

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 24th September & 1st October 2023**

Sat. 23rd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Margaret & Ernest Waight
Sun. 24th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Thomas & Elizabeth Lamming and family
Sun. 24th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Samuel Cardozo
<i>Mon. 25th - Wed. 27th ** NO MASSES **</i>		
Thurs 28th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Fri. 29th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Sat. 30th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Elizabeth Scott
Sun. 1st Oct (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr. D. Kellett
Sun. 1st Oct (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 2nd (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
<i>Tues. 3rd - Wed. 4th ** NO MASSES **</i>		
Thurs. 5th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Fri. 6th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE
Sat. 7th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intention
Sun. 8th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 8th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

**For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.**

## **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:** 1st Oct - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The path of humility is the way to exaltation."*

Second Reading: God Emptied Himself in Christ (Philippians 2:1-11)

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** God of love, open our ears to listen to your word. Lead us to help one another and to live our lives as you ask us to. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:** Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our prayers for help, guidance & support. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Contact us via [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto: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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## **Welcome to our Parish Newsletter:**

**St. Mary's & St. Aidan's R.C Churches**

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## **Sunday 24th September 2023:**

### **The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Generosity of God (Matt 20:1-16), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

It is hard not to sympathize with the workers who have sweated it out right through the day in the hot sun. The idlers who have hardly got earth on their spades or grease on their hands get a great bonus and I get no bonus at all! Is this fair?

No. God is not fair.

You can't apply the concept of "fairness" to God at all.

We can't enter into a reckoning with God. God does not calculate as we do. In the terms of this world, this is obvious enough. The wicked do prosper, while honesty and high moral standards, instead of being rewarded are often simply mocked.

Can we go deeper and say that the reward is in heaven?

This hardly fits with the way Jesus worked here on earth. He did not reward the virtuous. He said he was the doctor who had come to the sick. His favourites were the worst of society, tax-collectors and prostitutes, not even amiable rascals. Heaven was open to anyone who accepted him. It is no good looking for fairness in God, for this implies that we deserve something. We cannot claim to 'deserve' anything; we are simply called into a loving relationship and to put our trust in Jesus. What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your own life

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

*Please note this is a two week newsletter and there are several changes to weekday masses on the back page so keep it safe!*

### **ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & PRODUCE SALE: TODAY (24th Sept)**

Taking place in the hall after 9.15am Mass. We look forward to seeing you!

### **26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Sat 30th Sept // Sun 1st Oct**

We welcome Fr Jude Ibeh who will be celebrating Mass with us.

### **ST AIDAN'S SWARLAND AVENUE PLANT SALE! Sunday 1st October**

For one hour only, 10am– 11am, plants for sale at 6 Swarland Ave NE7 7TD.  
Cash donations please for Newcastle Food Banks.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 2nd October at St Aidan's**

All are welcome to join Deacon Alison Rebello from 6pm - 7pm.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 6th October**

There will be envelopes available in our Churches for any donation you can make. Alternatively, please visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) for digital options.

### **\*PLEASE NOTE NEXT CONFESSION:** Saturday 14th October 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

### **SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER: "A Musical Evening - Thank You and Farewell"**

Could those planning to attend please put names on the sign up sheet in St Mary's church hall to assist with numbers for catering. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Preparation for children at St Stephen's and St Mary's Primary Schools will begin shortly. If you have a child at another school in Yr 4 or above & ready to make their First Holy Communion please speak to Fr Hall or email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

**SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED:** There is a continuing need for food to help refugees in our area. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

## **COLLECTIONS: w/c 17th September 2023**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £ 177.00/ Envelopes: £67.00 / Hall Hire: £46.00

Mission Sunday: £70.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £228.14 / Envelopes: £91.00 / Donation: £200.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £75.00 (NE Refugees and Asylum Seekers)

*Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.*

## **FROM THE DIOCESE**

### **VACANCIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION**

Senior Administrator: Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 2 October

Primary Adviser – RE & Catholic Ethos: Full term-time. Closing date: 5 Oct

Secondary Adviser – RE and Catholic Ethos: Part-time, term-time.

Secondment may be considered. Closing date: 5 October.

All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle.

Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.

### **COURSES FOR THOSE INVOLVED AND INTERESTED IN MINISTRY**

There are a number of courses taking place this Autumn.

If you are interested in attending any, please speak to Fr Hall or email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word** (two sessions course)

Venue: St Hilda's, Ncle. Mon 30th Oct, 7-9pm & Mon 6th Nov, 7-9pm

#### **New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** (three session course)

Venue: The Sacred Heart & St Cuthbert, Amble.

Tues 7th Nov 7-9pm / Tues 14th Nov 7-9pm / Sat 18th Nov 1030am - 4pm.

### **FIRST STEPS - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE**

First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. The course begins on Wed 11th October at 7pm for 7 weeks and delivered via Zoom. See [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for more info.

### **RCIA 2023**

Those who wish to be received into the Catholic Church can complete a 12-week evening course called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) which starts on 31st October 2023 - Please contact Fr Hall if you are interested in attending or email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)