

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 25th June 2023

Sat. 24th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ann Harrison
Sun. 25th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Frank Amis
Sun. 25th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 26th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 27th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Thanksgiving
Wed. 28th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Thurs. 29th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Thurs. 29th (St. Aidan's)	7.00pm	People of the Parish
<i>Feast of SS Peter & Paul</i>		
Fri. 30th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ann Simpson
* Sat. 1st July (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 1st (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Alan Nesbitt
Sun. 2nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Intentions of Wallbank Family
Sun. 2nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

Could those requesting a mass intention please consider weekday masses as Sundays are regularly booked several weeks in advance. Thank you.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sun 2nd July 2023 - The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Christ's story becomes my story. Christ's strength becomes my strength."

Second Reading: Baptism into Christ (Romans 6:3-4. 8-11)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Lord, help us to listen to what you would have us do, so that we may be the answer to someone else's prayer like St. Peter & St. Paul. 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.

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Sunday 25th June 2023:

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Mission of the Apostles

(Mt 10:26-33) consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

This whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, although it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer.

More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Neither is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown.

'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales. Do I fearlessly proclaim the Gospel?

What situations in the coming week might require courage?

How can I grow in courage?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to our children making their Holy Communion this weekend.

St Aidan's - 25th June 2023

Thomas, Anthony, Liam and Charlie.

St Mary's - 25th June 2023

Abi, Caterina, Lisa, Anna,
Eliza and Gabriel.

"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love & the joy of his life within you."

THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL: Thursday 29th June

We will be celebrating Mass at St Mary's at 10am and at St Aidan's at 7pm.

ST MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday 28th June, 7pm

Those parishioners interested in our committee are welcome to join us in the church hall. Meetings last an hour. Previous minutes are available to view on our website www.stmarysforeshall.co.uk

ALISON REBELLO'S ORDINATION: - Taking place at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 8th July and live streamed via www.stmaryscathedral.org.uk

Our parish celebration will take place at St Aidan's in the church hall on Sun 9th July, following 9.15am Mass. If you plan to join us please tick the form on our entrance table for catering purposes.

CONFESSION: Saturday 1st July at St. Aidan'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: Tues 27th June, 10.30am at St Mary's.

Please note that the Thursday evening group will now break for summer.



COLLECTIONS: w/c 18th June

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £201.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £42.00

Day for Life: £55.00 / Funeral: £137.00 / Stipend: £5.00 / Donation: £40.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £253.50 / Envelopes: £73.00

Fri Coffee: £100.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

INVITATION TO EMMAUS YOUTH VILLAGE OPEN DAY

You are warmly invited to the Emmaus Youth Village on Sat 1st July for a unique opportunity to learn about new initiatives and redevelopment plans. The day is also a celebration, remembering Fr Dermott Donnelly's significant ministry on the first anniversary of his death. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham and young attendees will share inspiring stories about the impact of Fr Dermott's ministry. With a barbecue, a bar and music entertainment, it's bound to be a fantastic day out! Barbecue tickets: £10 (free for children under 16).

Proceeds for the day will support Fr Dermott's charity "Significance," ensuring his work continues.

Please confirm attendance for the Mass and/or barbecue tickets.

Accommodation can also be booked.

Contact: admin@ymt.org or 01207 592244.

DAYS OF REFLECTION & LITURGICAL COURSES AUTUMN 2023

Days of Reflection

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: 23rd Sept, 10:30am-3pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead

Liturgical Leaders of the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion (Lay Leaders): 7th Oct, 10:30am-3pm at St Joseph's, Gateshead.

Courses

New Readers of the Liturgy of the Word

Commencing 9 October | 2 sessions | St Aidan's, Benton

Commencing 26 October | 6 sessions | St Hilda's, Newcastle upon Tyne

If you wish to attend any of the above, please speak to Fr Hall.