

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 2nd July 2023**

Sat. 1st July (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
Mon. 3rd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 4th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Gerard Earley
Wed. 5th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Bill Spence
Thurs. 6th (St. Aidan's)	10.00pm	Priest's Intention
Fri. 7th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ernest Humble
* Sat. 8th July (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 8th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ann Patricia Hodgson
Sun. 9th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Thanksgiving Alison Rebello & Family
Sun. 9th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Laura Anne Heslop

*For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes at the entrances to our churches.*

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Sunday 9th July 2023 - The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
*"The Christian, baptised into Christ, lives with his life, the life of the Spirit of Christ."* Second Reading: The Spirit is Alive in You (Romans 8:9.11-13)

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER:**

Caring God, you are there with us in the most difficult times. Help us when we find things hard. Help us to be there for others when they are struggling. We ask this through Christ our Lord, 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.

### **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)

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School [www.stmarysrcprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stmarysrcprimaryschool.co.uk)  
St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School [www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk)  
St. Mary's Catholic Comprehensive School [www.stmarysnewcastle.co.uk](http://www.stmarysnewcastle.co.uk)

**Welcome to our Parish Newsletter:**  
**St. Mary's & St. Aidan's R.C Churches**  
**Rev. Sean Hall**  
**Tel. 0191 268 4222**  
**[parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)**  
**[www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)**  
**[www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com](http://www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com)**  
**Join us on Facebook - NE12Catholic**

### **Sunday 2nd July 2023:**

#### **The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, Hardships of the Apostolate (Matthew 10:37-42), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-  
At the end of this collection of sayings of Jesus about the mission of the Christian apostolate, Matthew puts a whole series of daunting challenges. Luke gives almost all the same sayings, but scattered in different contexts. The last saying is only in Mark as well.

Believing as we do that the composition of the gospel is inspired, even to the selection and ordering of the sayings of Jesus, we can see this group of sayings as a series of challenges not to take up Christianity without serious forethought. There is no such thing as non-apostolic Christianity, but by becoming Christians we take on a share in Christ's own task of spreading the Good News. The challenge is great but the reward is certain. First comes a trio of sayings to show the absolute priority of Christ's claims, over the closest family ties, over life and finally over possession of one's own self. Then comes a quartet of promises of rewards to those who welcome Christ's messengers.

The envoy is placed equal with the principal: Christ's messenger is as Christ, Christ as his Father. Then in detail the reward for welcome of a prophet, of any upright person, and finally of the Christian in need. What is the closest tie you have on earth?  
Can Jesus be more important than that?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Congratulations to our children making their Holy Communion this weekend.

#### **Saturday, 1st July 2023**

Rosie, Matthew, April, Layla & Nina.

#### **Sunday, 2nd July 2023**

Diana, Damo, Freya, Isla & Lyla.

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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GOING FORTH MASSES: Sunday 16th July**

**ALISON REBELLO’S ORDINATION**: - Taking place at St Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday 8th July and live streamed via [www.stmaryscathedral.org.uk](http://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.

### **CONFESSION: Saturday 8th July at St. Mary’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 11th July, 10.30am at St Mary’s.**

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

### **COLLECTIONS: w/c 25th June**

ST. AIDAN’S - Loose Plate: £171.50 / Envelopes: £47.00 / Hall Hire: £42.00  
Lay Training Fund: £155.00 / Candles: £24.50 / Northern Cross: £15.00  
Day for Life: £55.00 / Funeral: £137.00 / Stipend: £5.00 / Donation: £40.00

ST. MARY’S - Loose Plate: £231.25 / Envelopes: £80.00  
Friday Coffee Morning: £58.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

*Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.*



## **ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR: Fri 7th July, 3.30pm—5pm**

In the school yard on Great Lime Road, food, drinks, games, stalls & fun!  
Everyone welcome, with all money raised supporting the school.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

St Aidan’s PPC met on 14th June, minutes are available to view on [www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com](http://www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com)

St Mary’s PPC met on Wed 28th June - minutes will be available soon.

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:**

### **PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA, NEWCASTLE**

Please note that from the Monday 10th July the Cathedral bookshop will have revised opening hours:

Monday & Tuesday: Closed // Wednesday to Friday: 10:00am – 4:30pm

Saturday: 9.45am – 4.00pm // Sunday: 9.30am – 1.15pm

For orders & enquires outside these hours, email: [orders@pauline-uk.org](mailto:orders@pauline-uk.org)  
or telephone: 0151 7091328.

### **THE CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES 2023-2024**

CCRS is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. It is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith & Catholic education.  
Now available for 2023-2024 via [www.diocesehn.org.uk/education](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/education)

### **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.