

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 8th January 2023

Sat. 7th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ernest & Margaret Waight
Sun. 8th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 8th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 9th - Fri. 13th	*** NO MASSES ***	
Sat. 14th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Intention Alex O'Neill
Sun. 15th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 15th (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 16th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 17th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Keith Hindmarsh
Wed. 18th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 19th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 20th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Patrick Curry
* Sat. 21st (St. Aidan's)	11 - 11.30am	Confession
Sat. 21st (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Michael O'Neill
Sun. 22nd (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 22nd (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th January 2023

"The holy people of God." Second Reading: The Beginning of First Corinthians

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God of light, you sent the Spirit down upon your Son so that others might know who he was. Send your Spirit on us, so that we might spread your message of love and peace to others. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Anne Innes

Those who are sick: Mary Jane Delbridge; 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.

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Sunday 8th January 2023

The Lord's Baptism

After listening to today's Gospel, The Baptism of Jesus

(Matthew 3:13-17), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The account of the baptism of Jesus in Mark, the earliest gospel, is also the simplest. In Mark the Voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus himself, and there is no sign that others heard it; it is an experience of Jesus: 'You are my Son'.

In Matthew the Voice is addressed to the bystanders: 'This is my Son'.

This makes the private revelation into a public scene, a declaration that Jesus' work is about to begin. In the same way our baptism is a public scene, a declaration that we are committed to Christ in his Church – even if we don't remember it!

Matthew also records the little dialogue of John's unwillingness to baptise Jesus. Why should Jesus enter into the community of repentance which John was forming? He was no sinner! However, it was a gesture that Jesus was entering fully into the condition of all humanity.

He shared fully in human nature, the nature of a humanity which had fallen even though he himself was sinless. At the outset of his ministry Jesus must reveal the fullness of his humanity, for only so could he redeem the fallen human race. Jesus is not merely passive, for he himself joins with John in making the positive step:

'We must do all that righteousness demands'.

A quick review: what difference has baptism made to my life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards and the gifts received over Christmas.
Wishing you all a safe, peaceful and happy 2023!

WEEK COMMENCING 8TH JANUARY

Please note, NO WEEKDAY MASSES this week.

CONFESSION - Saturday 14th January 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

COLLECTIONS: w/c 1st January

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £303.00 / Envelopes: £84.00

Good News Bible Sales: £18.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £296.00 / Envelopes: £48.00

w/c 25th December

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £328.50 / Envelopes: £75.00 / Advent Alms: £165.00

Candles: £28.00 / Papers: £13.50

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £824.16 / Envelopes: £207.00 / Candles: £32.30

Donations: £560.00.

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

Donations of warm clothing, non perishable food (no pork please) and toiletries are always needed. Items can be left in the foyer at St Aidan's & in the hall at St Mary's. Thank you for your care & support.

CONFIRMATION COURSE - January 2023

A confirmation course for students in school year 9 and above will run from January/February - July 2023. Please contact Fr Shaun O'Neill / Fr Sean Hall or email Pat /Sarah on chris.henzell@gmail.com to sign up.

NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON TEA

St Mary's Catholic Comprehensive School invites parishioners to a New Year's Afternoon Tea at the school on Tues 17th January from 1:45 - 3:00pm. Please contact the school on 0191 2153260 if you would like to attend.

FROM THE JESMOND ST MARY PARTNERSHIP

WINE TASTING

The annual 'Call My Bluff Wine Tasting Evening' will take place on Saturday 4th February at St Charles in Gosforth. A fun event for friends and family with proceeds supporting local charities. More details to follow shortly.

FROM THE DIOCESE

VACANCIES

Cleaner, St Cuthbert's Chester le Street - 6 hours per week

Closing date for applications: 12th January

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

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY - FRI 27TH JANUARY

Commemorated on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the theme for this year's commemorations is 'Ordinary People'. It will highlight the ordinary people who let genocide happen, those who actively perpetrated genocide, and the ordinary people who were persecuted. It also highlights the ordinary people who went to extreme lengths to help, to rescue, to save those being persecuted.

St Mary's Catholic School, Benton, Newcastle is hosting commemorations on Tues 24th January at 7.00pm with guest speaker Mrs Noreen Plen.

Booking essential interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk//0191 243 3316.

CAFOD'S 'BIG LENT WALK'

Challenge yourself to take on The Big Lent Walk by coming together over the 40 days of Lent to help raise money for our sisters and brothers all over the world to overcome poverty. Walk in solidarity and explore our wonderful surroundings, from a pilgrimage to Holy Island, along the River Tyne, by the coast or around the Angel of the North.

Sign up and find out more via www.walk.cafod.org.uk

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

Last weekend, Fr Hall spoke highly of the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon that was read at Masses celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. You can read the letter and / or watch a video recording via www.diocesehn.org.uk