

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 16th April 2023

Sat. 15th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ena and John Duffy
Sun. 16th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 16th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Isabella Semple
Mon 17th April	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 18th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Doug Urie
Wed. 19th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	June Weatherstone
Thurs. 20th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 21st (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
* Sat.22nd (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 22nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ann Harrison (ill)
Sun. 23rd (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 23rd (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

The Third Sunday of Easter - 23rd April 2023

"The blood of Christ cleanses us."

Second Reading: The Blood of the Lamb (1 Peter 1:17-21)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Christ Jesus, our light and our guide, as we travel through life open our eyes to recognise you in everyone that we meet. Open our hearts to share generously with each other. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick. Those who have died recently.

And all those within our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH

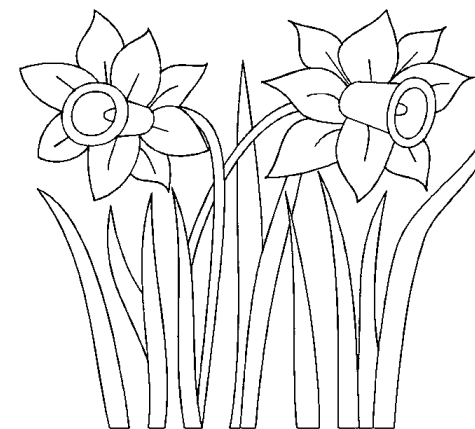
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Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Sunday 16th April 2023:

Second Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, The Peace of the Risen Christ (Jn 20:19-31), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close. The story of the breakfast-party with The Risen Christ on the shore of the Lake of Galilee is a sort of appendix. The story-line of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends as it began, with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus.

'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, indicating the purpose and angle of the whole Gospel which is to show that Jesus is God. John's Gospel complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows God who is also a man.

It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive. Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike. It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred. Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between forgiver and forgiven.

How have you experienced real forgiveness in your life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

EASTERTIDE

Eastertide begins on Easter Sunday and lasts for fifty days, ending on Pentecost Sunday. It is a time of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the victory of life over death, and a time to renew our commitment to follow him

Eastertide is a time of great joy and celebration. It is also a time for reflection and spiritual growth, as we seek to deepen our faith and understanding of the significance of the resurrection.

Observed dates 2023:

9 April – Easter Sunday

10-15 April – Octave of Easter

16 April – Divine Mercy Sunday

18 May – The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

28 May – Pentecost Sunday

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL, 10AM

Please note this will be Eucharistic Service at St Mary's followed by the usual Friday coffee morning.

ST AIDAN'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you for submitting the names of your loved ones. The names will be entered by Maria Graham, whose beautiful and valued ministry is much appreciated.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: (see www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

Tues 18th April, 10.30am at St Mary's

Thurs 27th April, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom).

Reflecting together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 9th April

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £258.00/ Envelopes: £82.00/ Holy Places: £10.00

Hall Hire: £30.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £453.70 / Envelopes: £122.00

Please remember to collect your boxes of envelopes & thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

BEYOND THE CROSS

'Beyond the Cross' is a five-part art and culture series that follows the Risen Christ, through the artist's eye, taking in some of the main encounters of the Easter season. London-based gallery guide Lynne Hanley offers a critical assessment of the works. Then, to offer the Priest's Perspective, hear from the knowledgeable and engaging Father Christopher Whitehead. The videos can be viewed on www.cbcew.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**** A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Book now via www.diocesehn.org.uk ****

Saturday 15th July, 10am—3pm at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School in Washington. We strongly encourage all our parish catechists both seasoned and those interested in the work to join this free event.

To be a catechist is to echo the love God has for each one of us to those in our parishes, our communities, our society. It is to pass this love on in sharing our faith to others. This can be daunting. We are not alone. Here you can deepen your knowledge and connect with other Catechists in our Diocese. Refreshments will be available but a packed lunch required.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

"Serving those who have served us well"

The Sick & Retired Priests' Collection will be taken on the weekend of 15th & 16th April 2023, and the Fund will remain open until 5th May for anyone who might like to make further or individual donations.

This collection goes to support our Sick and Retired Priests who have served our diocese over many years and we wish to make sure that this Fund is also there for future retired priests. Recent years have been very difficult and income has drastically dropped.

For further information on Gift Aid, one-off larger donations, or a bequest in your Will, please contact the Diocese via www.diocesehn.org.uk

VACANCIES - full details via www.diocesehn.org.uk // 0191 243 3301

Administrator, Vicariate for Faith & Mission (maternity cover) – full-time.

Closing date: 18th April 2023.

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