

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 15th October 2023

Sat. 14th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Geoffrey Brattle
Sun. 15th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	George Candlish
Sun. 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 16th	*** NO MASS **	
Tues. 17th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
	2pm	St Mary's Primary Harvest Festival
Wed. 18th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Pat Robinson
Thurs. 19th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Mr O Joseph & Mrs Aliyamma Joseph
Fri. 20th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Catherine McMenemy
Sat. 21st (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Thanksgiving Trisha & Peter Tindall
Sun. 22nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	D'cd of Preston & Hankin Families
Sun. 22nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Kate & George Elliott (Wedding Ann.)

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

22nd October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is always more to learn about our faith."

Second Reading: Paul Greets the Church in Thessalonika (Chp 1:1-5)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

God of all, you call us to love you and to care for one another.

May we never forget what you ask of us. Amen

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our prayers for help, guidance & support. 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.

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Sunday 15th September 2023:

The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, An Invitation to the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-10), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

A wedding is a time of joy and of completion after long preparation, a time of love and of complete satisfaction. In Judaism at the time of Jesus, the coming of the Messiah is often compared to the joy of a wedding-feast.

The marriage-feast at Cana must have been some party!

At Mary's request Jesus produced 900 litres of wine.

The Letter to the Ephesians teaches that the love in a human wedding is only a foretaste of Christ's love for his bride, the Church.

In the story of the royal wedding in this Sunday's Gospel, however, two things go drastically wrong. First, the original wedding guests refuse to come. Not only do they refuse, but they brutally maltreat the innocent messengers, and the king (who must represent God) ruthlessly burns down their city.

Secondly, the man who has no wedding-garment is thrown out: a wedding-garment is a standard Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful Jew. For us Christians too, the story constitutes a double warning. Are we alert and listening for God's call? Do we rest secure in being called Christians and leave the challenging jobs to others?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

NEW CONTACT DETAILS: To arrange a baptism at St Aidan's or St Mary's please email Joanne at parishsecretary@mail.com

CHANGE OF VENUE: RCIA 2023

Fr Hall will be leading the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St Mary's in the church hall. The 12-week course starts at 7pm on Tuesday 31st October. If you wish to attend, please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com

ST MARY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL: Tuesday 17th October at 2pm

St Mary's Primary School will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in church with songs and readings. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY 21ST OCT: "A Musical Evening - Thank You & Farewell"

We are very much looking forward to our first social event at St Mary's in a very long time. Entertainment, buffet & soft drinks will be provided... should you require any other beverage please do bring your own!

CONFESSION: Saturday 21st October 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

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 8th October 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £225.20/ Envelopes: £64.00 / Hall Hire: £38.00

Autumn Plant & Produce Sale: £282.80 (Justice & Peace Fundraising)

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £209.24 / Envelopes: £88.00

Donation: £70.00 / CAFOD Family Fast Day: £37.00

Friday Coffee: £37.00 (Mary's Meals)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH MUSICIANS: Sunday 12th Nov, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

A Workshop to Learn the New Diocesan Mass Setting - Gaudete

Led by the composer, conductor and presenter Will Todd.

St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Mill Lane, Hebburn, NE31 2ET

This is a chance for all parish musicians and singers to learn our diocese's new Mass setting, Gaudete - a wonderfully upbeat and accessible setting of the Mass in English. Will Todd has been commissioned to write this new Mass setting; it is tuneful and accessible and comes with a range of musical resources - including backing tracks for those parishes without many incumbent musicians. At the same time, it comes with both a melody and 3-part choir arrangement for the more musically ambitious parishes!

All music will be provided on the day, along with tea and coffee.

The event is free but registration is essential via dcma@diocesehn.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: ST HILDA'S WEST ROAD, NEWCASTLE

Lay people lead young Christians in listening and responding to the Word of God and help to discover what the Lord is saying to us.

Two sessions looking at principles, practicalities and resources for Children's Liturgy of the Word. The programme ends with a Blessing and participants will receive a Certificate recognising their training.

Dates: Monday 30th Oct and Monday 6th Nov, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Cost: £10.00 per participant (met by parish).

Please see Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com if you interested in attending.

PASTORAL LETTER: Last weekend, the twenty-seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time, Fr Hall read a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Stephen

Wright. The full text is available to download from www.diocesehn.org.uk

SEASON OF CREATION: On Sunday 1 October, Ushaw hosted an ecumenical service to mark the Season of Creation. The event was held in St. Cuthbert's Chapel. Photos can be viewed on www.diocesehn.org.uk