

- Mask wearing is now a personal choice in our Churches -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 4th September 2022

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| Sat. 3rd (St. Mary's) | 5.30pm | Joyce Hemingway |
| Sun. 4th (St. Aidan's) | 9.15am | People of the Parish |
| Sun. 4th (St. Mary's) | 11.00am | K.C Thomas |
| Mon. 5th | *** NO MASS *** | |
| Tues. 6th (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Jane Graham |
| Wed. 7th (St. Aidan's) | 10.00am | Margaret Bradford |
| Thurs. 8th (St. Aidan's) | *** NO MASS *** | |
| Fri. 9th (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Christine Bohr |
| Sat. 10th (St. Mary's) | 5.30pm | Christine Quinn |
| Sun. 11th (St. Aidan's) | 9.15am | People of the Parish |
| Sun. 11th (St. Mary's) | 11.00am | George Candlish |

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 11th Sept 2022

"He received mercy from the Lord."

Second Reading: Paul the Sinner (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Anne Innes, Yeau Sen Mai, Mary Jane Dellbridge.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Patricia Harvey, Elizabeth Blackburn, Francis McNally, Francis Farnell, Thomas Oxley, Charles Holohan, John McDonald, John Sweeney, Matthew Lymon, Margaret King, Angela Dawson, Catherine Walker, John Bamborough, James Gallagher, Patrick Malia, Mary Stewart, John Nolan, Lawrence Lynch, Elsie Bamborough, John Mullankey, Molly Gibson, Cora Outerside, Peter Thompson, Catherine Brecken, Patrick Whelan, Frederick Fall, Olive Byrne, Yvonne Dickson, Ted Adamson, Walter Kennedy, Maureen Wilson.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Sunday 4th September 2022

The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Cost of Discipleship

(Luke 14:25-33), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship.

All through this journey which culminates in Jesus' own death at

Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme:

'Let the dead bury their dead' (13th Sunday), the Parable of the Rich Fool (18th Sunday), 'From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded' (19th Sunday), 'Father against son, son against father' (20th Sunday), and now 'Hate father and mother' and 'Give up all your possessions'.

A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic (Hebrew/Aramaic) mode of expression (they would often use superlatives and rarely use comparatives), but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple. When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower by responding to Jesus' call. There is no turning back from the plough (13th Sunday); only pray for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers.

Why does Jesus use such fierce language? What is the hardest thing about trying to be a disciple of Christ?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

WEEKLY SCHEDULE - Please note, no mass at St Aidan's on Thurs 8th Sept.

FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - *all members please try to attend.*

St. Aidan's: Tuesday 6th September, 7pm - 8pm

St Mary's: Wednesday 7th September, 7pm - 8pm

CONFESSION - **Saturday 10th September 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

COLLECTIONS: w/c 28th August

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £187.00 / Envelopes: £70.00 / Hall Hire: £38.00

Candles: £24.00 / Northern Cross: £12.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £154.40 / Envelopes: £171.00

Donations: £240.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £78.00 (Coping with Cancer)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

RED BOXES

It was not possible to collect boxes during the pandemic but we are now looking to get back on track as your donations are desperately needed in order to continue the Mission work. If you have a box you would like to be collected, please email bookingstmarys101@gmail.com to arrange.

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.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

THE TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of St Bernadette will be at St Mary's Cathedral from 11am on 1st Oct 2022 for 24 hours. Booking is essential for those wishing to attend.

Please visit www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour for more details.

NATIONAL JUSTICE & PEACE NETWORKING DAY

'Welcoming the Stranger in a Hostile Environment'

The National Justice and Peace Networking Day takes place on Saturday September 24th from 10.30 to 4pm at the Quaker Meeting House, 6, Skinnergate, Darlington DL3 7TG.

There will be speakers from:

Asylum Matters; The Justice and Peace Refugee Project;

Tyne & Wear Citizens; Darlington Assistance for Refugees;

'No to Hassockfield' Campaign and prayer supporters of the women detained in the Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre.

Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own lunch.

Parking at St Augustine's Parish Centre on Larchfield St, DL3 7NB

The event is free, but please book your attendance via this link:

www.eventbrite.com/e/njpn-networking-day-tickets-379843240357

THE DIOCESAN CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION (DCMA)

Invites you to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) & Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham) on Sun 25th Sept, 3.00-5.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Durham, DH1 3HL. The workshop will explore new music for the communion procession. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website.

Advanced booking is essential, please book by Friday 16th Sept.

www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-communion

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The annual Christian celebration to listen & respond together to the cry of Creation begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's global celebration is especially vital as the climate emergency and ecological crisis continue to wreak havoc on God's creation and the most vulnerable. The Christian community is uniting around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

Videos & more information available via www.diocesehn.org.uk