

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 30th October 2022

Sat. 29th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sun. 30th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Noel & Monica Bogie
Sun. 30th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Sheila Phelan
Mon. 31st	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 1st Nov (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Feast of All Saints
Tues. 1st Nov (St. Aidan's)	7.00pm	Feast of All Saints
Wed. 2nd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Holy Souls
Thurs. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 4th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Anniversary of Fr Hall's Ordination
* Sat. 5th (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 5th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph Bradford
Sun. 6th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Mr O Joseph and Aleyamma Joseph Anniversary
Sun. 6th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Matthew Bradley

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 6th November 2022

"The Christian cannot opt out of the world."

Second Reading: The Lord is Faithful (2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

"God of heaven and earth, your Kingdom has room for us all. May we see each other through your eyes. Amen."

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Eddie McCormack, Anne Innes, Yeau Sen Mai,
Mary Jane Dellbridge. Those in our Books of Remembrance;
And all those within our Parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact us via parishsecretary@mail.com or 0191 268 4222

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on ww.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

St. Mary's & St. Aidan's R.C Churches

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Sunday 30th October 2022

The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), consider
Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The story of the rich little tax-collector of Jericho is always a favourite.

It was a constant complaint of defenders of the Law and its prescriptions
that Jesus kept disreputable company – tax-collectors, lepers, Samaritans,
prostitutes! He took part in their carousals & seemed to enjoy their company.
Tax-collectors are never popular, and everyone thinks they are over-taxed.

Under Roman rule the tax-farmers were moral outcasts, especially because
they worked for the hated foreign dominators, and surely many added their
own percentage to the tax demanded; Jesus does not seem even to mind that
they were considered unclean. He does not wait for them to repent and
approach him, but positively goes out to them and summons them into his
company.

Zacchaeus had given no sign of good intentions. This unpopular little man
was simply inquisitive, wanting to see what Jesus looked like, not even trying
to get near him. One can imagine his open-mouthed and delighted
amazement, perched in his sycamore-tree, as Jesus invited himself to supper
over the heads of the intervening crowd. 'Why should Jesus choose me?'
he might be thinking. No conditions are attached; he provides no immediate
guarantee of good behaviour or repentance! Yet he is changed fundamentally
and responds with generosity.

So Jesus draws out our good intentions before we are even really aware
of them ourselves. Jesus invites each of us to welcome him: how do we
best respond?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ALL SAINTS DAY - Tuesday 1st November

Solemnity celebrated on the first of November. It is instituted to honour all the saints, known and unknown. We will have at St Mary's at 10am and again at St Aidan's at 7pm.

CONFESSION - Saturday 5th November at St Aidan's

The first and third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am
The second and fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS *(previous minutes available on our websites)*

St. Aidan's - Wed 2nd Nov at 7pm / St. Mary's - Wed 9th Nov at 7pm

ST MARY'S SUNDAY CHOIR

We are looking to start a children's choir to sing at mass on occasional Sundays. Please email Trisha & Peter on trishatindall@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to join.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 16th October

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £176.00 / Envelopes: £62.00 / Hall Hire: £36.00
Donation: £70.00 / Piety Stall: £46.00 / World Mission Sunday: £80.00
ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £164.32 / Envelopes: £178.00
World Mission Sunday: £48.00
Friday Coffee Morning: £42.00 (MacMillan Cancer Care)
September Standing Orders: £1,735.00

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

ST MARY'S SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER FUNDRAISING

CAFOD Pakistan Food Crisis:

A cheque for a total of £620.20 has been forwarded onto CAFOD on behalf of the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Friday Coffee Mornings—a cheque for £713.35 has been sent to

Coping with Cancer. Thank you for your continued support.

Our current Friday Coffee Fundraising is on behalf of MacMillan Cancer Care. Raffle prizes are always greatly appreciated.

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.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS - Please speak to Fr Hall if you are able to help support either of our parishes in any way.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Thank you

Thank you for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all people. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to www.mission.org.uk. If you would like a Red Box to collect loose change at home or have a full box that needs emptying, please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com

FROM THE DIOCESE:

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

The Diocese needs nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to support the trip leaving on Fri 28th July. For more information, please visit www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

i) Safeguarding Administrator, Department for Safeguarding, Newcastle full-time permanent. Closing date for applications: 9 November

ii) Parish Secretary, St Joseph, Stanley – part-time (24 hours)

Permanent. Closing date for applications: 11 November

Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301

LINDISFARNE GOSPELS

Created on Holy Island, the book is on display at the Laing Art Gallery until 3rd December. Book via www.diocesehn.org.uk