

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 9th October 2022**

Sat. 8th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 9th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr Denis Kellet
Sun. 9th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	George Candlish
Mon. 10th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 11th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed. 12th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 13th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 14th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ged & Anna Parry Wedding Ann.
* Sat. 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 15th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	George Candlish
Sun. 16th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 16th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK**

The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 16th Oct 2022

*"We receive the message, and take it into our own hearts."*

Second Reading: The Uses of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2).

### **DATE FOR THE DIARY**

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School will be celebrating the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Thursday 20th October at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

### **WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:**

Those who are sick: 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**

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Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.  
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### **Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:**

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

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### **Sunday 9th October 2022**

#### **The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Samaritan Leper (Luke 17:11-19), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

We see why the story of the cure of Naaman the leper has been chosen as our first reading today: in the Gospel reading we find another cure of a foreigner, and not an ordinary foreigner, but a hated foreigner.

There was a cordial hatred between Jews and Samaritans: for the Jews, the Samaritans were a wretched hybrid race, who accepted only part of the Jewish Bible, and had their own ideas about the coming Messiah. Yet Luke has already recounted the story of the Good Samaritan, who succours the wounded traveller who had been neglected by Jewish priest and Levite. Now only a Samaritan comes back to thank Jesus for the cure from leprosy. Samaritans are the foreigners geographically nearest to Jesus, but hated by the Jews. If the Samaritans can set an example to the Jews, so can many other foreigners.

In his initial proclamation Jesus promises salvation to the gentiles, and Luke misses no opportunity to show us gentiles ripe for salvation: the centurion of Capernaum who built the synagogue and whose son is cured, the guests for the banquet called in from highways and byways. Luke is preparing for his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, where the Good News will spread to the ends of the earth, even to Rome itself. Christians believe that no race is superior to another. Why?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Our Parish Councils met in September. Minutes can be viewed on [www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com](http://www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com) or [www.stmarysforeshall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforeshall.co.uk)

### **ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & HOME PRODUCE FAIR**

Many thanks to all who supported our fair on Sunday 25th September. A total of £236.80 was raised (plants £86.60, cakes £100.60 & craft £49.60) for good causes.

Thank you also to all those who supported the second plant sale held last Sunday. Julia and Co. raised an amazing £151 for Newcastle Foodbanks.

### **ST AIDAN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY** (see [www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com](http://www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com))

All children yet to make First Holy Communion are welcome to join us.

### **CONFESSION - Saturday 15th October at St Mary'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

### **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP** - Thurs 13th Sept, 7pm - 8pm

Our fortnightly sessions take place in St Aidan's Church Hall where we reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday. You can also join us via zoom with details available via [www.stmarysforeshall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforeshall.co.uk)

### **COLLECTIONS: w/c 25th September**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £128.00 / Envelopes: £74.00 / Hall Hire: £122.00

Candles: £28.50 / Northern Cross: £7.50 / Mass Stipend: £10.00

Home Mission Sunday: £140.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £162.80 / Envelopes: £108.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £77.50 (Coping with Cancer)

### **w/c 2nd October**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £158.00 / Envelopes: £42.00 / Hall Hire: £32.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £178.50 / Envelopes: £73.30

CAFOD Food Crisis: £55.00

*Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.*

### **JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS**

Non-perishable food and toiletries are always needed.

Please leave your donations at St Mary's. Thank you.

### **VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED**

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with Children's Liturgy. Fr Hall is speaking with the diocese to determine how to progress. We are still seeking people to serve refreshments after our Sunday morning Masses - these sessions have always been a popular way to get to know fellow parishioners and welcome new families to our Churches. If you can help, please speak to Fr Hall or contact [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

### **MUSICIANS FOR ST AIDAN'S**

Can you help lead our songs of praise at St Aidan's on a Sunday morning? Groups, duos or soloists - please get in touch via details above.

### **ST MARY'S SUNDAY CHOIR**

A 'musical' note to anyone who would like to play along with the choir on a Sunday Mass. Please speak to Trisha, Peter, Joan or Tony - they would be glad to hear from you and you will be very supported and welcomed! If you'd prefer email [trishatindall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trishatindall@yahoo.co.uk)

### **FROM THE DIOCESE:**

#### **PROUD CATHOLICS**

Next meeting Tues, 18th October at 7.30pm using the ancient method of Lectio Divina to reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel reading, allowing God to touch our hearts and sharing insights which arise. More info via Isabel on 07858 934457 or [www.proud Catholics.co.uk](http://www.proud Catholics.co.uk)

### **INVITATION**

Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Date: Saturday 15th October 2022

Time: 10.00 am - 4.00pm (Registration & refreshments 10-10.30am)

Venue: St Michael's, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF

Tea/coffee provided but please bring along your own packed lunch.