

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 30th April 2023

Sat. 29th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ann McMenemy
Sun. 30th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Freya Elizabeth Amis
Sun. 30th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
* Mon 1st May (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues. 2nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 4th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Thurs. 4th (St. Mary's)	12.30pm	Funeral Service Anne Pickering
Fri. 5th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Sat. 6th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 6th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 7th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Jim Jones
Sun. 7th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Ernest Humble

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

The Fifth Sunday of Easter - 7th May 2023

"The people of God is a house built of living stones."

Second Reading: A Royal Priesthood (1 Peter 2:4-9)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Christ Jesus, open our hearts to trust in you, so that we may never be afraid to answer your call to love one another, and so that through you we may come closer to God. 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.

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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](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

Welcome to our Parish Newsletter:

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

Rev. Sean Hall

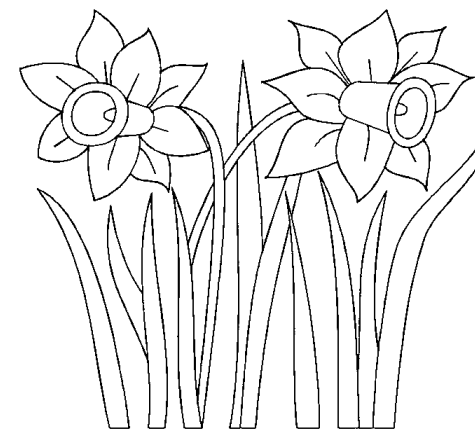
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Sunday 30th April 2023:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-10), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

In each year of the three-year cycle of readings this fourth Sunday of Easter is designated Good Shepherd Sunday, with readings from the parable given in John 10. In the first two Sundays after Easter the meetings with the Risen Lord are described, but after that the most important truth about the Risen Lord which the Church puts before us is that this Jesus whom we encounter is the Good Shepherd.

In the Old Testament God is the Shepherd of Israel, and indeed in the neighbouring pastoral nations too the protective deity of the nation is commonly called their 'Shepherd'. As the pastoral ancient world well knew, the duty of shepherds is to care devotedly for the sheep, with no regard to the personal cost to themselves.

Ezekiel repeatedly castigates the recent leaders of Israel for their failure to care for the sheep and for managing the flock for their own personal advantage. It is especially striking that in all four gospels the divine title of Shepherd is transferred from God to Jesus himself, at least implying not only that Jesus is the perfect shepherd, but also that he is the incarnation of that divine Shepherd, fulfilling the duties which had hitherto been credited to the God of Israel alone.

By his selfless generosity Jesus is the model for all rulers and leaders of nations. What does it mean to you to describe Jesus as the Good Shepherd? Who is your special guide in life and why?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

**** A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Book now via www.diocesehn.org.uk ****

Saturday 15th July, 10am—3pm at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School in Washington. We strongly encourage all our parish catechists both seasoned and those interested in the work to join this free event.

To be a catechist is to echo the love God has for each one of us to those in our parishes, our communities, our society. It is to pass this love on in sharing our faith to others. This can be daunting. We are not alone.

Here you can deepen your knowledge and connect with other Catechists in our Diocese. Refreshments will be available but a packed lunch is required.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Monday 1st May

All are welcome to join Alison Rebello in our Eucharistic Adoration service at St Aidan's 6 -7pm. Eucharistic Adoration takes place the first Monday of each month.

CONFESSION: Saturday 6th May at St Aidan'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

ST AIDAN'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you for submitting the names of your loved ones. The names will be entered by Maria Graham, whose beautiful and valued ministry is much appreciated.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: (see www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

Tues 2nd May, 10.30am at St Mary's.

Thurs 11th May, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom).

Reflecting together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 23rd April

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £186.00 / Envelopes: £61.00 / Hall Hire: £108.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £216.70 / Envelopes: £80.00 / Donation: £290.00

Sick & Retired Priests: £67.00 / Fri Coffee Morning: £64.00 (Syria Earthquake)

Please remember to collect your boxes of envelopes & thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Saturday 8th July, 10am - 1pm

In association with the Tyneside Irish Centre, enjoy a morning of fun active drills to learn all about the basic skills of Gaelic football. Lots of non-football entertainment and food and drink available from the club bar.

Taking place at Amberley Playing Fields, Killingworth, register your interest in this free event via secretary.cuchulainns.yorkshire@gaa.ie

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the two following vacancies: Deputy Director of Education (Leadership) and Deputy Director of Education (Inspection). Both roles are permanent and full-time, term-time.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are working hard to raise vital funds to help with the cost of replacing the three lifts which are in constant need of expensive repairs. As you can appreciate, the lifts play an integral role in maintaining the safety of the residents while increasing their level of mobility. The charity are appealing for urgent donations to assist in their efforts to make critical upgrades to the lifts, which in turn will help the Sisters and Staff deliver essential person centred care at all times.

Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to:

St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA or online via www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

PROUD CATHOLICS

Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16th May at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Worswick Street, Newcastle.

The year will be reviewed with plans made for the future and elections held for the coming year's Committee. It will be possible to connect through Zoom (get in touch for the link). The AGM will be followed by the usual bring-and-share refreshments. All are welcome.

Info via Isabel on 07858 934457 or proud.catholics@yahoo.com