

*Congratulations to the  
children making their  
First Holy Communion  
at St Mary of the Rosary  
this weekend:*



Isla, Isobel, Sally,  
Amelie, Orla, Lacy.

Lord God,  
You build us up  
by our sharing in the Bread that is broken  
so that each of us may be part of the Body of Christ.  
Guide these sheep of the flock  
chosen by you to receive your Son.  
May he keep them safe,  
bring them back when they stray  
and satisfy their hunger.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:  
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**Sunday 26th June 2022**

**The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, Uncompromising Discipleship (Luke 9:51-62), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

As Jesus embarks on his great journey to his death at Jerusalem, the latter half of Luke's gospel is marked by Jesus' teaching on the difficulties and challenges of discipleship.

Right at the beginning of this section Jesus teaches the little lesson that the disciples must not be surprised or take vengeance when they are rejected. Then three lessons follow on the uncompromising demands of discipleship. These are not 'counsels of perfection', but demanded of every disciple of Jesus. First, the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. The disciple has no right to creature comforts. Second (perhaps the most counter-cultural of all Jesus' demands), burying a dead father was regarded as a sacred duty, and yet not even this may stand in the way of a response to the call of Jesus. Third (a more rigorous condition than even Elijah demanded of Elisha), there must be no backward glance even to bid the family farewell. Not even the most sacred of natural ties may stand in the way of the demands of following Jesus.

Jesus expresses his teaching with maximum vigour; these conditions may seem unfeeling and unacceptably harsh. This is partly the nature of the Semitic language (the Aramaic which Jesus spoke), which rarely uses a comparative, 'more than...' It is either day or night, no dusk! There are no half measures. We must beware of softening what remains hard.

Where does following Jesus currently fit on your list of priorities?

Do any of your goals, activities, interests or desires for material comforts keep you from following Christ more closely?

Is there anything that you wouldn't give up for Christ?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

### COLLECTIONS: 19th June

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £172.00 / Envelopes: £67.00 / Hall Hire: £44.00

Donation: £40.00 / Day for Life: £17.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £183.30 / Envelopes: £128.70

Donations: £110.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £43.00 (Coping with Cancer)

*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.

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

### INVITATION

Bishop Robert invites you to a Mass to mark the 80th birthday of Bishop Seamus. Thurs 30th June at 12.05pm at St Mary's Cathedral. All welcome.

### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR, NEWCASTLE

Volunteers needed to help throughout the Home from helping with residents' activities to admin & fundraising support. Please contact Sister Evelyn or Mother Deirdre at St Joseph's Home on 0191 2731279 for details.

### REFUGEE WEEK

During this special week you may like to commit to praying for all asylum seekers & refugees. You can use the beautiful words of the prayer vigil which has been put together by participants in the vigils at Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre available on [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk) There is also an online version via <https://youtu.be/-jmKpVXbm1Q>

### BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN ON DEPORTATIONS TO RWANDA

"Plans to forcibly deport to Rwanda some of those seeking refuge in our country is shamefully illustrative of what Pope Francis has called *the loss of that sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters on which every civil society is based.*" Read the statement in full on our parish website [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

## - Mask wearing is now a personal choice in our Churches -

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 26th June 2022

Sat. 25th (St. Mary's) 5.30pm Raymond Henderson

Sun. 26th (St. Aidan's) 9.15am Frank Amis

Sun. 26th (St. Mary's) 11.00am Alba Cardozo

Mon. 27th \*\*\* NO MASS \*\*\*

Tues. 28th (St. Mary's) 2.00pm Funeral Mass for Raymond Henderson

Tues. 28th (St. Aidan's) 7.00pm Fr. Kennedy

(Vigil Mass for Feast of Saints Peter and Paul)

Wed. 29th (St. Mary's) 10.00am Priest's Intention

(Feast of Saints Peter and Paul)

Thurs. 30th (St. Aidan's) 10.00am People of the Parish

Fri. 1st July (St. Mary's) 10.00am Iranio Lobo

Fri. 1st July (St. Mary's) 12.15pm Anne Patricia Hodgson (Requiem)

Sat. 2nd (St. Mary's) 5.30pm Raymond Henderson

Sun. 3rd (St. Aidan's) 9.15am Thanksgiving for Joshua's birthday

Sun. 3rd (St. Mary's) 11.00am Michael 'Joe' Mulroney

### PREPARATION

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 3rd July 2022

"Everything is new about the Christian baptized into Christ."

Second Reading: The Triumph of the Cross (Galatians 6:14-18)

### WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Anne Innes, Eimear O'Hogarty.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time: Alan Hutchinson, Alfred Cross, Henry Kennan, Veronica Spencer, Jane Thornton, William Crossley, Hazel Guest, Albert Smithson, Jean Adamson, Ralph Galloway, John Kevin Jones, Mary Heads, Edith Swaddle, Sarah Wilkinson, Luke Farrell, Margaret McNeil, Christopher Garfield.

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