

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 19th November 2023

Sat. 18th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph & Margaret Hall
Sun. 19th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Tobitha Togy (birthday)
Sun. 19th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 20th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 21st (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Kath Purcell
Wed. 22nd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri. 24th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Sat. 25th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Eileen Ann Lupton
Sun. 26th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Herbert Ball
Sun. 26th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 27th - Wed. 29th	*** NO MASSES ***	
Thurs. 30th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 1st Dec (St Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Sat. 2nd (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 2nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Kath Purcell
Sun. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Edith Latimer
Sun. 3rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: Christ the King

"Where he has led the way, we are to follow." 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Christ Jesus, help us to see you in every one of our brothers and sisters around the world. Inspire us to treat those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick or in prison as we would wish to be treated. Amen

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick; Pat Sanderson, Patrick Bradley & Jane Hall. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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Sunday 19th November 2023:

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, A Story about Talents (Matt 25:14-21), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

It is encouraging to think of all the talents which friends and neighbours have and which I don't have. It is all part of the gifts of the Spirit, which Paul sees as making up the whole Body of Christ. Everyone has a special contribution to make. As for me, it is extraordinary that God created me with all my twists, defects, fears and failures and it is precisely because of those boils, sores, abscesses that God loves me, helps me and guides me to work out my salvation. And it is just possible that there may be friends who can think that God has given me talents which make a tiny contribution to the happiness and goodness of the world.

In the longer version of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus mentions a man with just one talent who hides it in the ground: the master calls him "wicked and lazy" and has him thrown out. Why is he so severely treated? This is surely someone who resolutely turns his (or her) back on the goodness she (or he) has received and refuses to work with it for the Lord's purposes or for anyone else's. Such a talent goes to waste and merely rusts and corrupts. If I know anyone like that, it is just worth asking whether, with infinite and patient kindness, I can help that person to release their talent and bring it to blossom. Just think for a moment: what is your best talent? Is it a gift, skill or humour which brings joy and happiness to those around you? Are you like the man who buried his talent in the ground, or do you use this skill or gift or wisdom to bring joy to others?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

NEWSLETTER: Please note that I am a two week edition so keep me safe!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Both our churches are always on the look out for people who can support the parish in any way. Please consider coming along to our next meetings to hear more.

St Mary's - Wednesday 22nd November, 7pm - 8pm. Minutes available via www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com / www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

WELCOME BACK FR JUDE IBEH: Celebrating Mass with us on 25th and 26th November - Christ the King.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mon 4th December, 6pm at St Aidan's.

PLEASE NOTE: No Confession on Saturday 25th November
Next Confession Saturday 2nd December at St Aidan's , 11am
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

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sat 25th Nov
St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road. All are welcome 1pm - 4pm.

HEART NORTH EAST:

This small local charity supports people in our area, providing food and clothing to the homeless. As winter rolls on they are making an urgent appeal for gloves, socks, hand warmers, sleeping bags and tents. Donations can be left in St Aidan's foyer. Thank you.

JUSTICE & PEACE - SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED:

The last collection of donations from St Mary's Forest Hall will be the **5th December** as the SVP Centre/ Refugee Service is closed from the 19th December. Please consider helping during the Christmas period. Tinned and packet food and personal toiletries are always needed, but also hats, scarfs and gloves are very gratefully received. Thank you.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

On Friday 8th December, 3.30pm until 5.30pm in the school hall.
Christmas food and drink, external stalls and lots of fun games, crafts & challenges including a Follow the Star treasure hunt!
Everyone welcome, with all proceeds supporting the school.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 12th November 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £219.00 / Envelopes: £52.00
Hall Hire: £44.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £220.20 / Envelopes: £43.80
Donations: £60.00 / Friday Coffee: £107.00 (Mary's Meals)
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND: supporting the formation of Diocesan seminarians & training of Permanent Deacons. You can donate through the annual collection in parish, or via www.diocesehn.org.uk

CATHOLIC YOUTH COLLECTION: There will be a collection in both churches on 25th & 26th November to support the work of the Youth Ministry Team at Emmaus Youth Village - a centre which houses an international community providing formation, training and outreach. See www.ymt.org for more information

INVITATION FROM THE SACRED HEART SISTERS IN FENHAM

This year the celebration of 180 years in this country draws to a close on December 8th, 2023 and the sisters in Fenham, would like to invite those who have shared their mission of Education in Fenham over the years as students, pupils, staff and friends from the Sacred Heart schools or St Mary's Teacher Training College to join us for Mass on 8th December in St Robert's Church, Fenham at 6pm. Come along and meet old friends! Bishop Seamus will be the celebrant as he was the College Chaplain for many years. To have some idea of numbers for the Mass leaflets please RSVP to rscjfenham@yahoo.com by November 30th or leave a message on 0191 422 3840.