

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 27th February 2022

Sat. 26th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Jean Kenney
Sun. 27th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Nan Hayes
Sun. 27th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 28th	*** NO MASS	***
Tues. 1st March (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Jim & Hazel Thompson
ASH WEDNESDAY (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
ASH WEDNESDAY (St. Mary's)	7.00pm	Priest's Intentions
Thurs. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Nan Hayes
Fri. 4th (St. Mary's) * <i>note time</i>	9.30am	Priest's Intentions
Sat. 5th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 6th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	George Todhunter
Sun. 6th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches.

You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Dorothy Noble.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Henrietta Hodgkins, Veronica Croft, Mary Drummond, James Selby McArdle, George Edward Grandsbury, Ann Smith, David Jackson, Patricia Rogers, Michael Cassidy, Norah Murray, Ann Anderson, William Rogers, John Hogan, Edward Barker, Agnes Adamson, Charles Murphy, Bridget Simpson, Hugh Conway, Peter Vincent, Norman Nixon, Ann Adamson, Alice Hemmings, Thomas McArdle, William McKenna, Charles Hunter, Michael Bell, Fred Taylor, Stan Younger, Noel Dack, Colin Martin, Terence Conroy, Jack Savage.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

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Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

St. Mary's R.C. Church and St. Aidan's R.C Church

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Sunday 27th February 2022

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Judging Others (Luke 6.39-45), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Matthew gathered together the teaching of Jesus on the basic requirements of Christian morality into the Sermon on the Mount; that formed a sort of manifesto for the Kingdom of Heaven, starting with the eight Beatitudes.

Luke gathers many of the same teachings into his 'Sermon on the Plain', starting with four Beatitudes. This has provided the gospel readings for the last three Sundays. Matthew, writing for Christians of Jewish origin, stressed Jesus' teaching on law, and how Jesus made it more interior and often more demanding. Luke, always aware of the needs of the poor, stresses more our social obligations.

As he draws to a conclusion, he gives us two of Jesus' warnings, expressed in the vivid language and with the fierce exaggeration and wit that is so characteristic of Jesus' teachings. The first, the splinter and the log, warns us to use the same standards in judging ourselves as we use in judging others. The second, the sound and rotten fruit, is perhaps a double warning. You can judge people only by their actions. More profoundly, it is also a challenge: don't flatter yourself on your achievements until you are good through and through, until the store of goodness in your heart is really overflowing.

Is it ever helpful to point out people's faults?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March with a morning and evening mass being celebrated. See back page of newsletter for full details.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Taking place on Friday 4th with a special Mass to be held at St. John's Church in Killingworth at 10.30am. To accommodate, Mass at St Mary's will begin at 9.30am.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Thursday 3rd March in St Aidan's Church Hall from 7pm until 8pm to reflect on the readings for the following Sunday. Those wishing to join virtually can access the link via www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

COMING BACK TOGETHER

If you know someone who is not currently attending Church but would appreciate a visit, please give Fr. Hall their name & address so he can arrange visits as part of our process of coming out of the Covid restrictions.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT

Please help the ongoing appeal with donations of shampoo, toiletries and female hygiene products. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

ST MARY'S CHOIR

Singers and musicians of all ages and abilities welcome to join our friendly group! Please speak to anyone from the choir to find out more.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 20th February 2022

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £107.00 // Envelopes: £77.00 // Hall Hire: £36.00

Stole Fees (Funeral): £200.00 // Candles: £10.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £124.90 // Envelopes: £121.50

Standing Orders for January: £1545.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR MEN

'Becoming better men through prayer, penance and servant leadership.'

Led by lay evangelists Simon Leigh, Gary Stevens and Sean Booth with talks, testimony and prayer ministry.

Refreshments and lunch provided. A collection will be taken.

St Andrew's Church, Worswick Street, Newcastle.

10am to 4pm on Saturday 5th March with Rosary on Northumberland St. at 12pm. Contact Antony on 07966 922086.

SYCAMORE FOR LENT

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Sycamore opens up the heart of the Christian message and helps people to grow in faith.

This Lenten Season there will be an online programme each Sunday From 6th March to 10th April at 4.00pm until 5.15pm

The sessions involve some teaching and thought-provoking testimonies with the discussion groups helping people to grow in friendship and build a sense of community.

This is a free course. To join or find out more visit www.diocesehn.org.uk

VACANCY

The Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Head of Finance. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle, and agile working is available. Full-time or 30 hours a week. Closing date for applications: 12 March 2022.

Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details and application or contact 0191 243 3301 to discuss.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

As we begin the season of Lent, the Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced the first part of the booklet of Lenten reflections.

Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal