

Year of Prayer 2024

How you can be part of our celebrations.

Pope Francis announced that 2025 will be celebrated as a Jubilee Year with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. In preparation, 2024 has been designated as a **Year of Prayer** and as part of the preparation, the Holy Father has suggested that we focus on the prayer 'Our Father,' which presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

To celebrate both individual and community prayer, here at St Aidan's and St Mary's, we thought it would be an idea to share the '**Our Father**' in different languages. We are incredibly fortunate to be parishes of diverse cultures, backgrounds and interests and we would like to invite parishioners to submit versions of Our Lord's Prayer that mean something to you.

Submissions can be named or anonymous and can be left in our collection baskets or emailed to parishsecretary@mail.com

Please ensure that you use Latin / Roman script so we can all appreciate the words and phrases. We look forward to hearing from you.

***Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.***

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Sunday 4th February 2024:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus at Capernaum (Mark 1:29-39), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

The snippets gathered in the gospel reading give us a sample of Jesus' activity at Capernaum – healing and prayer.

The first incident, the healing of the relative of his friend and follower Simon Peter, reminds us that Jesus does respond if we pray for the needs of our nearest and dearest. Then the summary of his evening activity shows his concern to bring healing and wholeness.

Any Christian will desire to follow his example: we can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance - and no less can these actions harm and wound.

But the third little story, of Jesus going off to pray in the early morning, shows that the well-spring of all his activity was his union with God whom he called his Father. We cannot say what Jesus' prayer was, any more than I can say what your prayer is, but the confident communication between Father and Son must have been the source of his strength and compassion. What sort of things can you do to bring healing to others?
Where do you find it easiest to pray?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Weekend Masses will now be streamed via YouTube only.

Simply search 'St Mary of the Rosary' for our page.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

PARISH COUNCILS: Our councils are actively seeking new members as we look to grow and shape our parishes. Please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com to find out more.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 5th February at St Aidan's, 6pm-7pm

CONFESSION: Saturday 10th February at St Mary's, 11pm - 1130pm.

DONATIONS OF WARM CLOTHING: Both our parishes support a number of charities desperately seeking hats, scarfs, gloves, socks, warm clothing and toiletries. These gifts support people in our community who have nothing but your kindness. Donations can be left in our church halls. Thank you.

SVP SUGAR HELP: The SVP Refugee Project asks St Aidan's parishioners to specifically make donations of small bags of sugar for distribution to refugees & asylum seekers who come to collect it weekly at the SVP Centre, Byker.

ST MARY'S SOCIAL - FISH & CHIP SUPPER: Sat 10th February from 6.30pm. Please see Sue or Malcolm this weekend to pay for food choices so order & collection can be arranged. Donations of raffles prizes gratefully received.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 28th January 2023

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £252.00 / Envelopes: £40.00 / Hall Hire: £211.00

Candles: £33.60 / Papers: £9.00 / Piety: £18.00 / Racial Justice: £145.00

Sunday Coffee Morning: £135.40 (Heart NE)

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £247.50 / Envelopes: £79.00 / Funeral: £220.00

Donations: £155.00 / Friday Coffee: £100.00 (Mary's Meals)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

STAMPS & COINS FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: Thank you for the kind & generous donations. We continue to take any items, please leave in the hall at St Mary's or entrance at St Aidan's.

ASH WEDNESDAY: (14th February)

Mass at St Mary's at 10am and St Aidan's at 7pm.

Stations of the Cross each Friday from 16th Feb at St Aidan's, 630pm

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 4th February 2024

Sat. 3rd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Raymond Taylor
Sun. 4th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Jean Sharp
Sun. 4th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	John Hall & Phil Andison
* Mon. 5th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tues. 6th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Anne Earl
Wed. 7th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Michael Magney
Thurs. 8th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Kevin McMenemy
Fri. 9th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Kevin McMenemy
* Sat. 10th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	<i>Confession</i>
Sat. 10th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ottillie Margot Ronan & family
Sun. 11th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr. Pat McMahon
Sun. 11th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Laurence Barr

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 11th Feb - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If the glory of God is always before our minds, we can hardly go wrong."
(1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Healing God, watch over all your children when they are sick. May we share generously with others so that all people around the world may have the chance to live happy and healthy lives. Amen

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts and prayers. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH: Contact us parishsecretary@mail.com / 0191 268 4222

Access weekend mass live via YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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