

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 20th November 2022

Sat. 19th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Gerard Earley
Sun. 20th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Kath Bourke
Sun. 20th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Frank Murphy
Mon.	**** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 22nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Derek Clark
Wed. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Holy Souls
Thurs. 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Teresa Hall
Fri. 25th (St. Mary's)	10.00am (school mass)	Eileen Ann Lipton
* Sat. 26th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 26th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Margaret Bradford
Sun. 27th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Herbert Ball
Sun. 27th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Thanksgiving for support and kindness to Pat MacDonald

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The First Sunday of Advent - 27th November 2022

"Each year there must really be a coming of Christ into our lives and our society." Second Reading: The Time is Near (Romans 13:11-14).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

O Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour, may we never forget your love for each one of us. We praise you always. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Eddie McCormack, Anne Innes, Yeau Sen Mai, Mary Jane Dellbridge.

Those in our Books of Remembrance;

And all those within 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 20th November 2022

Christ the King

After listening to today's Gospel, The King of Forgiveness

(Luke 23:35-43), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The crucifixion scene in Luke, as in all the gospels, is the climax of the story of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the role of Jesus as King.

The soldiers mock him as such, but the Gospel's use of irony ensures that we understand that they are saying more than they realise.

Jesus is also ridiculed as Saviour ('Save yourself and us as well!'): especially in Luke (from the Infancy Stories onwards) Jesus is presented as the true Saviour – who is God.

In Luke the crucifixion scene is primarily a scene of forgiveness, where Jesus carries on to the very end his work of forgiveness, which Luke has underlined throughout his Gospel.

The scene begins with the women of Jerusalem mourning for Jesus, and ends with all the spectators departing, beating their breasts, recognizing their universal guilt. Jesus spontaneously forgives his executioners, asking God's forgiveness for them before they even ask it for themselves.

He welcomes into his kingdom of Paradise the bandit who spontaneously acknowledges his wrongdoing. Here we see the culmination of all those scenes throughout Luke's Gospel where values are reversed: the King presented as a wretched figure dying on the Cross, to whom homage is paid not by dignified courtiers, but by another wretched figure dying by his side.

What sort of person should a citizen of the kingdom of forgiveness be?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: TODAY!

There is a short meeting after Sunday mass for those interested in helping with children's liturgy. Please join us in the hall.

ST AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale on November 27th, December 4th and 11th.
The raffle will be drawn on Saturday, December 17th with prizes ready to collect on Sunday 18th. Donations of prizes are requested.
Thank you in advance for your support & generosity.

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE CARD SIGNING

"Lord when did we see you in prison and visit you?"....

Please 'visit' those imprisoned for their beliefs by sending a Christmas card.
Parishioners from both parishes are invited to come along to St Mary's hall during the First Weekend of Advent after 530pm Mass on Sat 26th Nov and / or after 11am Mass on Sun 27th Nov to write a card.

Released prisoners have shared how much these cards meant to them.
Festive refreshments & cards provided. Children very welcome to help.
Donations for mince pies and postage is needed and most appreciated.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 4th December

Bishop Byrne will be celebrating Mass, 9.15am at St Aidan's & 11am at St Mary's.

ST MARY'S PARISH CAROL SERVICE - Sunday 11th December, at 4pm

Come along to enjoy the music & hear more about projects supporting Christians in Bethlehem. All very welcome.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Wed 14th Dec, 6pm - St Stephen's School Carol Service at St Aidan's.
Mon 19th Dec, 2pm - St Mary's School Carol Service at St Mary's.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil - 4pm at St Aidan's
Christmas Eve Vigil - 6pm at St Mary's
Christmas Day Mass - 10.30am at St Mary's
Booking is NOT required this year, but please remember to arrive early as we expect our Churches to be busy.

CONFESSION - Saturday 26th November 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 FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Beginning shortly for the children attending St Stephen's Primary School.
If your child is in Yr 4 or above, attending another school & ready to make their First Holy Communion please speak to Fr. Hall.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 13th November

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £188.00 / Envelopes: £37.00 / Hall Hire: £40.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £241.60 / Envelopes: £52.00

Donation: £150.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £52.00 (MacMillan Cancer Care)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

As the colder weather takes hold, donations of warm clothing, non perishable food (no pork please) and toiletries are even more desperately requested for those in need. Items can be left in the foyer at St Aidan's and in the hall at St Mary's. Thank you for your care & support.

FROM THE DIOCESE

VACANCIES

Cleaner at St Cuthbert's in North Shields - 3hpw. Closing date: 24 November
Parish Secretary at St Charles, Gosforth - 12hpw. Closing date: 30 November
Cleaner at St Peter's in Low Fell - 8hpw. Closing date: 1 December
Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

The Vicariate for Faith & Mission have produced a series of reflections on the readings used throughout our Advent preparations. The reflections have been written by members of the Diocese and offer an opportunity to pause and reflect. The first and second week of Advent reflections can be downloaded from bit.ly/DHNAdvent2022 or by searching for #DHNAdvent2022 on Facebook. The second part of the Advent reflections will be available shortly.

MINSTERACRES ADVENT RETREAT: 25th - 27th November

'Behold I Make All Things New' (Rev.21). Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for info