

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 20th March 2022

Sat. 19th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph Bradford
Sun. 20th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Leslie Teasdale
Sun. 20th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Robert Macauley
Mon. 21st	***	NO MASS
Tues. 22nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Elizabeth Scott
Wed. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Harry Ryan
Thurs. 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Margaret Bradford
Fri. 25th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Jane and Lawrence Johnson
Sat. 26th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Roseanne Bell
Sun. 27th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Matilda Bews
Sun. 27th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	James & Kath Cassidy

We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, continue to wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches. You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.

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

Charles Kent, Richard Kennedy, Jane Hogarth, Ellen Stedding, Kevin Grady, Anne Gardiner, Constance Young, Dorothy Conway, James Wears, Mary McNeil, H. Stevens, Owen Keenan, Winifred Taylor, George Dorman, Thomas Maddox, Richard Harrison, Hugh King, Denis Le Hossin, Dorothy Gibson, Bill Burnett, James Bell, Hilda Burnley, Margaret Hall, Carole Roche, Margaret Muir, Kevin Lyon, Sarah Oxley, Kathleen Dryden, Winifred Dawson, Deborah Junglas, George Rowe, Helmut Schaeffer, Rosemary Heath, Thomas Tomlinson, James Ramsey, Grace Hood, William Davis, Emily Lean.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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Access live weekend mass streaming via our Facebook page NE12Catholic. This is a private, member only site.
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St. Mary's R.C. Church and St. Aidan's R.C Church

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Sunday 20th March 2022

The Third Sunday in Lent

After listening to today's Gospel, Time for Repentance (Luke 13:1-9), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

We have seen how St Luke, in his gospel, places great emphasis on Jesus' message of repentance and forgiveness. At the beginning of Jesus' ministry Peter must admit his sinfulness before he is called to be an apostle; at the end, the good thief acknowledges his guilt and is welcomed into Jesus' kingdom.

This gospel reading, with its historical examples and its parable, reinforces the Old Testament lesson of repentance. Notice also how, in Luke's account of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector, the latter wins through: his prayer is only 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'. Every proclamation of the gospel in Luke's Acts of the Apostles ends with an appeal for repentance.

Repentance means not simply bemoaning our sins but doing something about it, changing our way of life, our scale of values. However, we are made in the image of God, and cannot expect God's forgiveness unless we too follow God's example and show the same forgiveness to others. The sinful woman who loved much was forgiven much (Luke 7:36-50). Nor is Luke the only evangelist to stress this point.

Matthew adds at the end of the Lord's Prayer the saying of Jesus which underlines the importance of the single petition, 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive others'. If you think of yourself as the fig-tree, what do you consider to be the most 'rotten' part of yourself that you really need to change? Would the sacrament of Reconciliation help? What sort of injury do you find hardest to forgive - an affront to your pride, your pocket or your person? Is there anyone you have not forgiven?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST MARY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Our communion preparations for year 4 have commenced and the children are pictured in front of the altar - please keep them and their families in your prayers. A big thank you goes to other children in our congregation who are supporting them. Anna & Isy who decorated the picture frame and Khloe who is helping us every week.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Thursday 24th March at St Aidan's Church Hall, 7pm until 8pm.
Join virtually by accessing the link on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fr. Hall has recorded several virtual presentations of the Stations of the Cross. Watch via our website www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

COMING BACK TOGETHER

If you know someone who is not currently attending Church but would appreciate a visit, please give Fr. Hall their name & address so he can arrange visits as part of our process of coming out of the Covid restrictions.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 13th March 2022

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £107.00 / Envelopes: £119.00 / Hall Hire: £34.00

Lenten Alms: £180.00 / CAFOD: £120.00 / Candles: £22.00 / Piety: £78.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £174.60 // Envelopes: £121.20

Lenten Alms: £ 26.00 (St Cuthbert's Care)

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £351.40

Friday Coffee Morning (Help for Ukraine): £70.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ST MARY'S ENVELOPES

New boxes are available in the church hall this weekend. Regular users may notice they have a different reference number – this is because some parishioners have moved to direct debit giving. There is also a list for names of those wishing to collect a box next weekend.

FROM THE DIOCESE:

CAFOD'S LENT FAMILY FAST DAY - THANK YOU

"Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone.

To see how your donations are being used, visit www.cafod.org.uk".

Mark Maughan - CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator.

CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK

An international forum for dialogue and awareness-raising around issues to do with women in the Catholic Church, invites Catholic women to take part in a survey that will form part of a submission to the Synodal process. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and is available via catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Walk the forty Lent days with Jesus, the Son; a pilgrimage of grace in which we look to Him for new direction, for healing and for hope. As you walk the path ahead, lean on these reflections for your support, guidance and inspiration. Worry less about the pace you set for yourself and be open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit in the silence of this holy season. Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk

VACANCIES

The Diocese is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role is based in Newcastle and is full-time. Closing date for applications: 23 March 2022. Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk

ACCOMPANYING THOSE SEEKING INNER HEALING

A residential training course is taking place at Minsteracres Retreat Centre
Session 1: 22nd - 23rd April 2022 // Session 2: 15th - 16th July 2022
For more information contact adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk