

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 27th March 2022**

Sat. 26th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Roseanne Bell
Sun. 27th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Matilda Bews
Sun. 27th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	James & Kath Cassidy
Mon. 28th	*** NO MASS	***
Tues. 29th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Elizabeth Curran
Wed. 30th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Harry Ryan
Thurs. 31st (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 1st April (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Norman Wise
Sat. 2nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Priest's Intentions
Sun. 3rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Laura Anne Heslop

***We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, continue to 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, and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:**

Carole Roche, Margaret Muir, Kevin Lyon, Sarah Oxley, Kathleen Dryden, Winifred Dawson, Deborah Junglas, George Rowe, Helmut Schaeffer, Rosemary Heath, Thomas Tomlinson, James Ramsey, Grace Hood, William Davis, Emily Lean, Percival Alden, Bernard Wallace, Walter Allan, John Crane, Sarah Smithson, Michael McDermott, Winifred Crosby, James Bryan, Norman Wise, Bob Brough, David Craigen, John Foley, Laura Heslop, Stephen Pepper, Gladys Barnes, William Connelly, Mary Wilson, Robert Hann, Anna Richards, Catherine Guthrie, Margaret Coyne, Violet Elsander, Norah Shannon, Leslie Cassidy, Marj Millan, George Walkinshaw, Margaret Moore, Kathleen Morris, Patricia Madden.

### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com  
Access weekend mass streaming via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.  
Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

### **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 March 2022**

#### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3. 11-32), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Who is the hero of the story? What should its title be? Some call it the parable of the Powerless Father, for the father is powerless to do anything but welcome his son. Clearly the principal message of the parable is that we can count on God's forgiveness, whatever we do.

The contrast is also between the two sons. The younger insults his father: all he thinks about is his inheritance, as though he wished his father already dead. All the same, the father is eagerly on the watch, and forgets all his dignity to run and welcome his returning son. And to persuade the elder son to join in the party, the father even leaves his dinner-guests at table, going out into the field to urge the jealous elder brother to join in.

Forgiveness and love is his whole motivation. The elder son responds to his father with insults ('That son of yours' he says), inventing guesses about sexual loose-living.

It is a splendid example of Luke's delicate, witty and subtle characterisation. Which brother comes out of the story best? Have you ever felt like the elder brother? What picture of God does Jesus present in the Parable of the Prodigal Son?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Fr Hall will celebrate the sacrament in one to one confessions at:

St Mary's on Saturday 2nd April, 10-11am; and

St Aidan's on Saturday 9th April, 10-11 am.

With a Service of Reconciliation at St Mary's on Tues 12th April at 7pm.

### **REFUGEE SUPPORT**

40 bags of food went out to refugees this week. Please continue to be generous with your donations which are distributed via the SVP Centre each Wednesday. Unperishable foods & women's hygiene products are always greatly appreciated.

### **ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS**

In the church hall after 10am Mass. All are welcome, donations for the weekly fundraising raffle are always greatly received.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fr. Hall has recorded several virtual presentations of the Stations of the Cross. Watch via our website [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

### **COMING BACK TOGETHER**

If you know someone who is not currently attending Church but would appreciate a visit, please pass details to Fr. Hall.

### **COLLECTIONS: W/C 20th March 2022**

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £348.00 / Envelopes: £82.00 / Hall Hire: £40.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £138.40 / Envelopes: £99.50 / Lenten Alms £5.00

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £15.00

Friday Coffee Morning (Help for Ukraine): £50.50

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

### **PLEASE COLLECT ST MARY'S ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND**

You will need them for next weekend. Regular users may have a different reference number as some parishioners have moved to direct debit giving.

## **FROM THE DIOCESE:**

### **CAFOD'S LENT FAMILY FAST DAY - THANK YOU**

"Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict." *Mark Maughan - [www.CAFOD.org.uk](http://www.CAFOD.org.uk)*

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN SPEAK**

To take part in a survey submitted as part of the Synodal process, visit [catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey](http://catholicwomenspeak.com/catholic-women-international-synod-survey)

### **LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

Walk the forty Lent days with Jesus, the Son; a pilgrimage of grace in which we look to Him for new direction, for healing and for hope. Worry less about the pace you set for yourself and be open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit in the silence of this holy season. Visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

### **ACCOMPANYING THOSE SEEKING INNER HEALING**

A residential training course is taking place at Minsteracres Retreat Centre  
Session 1: 22nd - 23rd April 2022 // Session 2: 15th - 16th July 2022  
For more information contact [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

### **A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.