

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 21st May 2023

Sat. 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 21st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Michael & Jean Bell
Sun. 21st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 22nd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 23rd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Anto & Mini 25th Wedding Anniversary
Wed. 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr John Devine
Thurs. 25th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass Bill Spence
Fri. 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
<i>(St Mary's Primary School Mass)</i>		
* Sat. 27th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 27th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 28th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Veronica Bews
Sun. 28th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Special Intention (Mohan & family)

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

Pentecost Sunday - 28th May 2023

"Every one of us contributes something different and valuable in our own way." 2nd Reading: The Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:3-7).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

God of all, you sent your Spirit to be with the disciples, filling them with joy, peace and courage. May we also be filled with your Spirit, be brave and share your peace in our world. 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.

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Contact us via parishsecretary@mail.com or 0191 268 4222
Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.
Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on [ww.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

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Sunday 21st May 2023:

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus (Jn 17:1-11), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-
The discourse of Jesus given by John after the Last Supper is of a special literary genre. It was a convention that the final instructions of a great leader for his future community should be gathered together in the context of a final meal.

Jesus' life and purpose is summed up in this great prayer.
The discourse is shot through with the warmth of the relationship of Jesus to his Father and with the fact that Jesus came to do the will of the Father.

But most striking of all is the stress on the glorification of Jesus.
The earliest kerygma about the Resurrection, as we have it in Paul's writings, is not about the empty tomb, but is about the glory of the risen Christ, that Christ is lifted up to his full participation in the divine glory of the Father.

The hymn in Colossians puts him as first-born in creation and now first-born from the dead, so that he can be first in every way.
Philippians declares that he must receive the homage of bending the knee in the worship due only to God. This is not blasphemy, for it is 'to the glory of the Father' that the Risen Christ should share in this glory. In a way this gospel reading is a meditation on the effects of the culmination of the Ascension for the Risen Christ.

What do we mean by 'the Glory of Christ'?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST AIDAN'S SPRING PLANT & CAKE SALE - TODAY! (Sun 21st)

Join us in the church hall after Mass in support of Justice & Peace Charities.

There will be a wide variety of plants for sale, all are in small trays so please bring a bag or box to transport flowers home.

There will also be cakes to enjoy and to buy and donations brought to sell on the day are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**** Please remember we can only accept payment by cash. ****

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.

Refreshments will be available but a packed lunch is required.

Please speak to Fr Hall if you are interested in attending.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

St Aidan's - Wednesday 14th June at 7pm

St Mary's - Wednesday 28th June at 7pm

Those parishioners indicating an interest in joining our parish councils on the census form are very welcome to attend. Minutes on our websites.

CONFESSION: Saturday 27th May 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

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

Thurs 25th May, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom)

Tues 30th May, 10.30am at St Mary's

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

COLLECTIONS: w/c 14th May

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £203.00 / Envelopes: £61.00 / Hall Hire: £46.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £243.10 / Envelopes: £76.00 / Donations: £275.00

Sick & Retired Priests: £60.70 / Fri Coffee: £96.70 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE JESMOND ST MARY PARTNERSHIP

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE

Invites you to come and hear Chris Maunder speak on

"Our Lady of the Nations: Apparitions of Mary in 20th Century Catholic Europe" at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields on Wed 31 May from 7.30pm.

Chris is retired Senior Lecturer and visiting fellow in Theology and Religious Studies at York St John University. The title of his talk is that of his book (2016, Oxford University Press). A scholar of Catholic popular religion in professional life, he is also passionate about Marian shrines, visiting them across Europe and helping to maintain his local shrine, a 15th-century rock chapel in Knaresborough. This is a free event with no booking required. Find out more via www.newman.org.uk

THE FEAST OF ST BEDE THE VENERABLE - Thurs 25th May

St Bede was born in 673 near St Peter and St Paul monastery in Jarrow.

He was sent there when he was three, became a monk at the monastery and was ordained when thirty. He is considered one of the most learned men of his time and a major influence on English literature.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Invite you to a series of events marking Laudato Si' week Sun 21st - Sun 28th May 2023. The week will begin with a special mass on Sat 20th May at St Mary's Cathedral from 10am. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate creation and to reflect on how to protect it.

Throughout the week there will be special screenings of the film, 'The Letter' - a powerful film produced by the team that made the Oscar-winning film My Octopus Teacher. It brings the message of Pope Francis's Laudato Si' to life through the stories of the people representing the voices of the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples and the natural world.

For details please see www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/a-series-of-special-events-mark-laudato-si-week-across-our-diocese/

DIOCESAN INVESTIGATION

The Executive Summary of the Investigation carried out by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon into the events leading to the resignation of Bishop Robert Byrne is available to view via www.diocesehn.org.uk