

## **WEEK COMMENCING 25th SEPTEMBER**

Please note there are no weekday Masses next week as Fr Hall is away.

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR FORTNIGHT BEGINNING: 25th September 2022**

Sat. 24th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Jim Purcell
Sun. 25th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth & Thomas Lamming
Sun. 25th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Intentions of Pat MacDonald
Mon. 26th - Fri 30th	*** NO MASS ***	
Sat. 1st Oct (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Prayers for Ordination of Mark Wharton to Priesthood
Sun. 2nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 2nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 3rd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 4th	*** NO MASS ***	
Wed. 5th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Jim Humble
Thurs. 6th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 7th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Catherine McMenemy
Sat. 8th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 9th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr Denis Kellet
Sun. 9th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	George Candlish

## **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK**

The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 2nd Oct 2022

*"Keep to the tradition already established."*

Second Reading: Sound Teaching (2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14).

## **WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:**

Those who are sick: 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.

## **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 [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

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## **Sunday 25th September 2022**

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

After listening to today's Gospel, The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This story told by Jesus occurs only in Luke. It is another of those dreadful warnings about the danger of wealth, for Luke's Gospel is often known as the Gospel to the Poor.

Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht. Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he teaches us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death.

For me there are three particularly horrible features of this parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine - dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs. Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption even after death: he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue. Contrast this with Abraham's gentleness: it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could. Thirdly, the obdurate brothers: they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling news; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations.

When was the last time I turned my back on someone who needed my help?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & HOME PRODUCE FAIR - Today!**

Join us in the church hall this morning after mass for refreshments and the chance to buy fabulous homegrown, home-baked and homemade goods. All proceeds to our Justice and Peace Group to help those in need.

### **ST MARY'S SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Today!**

Everyone welcome to join us in the church hall after 11am Mass.

### **ST AIDAN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

We will aim to run each Sunday, but this does depend on the availability of volunteer leaders. All children yet to make their First Holy Communion are welcome to join us. More details on [www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com](http://www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com)

### **CONFESSION - Saturday 8th October at St Aidan's.**

The first and third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am  
The second and fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am  
(Fr Hall is away on Saturday 1st October)

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** - Thurs 29th Sept, 7pm - 8pm

Our fortnightly sessions take place in St Aidan's Church Hall where we reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday. You can also join us via zoom with details available via [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

### **COLLECTIONS: w/c 18th September**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £196.50 / Envelopes: £60.00 / Funerals: £406.00  
CAFOD Pakistan Flood Relief: £373.50 / Standing Order (Aug): £596.00  
ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £137.20 / Envelopes: £139.00  
Donations: £50.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £75.80 (Coping with Cancer)  
CAFOD Pakistan Flood Relief: £338.20 / Standing Orders (Aug): £1,385.00  
*Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.*

### **JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS**

Non-perishable food and toiletries are always needed.  
Please leave your donations at St Mary's. Thank you.

### **\*\*\* VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED \*\*\***

Thank you to those who have put their names forward to help support our Parishes. We are still seeking people to serve refreshments after our Sunday morning Masses - these sessions have always been a popular way to get to know fellow parishioners and welcome new families to our Churches. If you can help, please speak to Fr Hall or contact [parishsecreatry@mail.com](mailto:parishsecreatry@mail.com). Thank you!

### **MUSICIANS FOR ST AIDAN'S**

Can you help lead our songs of praise at St Aidan's on a Sunday morning? Groups, duos or soloists - please get in touch via details above.

### **WELCOME FR. JUDE IBEH OP**

Next weekend we welcome Fr Jude Ibeh to preside at our Masses while Fr Hall has a few days away. Fr Jude is a Dominican priest from Nigeria who is studying for a Master's Degree at Northumbria University.

### **CARDINAL ARTHUR ROCHE**

Cardinal Arthur Roche, England & Wales's newest Cardinal, heads the Vatican Department responsible for Liturgy across the whole church. He will be delivering a lecture for the Society of St Gregory via Zoom on Saturday October 8th. If you would like to attend this event, please email [bookings@ssg.org.uk](mailto:bookings@ssg.org.uk) or contact [jo.a.shepherd@gmail.com](mailto:jo.a.shepherd@gmail.com)

### **CLIMATE EVENT FOR CHRISTIANS**

The breakdown of the climate is destroying our world. It will destroy countless species, the food and water supplies we rely on, the places we love, our communities and our futures.

We are inviting Christian communities to consider:

What are our responsibilities at such a time? How should we respond as Christians? How can we protect everything we hold sacred?

Join the discussion on Wed 28th September at 7.00pm

St Aidan's Church, Princes Road, Brunton Park, Gosforth, NE3 5NF

To attend please REGISTER (free) on Eventbrite at: <https://bit.ly/3eoVpqS>  
(This event is being organised by the campaign Just Stop Oil)