

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 6th November 2022

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
Mon. 7th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 8th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Julia McCann
Wed. 9th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Colin Bradford
Thurs. 10th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Holy Souls
Fri. 11th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Mary Elizabeth Barr
* Sat. 12th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 12th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	John Kennedy
Sun. 13th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth Ann Brown
Sun. 13th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 13th November 2022

"We don't get any nearer perfection... simply by sitting and waiting."

Second Reading: Keep Busy (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

"All-powerful God, nothing is greater than your love, so may we trust in you whatever difficulties and challenges we face. 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.

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Sunday 6th November 2022

The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Sadducees' Riddle (Luke 20:27-38), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus.

By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if I marry and die without begetting a son, my nearest male relative is bound to marry my widow and raise up a son in my name to carry on my line.

The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for the perfect number 'seven' means 'ad infinitum').

Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument back upon them by returning to that key text of scripture when God replies to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this reply in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection of, and his presence with, his people through thick and thin.

This is one more instance of Jesus' deep knowledge and mastery of scripture, of the way that he can transcend the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents and make plain the deep and true sense of these holy texts.

To God no one is 'dead and gone'; we all remain safe in his hands. What does it mean to you to be a 'child' of the resurrection?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

CONFESSION - Saturday 12th 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

Please note there will be no confession at St Aidan's on Sat 19th November.

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

St. Mary's - Wednesday 9th November at 7pm

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Bishop Robert Byrne will be celebrating Mass in our two Parishes on Sunday 4th December, 9.15 am at St Aidan's and 11.00 am at St Mary's.

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Wed 14th Dec, 6pm - St Stephen's School Carol Service at St Aidan's.

Mon 19th Dec, 2pm - St Mary's School Carol Service at St Mary's.

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 30th October

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £209.50 / Envelopes: £62.00 / Hall Hire: £36.00

Candles: £40.00 / Northern Cross: £9.00 / Sunday Coffee Morning: £23.50

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £164.20 / Envelopes: £150.00

Donation: £70.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £48.60 (MacMillan Cancer Care)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

As the colder weather takes hold, donations of warm clothing, non perishable food (no pork please) and toiletries are even more desperately requested for those in need.

Items can be left in the foyer at St Aidan's and in the hall at St Mary's.

Thank you for your care and support.

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

FROM THE DIOCESE:

HOLY ISLAND VINNIES CAMP - URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with Term Time Camps taking place between Easter and the Summer Holidays and then September and October. Commitment involves training, a DBS check and the choice of anything from a few days to a week helping on the beautiful island itself. All roles can be applied for in November 2022 via www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/ where there is also much more information.

SAINTS AND THE EUCHARISTIC REFLECTIONS

As part of the Year of the Eucharist, Reflections on the Saints associated with the Eucharist have been prepared by the Seminarians of the Diocese, along with artwork from Fr John Bagnall, to help us grow in our love for the Eucharist, and to pray for vocations to the Priesthood, especially in our own Diocese. It is hoped that the reflections can offer opportunities for us to grow in our faith. View via www.bit.ly/Saints_Reflections

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

DIOCESAN 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