

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 17th September 2023

Sat. 16th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Tierney & Emmett Families
Sun. 17th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 17th (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 18th	** NO MASS **	
Tues. 19th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed. 20th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 21st (St Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 22nd (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
* Sat. 23rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 23rd (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Margaret & Ernest Waight
Sun. 24th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Thomas & Elizabeth Lamming and family
Sun. 24th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Samuel Cardozo

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

24th September - The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The centre of his life is the total rootedness in Christ."

Second Reading: Life to Me is Christ (Philippians 1:20-24.27).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Generous and giving God, you created the world with enough for everyone. Help us to share what we have been given and make sure all your people have enough. 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 17th September 2023:

The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Unforgiving Debtor (Mtt 18:21-35), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

This is a favourite theme of Matthew, continuing and concluding Jesus' teaching that forgiveness is the life's-blood of any Christian community. We cannot live together without upsetting one another, unwittingly, or even deliberately. So forgiveness is the vital step. So important is this matter of forgiveness that two consecutive Sunday gospels are devoted to it. It expands and stresses our petition in the Lord's Prayer, 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive others.'

The importance of this petition was already underlined by Matthew; it is the only petition of the Lord's Prayer to which he adds at the end a confirmatory saying of Jesus. Like so many of Matthew's parables, this one about a king and his servants revolves round contrasting characters, the 'goodie' and the 'baddie' (wedding-guests and guest without a wedding-garment; the two who use their talents and the one who hides it; the girls with and without oil for their lamps; the sheep and the goats; and here, the generous king and the ungenerous servant). There is also a contrast between the two sums of money which is deliberately fantastic: the first slave owes the equivalent of millions of dollars, a sum no private person could ever repay, let alone a slave; it is more than a year's tax for a whole province. The second owes the couple of months' wages of a casual labourer.

Is there anyone you cannot forgive? Do you start the forgiveness-process, or wait for the other party?

What is the best way to show forgiveness?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

MASS INTENTIONS: Please complete details on envelopes provided and place inside the marked boxes in our churches. Thank you.

CONFESSION: Saturday 23rd September at St Mary'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

ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & PRODUCE SALE: Sunday 24th September
Taking place in the hall after 9.15am Mass. Homemade bakes will also be available to buy, with donations brought in on the day most welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Preparation for children attending
St Stephen's and St Mary's Primary Schools will begin shortly. If you have a child attending another school in Year 4 or above and ready to make their First Holy Communion please speak to Fr Hall.

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER: "A Musical Evening - Thank You and Farewell"
Could those planning to attend please put names on the sign up sheet in St Mary's church hall to assist with numbers for catering. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 10th September 2023
ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £ 193.00/ Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £50.00
Catholic Education: £80.00
ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £225.25 / Envelopes: £36.00 / Donation: £60.00
Friday Coffee Morning: £44.00 (NE Refugees and Asylum Seekers)
Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED: There is a continuing need for food to help refugees in our area. Donations can be left at both churches.
Non-perishable food is always in demand. Thank you for your support.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE: Wed 27th Sept, 7.30pm: St Mary's Cullercoats.
Joe Ronan will speak about Catholic Voices - a project which aims to improve the Church's representation in the media. All welcome.
See www.newman.org.uk for more detail.

FROM THE DIOCESE

DISCERNMENT EVENING: Tuesday 3rd October, 6pm

Those thinking about Priesthood are invited to a meeting at the Cloister Cathedral, St Mary's Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr Shaun Purdy by Saturday 30th September.
Email: vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk, Telephone 01207 299 012.

ROSARY RALLY: Saturday 7th October

Mass & devotions at 11.00am at St Joseph's, (near Gateshead Metro), then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge to Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm. Anyone can join at any stage of the event.

COURSES FOR THOSE INVOLVED AND INTERESTED IN MINISTRY

There are a number of courses taking place this Autumn.
If you are interested in attending any, please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com

Readers of the Liturgy of the Word (two sessions course)

Venue: St Aidan's, Benton. Mon 9th Oct 7-9pm & Sat 14th Oct 10.30 - 3pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word (two sessions course)

Venue: St Hilda's, Ncle. Mon 30th Oct, 7-9pm & Mon 6th Nov, 7-9pm

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (three session course)

Venue: The Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert, Amble.

Tues 7th Nov 7-9pm / Tues 14th Nov 7-9pm / Sat 18th Nov 10.30am - 4pm.

FIRST STEPS - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE

First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. First Steps online begins on Wed 11th October at 7pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom. Further information and the registration link can be found via www.diocesehn.org.uk

RCIA 2023

Those who wish to be received into the Catholic Church can complete a 12-week evening course called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) which starts on 31st October 2023 - Please contact Fr Hall if you are interested in attending.