

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 22nd January 2023

Sat. 21st (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Michael O'Neill
Sun. 22nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 22nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 23rd (St. Mary's)	12.30pm	Anne Innes Funeral Service
Tues. 24th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Teresa Hall
Wed. 25th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 26th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 27th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Benjamin James Willshire
* Sat. 28th (St. Mary's)	11 - 11.30am	Confession
Sat. 28th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Maureen Crawford
Sun. 29th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Frank Amis
Sun. 29th (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29th January 2023

"Christ is for us our wisdom, our strength, our holiness and our freedom."

Second Reading: Reversal of Values (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God of love, you bless those people who are poor, who are sad, who are hungry and thirsty and who are hurt because they stand up for what they believe in. Help us to follow in your way. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR

Those who are sick: Mary Jane Delbridge;

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.

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St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk
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Sunday 22nd January 2023

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Call of the first Disciples

(Matthew 4:12-23), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Matthew first introduces us to Galilee, characteristically quoting the scriptures to show that they are being fulfilled, and in what way. Galilee is called 'Galilee of the gentiles' only in this passage, and the presence of gentiles was not a particularly notable feature of Galilee. Archaeology shows that Jewish observance was strong in the region. Contemporary literature indicates that there was a lively tradition of prayerful charismatic rabbis with a warm devotion to the Lord.

Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the imminence of the Kingdom of God, and this will be the subject of all his activity.

Then he begins to form the new Israel by calling his team together.

The Christian imagination tends to combine this scene with the scene of the Baptist in the Jordan Valley in the Gospel of John, which suggests that at least Peter and Andrew among the disciples had already some knowledge of Jesus.

But today's narrative must be heard on its own, and the staggering factor is that this is the first time at any rate the sons of Zebedee have set eyes on Jesus. As he passes by, Jesus calls them, and such is the electrifying power of his charismatic personality that they simply drop everything and follow this total stranger – immediately, as the evangelist stresses each time.

Do I ever follow Jesus' call immediately and unconditionally?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

CENSUS FORMS: Please complete one form per household and hand in today so we can update our parish records & support our parish community. If you have any questions about the detail or how it will be used, please email parishsecretary@mail.com

BOXES! There are a number of strong, sturdy boxes with lids outside the church hall at St Aidan's which are free to a good home should anyone have a use for them. If not, we are seeking volunteers to help recycle them. Please let us know if you can help.

ST MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 25th January at 7pm in the Church Hall - could all members please try to attend.

CONFESSION - Saturday 28th January 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 CRIB: We plan to pack up our crib at the end of the month and move the figures into storage space near the hall. If anyone is available to assist after mass on Sunday 29th January, many hands will make light work!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Alison Rebello will offer Eucharistic Adoration on the first Monday of the month from St Aidan's at 6pm, starting on Monday 6th February 2023. All are most welcome. Alison will be ordained as a Deacon this summer on the completion of his studies and we are delighted to have him as part of our Parish community.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 15th January

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £265.00 / Envelopes: £32.00 / Hall Hire: £28.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £283.60 / Envelopes: £58.00 / Donations: £60.00

w/c 8th January

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £256.00 / Envelopes: £42.00 / Hall Hire: £32.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £224.80 / Envelopes: £71.00 / Donations: £76.50

Friday Coffee Morning: £87.00

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

Donations of warm clothing, non perishable food (no pork please) and toiletries are always needed. 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.

FOREST HALL LIBRARY

Lunch Club is a new initiative, part of the library's Warm Places programme, and a great opportunity to meet new people while enjoying a delicious pre-ordered hot meal. The club runs every two weeks on a Thursday starting 26th January from 11.50 -12.50pm. All are welcome. See flyers in the church hall or contact Paula on 0191 643 2085 for more information.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

St Mary's Catholic Comprehensive School in Benton is hosting commemorations on Tues 24th January at 7.00pm with guest speaker Mrs Noreen Plen. Booking is essential via interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or on 0191 243 3316.

FROM THE DIOCESE

CAFOD'S 'BIG LENT WALK'

Challenge yourself to take on The Big Lent Walk by coming together over the 40 days of Lent to help raise money to overcome poverty. Sign up and find out more via www.walk.cafod.org.uk

POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY

Church Action on Poverty Northeast are organising an event for Poverty Action Sunday at St Cuthbert's Church, Albion Road West, North Shields, NE29 0JB on Sunday 19 February at 3.00pm. The event will be a combination of prayer, shared experience, song, prayer, music and poetry to acknowledge the reality of those struggling during this current crisis.

If you want to hear about the issues and also be part of the solution, please contact Fr Chris Hughes on 0191 257 5801 or email via northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk for more information.

MINSTERACRES RETREAT PROGRAMME 2023

Centred on their Passionist Charisms of Prayer, Hospitality & the Environment, details are available via www.minsteracres.org