Arthur Graydon, Teresa Atkins, Catherine Hoggins, Joan Peppiatt,
Violet Rickeard, Mary Love, Josephine Perry, David Cochet,
Elizabeth Graydon, Mary Maddox, Rita Welsh, Francis Phillips,
Joan Thompson, Frank Innes.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

Newsletters and Homilies can be viewed on www.stmaryforesthall.co.uk

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Sunday 15th May 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, The Commandment of Love (John 13:31-35), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection. From now until Pentecost the readings from St John's Gospel are taken from the great final teaching of Jesus at the Last Supper about the future of his Church and his disciples. From the sayings of Jesus the evangelist has composed a great discourse of Jesus about the obligations, duties and dangers which will come upon his disciples after his own death and resurrection.

There were probably slightly different versions of this discourse, which were handed down by word of mouth; the impression of repetition in the discourse probably results from the evangelist recording three versions one after another. As we approach the Birth of the Church at Pentecost we need to listen to how Jesus envisaged his community.

Today's reading gives the essentials. At the head of the Christian community stands the glorified Son of Man, in whom God is glorified. But this Son is no distant figurehead, for he will come to be present among his disciples. How will this happen?

Answer: in the love which his disciples show for one another.

One is reminded of the legend about the aged St John, wheeled into the church at Ephesus. When asked for the message of Jesus, all he would say was, 'My little children, love one another.'

How has Jesus shown his love for us?

How do you show that same love for someone else?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

SICK & RETIRED PRIEST FUND

Baskets are available for donations at both church entrances and exits.
Please give generously - thank you.

ST. MARY'S DVD SALE

There are lots of films including many suitable for families and children available in the church hall. Please take a look - a small donation can be left in the basket in aid of the Help for Ukraine Appeal.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY CHOIR

Families interested, please email trishatindall@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH REFUGE PROJECT

Your ongoing support is much appreciated - tinned food and toiletries needed.

ST MARY'S SECOND HAND BOOK STALL

A variety of pre-loved books available once again in the church hall.
40p per book or £1 for 3, please leave your donation in the box provided. All monies raised support church running costs.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS

Every week in the Church Hall after 10am Mass. All are welcome and donations for our charitable raffle are always much appreciated.

ST. AIDAN'S COLLECTIONS: W/C 8th May

Loose plate: £147.00 / Envelopes: £72.00 / Hall Hire: £36.00

Little Sisters of the Poor: £150.00

W/C 1st May

Loose Plate: £161.50 / Envelopes: £52.00 / Northern Cross: £7.50

Hall Hire: £42.00 / Piety Stall: £17.00

ST. MARY'S COLLECTIONS: W/C 8th May

Loose Plate: £209.80 / Envelopes: £90.50 / Sick & Retired Priests £53.00

Friday Coffee Morning:

W/C 1st May

Loose Plate: £189.10 / Envelopes: £146.00 / Funeral: £200.00

Donations: £260.00 / Friday Coffee Morning £53.00 (Help for Ukraine)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE:

VACANCIES

Hexham, St Mary: Parish Secretary – 20 hours a week

Closing date for applications: 18 May 2022

Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301

LOVE IN THE FAMILY

This year's Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass with a theme of 'Love in the Family' takes place on Sat 21 May at 12.00 noon at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne with principal celebrant, Bishop Robert Byrne CO. No booking required.

SPRING PLENARY 2022 RESOLUTION

An invite by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to 'Return to Mass at Pentecost' was approved by the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference on Friday 6 May 2022.

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

"A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist."

It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass.

Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

"Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways.

We thank God that this situation has now changed.

The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply."

Read the full statement by visiting www.cbcew.org.uk