

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 7th May 2023

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| 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 |
| Mon. 8th | *** NO MASS *** | |
| Tues. 9th (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Una Byrne |
| Wed. 10th (St. Aidan's) | 10.00am | Priest's Intention |
| Thurs. 11th (St. Aidan's) | 10.00am | Priest's Intention |
| Fri. 12th (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Special Intention |
| * Sat. 13th (St Mary's) | 11.00am | Confession |
| Sat. 13th (St. Mary's) | 5.30pm | People of the Parish |
| Sun. 14th (St Aidan's) | 9.15am | Edith Latimer |
| Sun. 14th (St Mary's) | 11.00am | Neville & Joan Peppiatt |

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

The Sixth Sunday of Easter - 14th May 2023

"Keep your cool and reply with courtesy."

Second Reading: Defence of the Faith (1 Peter 3:15-18)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

God of love, you sent your only Son into the world to show us how to live. Help us to love you and one another in our words and in all that we do. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

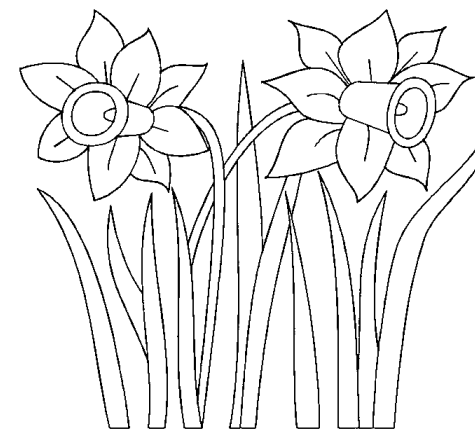
Those who are sick. Those who have died recently.
And all those within our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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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 www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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Sunday 7th May 2023:

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Warns of his Departure (John 14:1-12), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

As the festival of the Ascension approaches, Jesus begins to prepare his followers for his own departure from the world.

There are two aspects to this teaching. Firstly Jesus speaks of the final purpose, union with the Father, and his preparation of a place for us there. He says that there is a 'room' for each of them, suggesting not that there are plenty of separate cubicles for different sets of people (bishops, babies, monks and maniacs), but that there is no lack of space in heaven. No problem of 'only one wins the prize' in this case.

The second aspect is preparation for the future Church on earth, and the almost shocking promise that in the absence of Jesus – but in the strength of his Spirit – his people will do 'even greater works'. Paul teaches that believers 'make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ', for in every age the Church fills up the measure of Christ's sufferings; it is a Church which shares its Master's trials.

In the same way in every age the Church must carry on the works of Christ. In John the 'works' of Jesus are the marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, which show who Jesus is. We too are called on to perform marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, works of grace and generosity.

What is the real joy and excitement of heaven?

How may we best carry on the 'work' of Christ?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST MARY'S FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Held each week in the church hall after 10am Mass, this quarter the fundraising raffle will support Little Sisters of the Poor. Everyone is welcome and small raffle prizes are always appreciated.

A big thank you to the Mini Vinnies from St Mary's Primary School for all their help and support this week.

ST AIDAN'S SPRING PLANT SALE - Sunday 21st May

Join us in the church hall after Mass in support of Justice & Peace Charities. Plants for sale will include a variety of Alyssum, Antirrhinum, Bacopa, Gazanias, Geraniums, Lewisia, Lobelia, Nicotiana, Petunias, Phlox and more! All are in small trays, so please bring a bag or box to transport flowers home. Cash donations are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**** 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. Refreshments will be available but a packed lunch is required. Please speak to Fr Hall if you are interested in attending.

CONFESSION: Saturday 13th May 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: (see www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

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

Tues 16th May, 10.30am at St Mary's.

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

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

COLLECTIONS: w/c 30th April

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £168.00 / Envelopes: £62.00 / Hall Hire: £66.50

Papers: £12.00 / Candles: £46.50 / Piety Stall: £30.00 / Funeral: £227.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £201.50 / Envelopes: £103.00 / Donations: £527.00

Sick & Retired Priests: £85.00 / Fri Coffee Morning: £52.00 (Syria Earthquake)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

DIOCESAN INVESTIGATION

The Executive Summary of the Investigation carried out by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon into the events leading to the resignation of Bishop Robert Byrne has been published and is available to view via www.diocesehn.org.uk.

CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Following the coronation, a Thanksgiving Mass will take place on

Sun 7th May at 11.30am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle.

The Prayer for the King will be recited and the National Anthem sung.

Prayer cards can be downloaded via www.diocesehn.org.uk

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.

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