

Weekend Masses will now be streamed via YouTube only.

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MASS INTENTIONS w/c 14th January 2024

Sat. 13th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Emmet & Tierney Families
Sun. 14th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 14th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Deceased of the Maher family
Mon. 15th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 16th	*** NO MASS ***	
Wed. 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs. 18th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri. 19th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat. 20th	*** NO CONFESSION ***	
Sat. 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Winifred Maher
Sun. 21st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 21st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Therese Thompson

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 21st January 2024.

"There is time before the last judgment to practise good works of prayer and generosity." 2nd Reading: (1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Christ Jesus, you call us all to follow you. Help us to answer that call and live our lives as you have asked us to. Amen

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick; Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH: Contact us parishsecretary@mail.com / 0191 268 4222
Access weekend mass live via YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary
Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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Sunday 14th January 2024: The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The First Disciples (John 1:35-42), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

This year the ordinary Sunday gospel readings are taken from Mark, and this provides us with a full picture of that gospel. But Mark is the shortest of the gospels, and is not quite long enough, so just occasionally a reading from John slips in to enrich our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' words and actions.

Today's story is about the call of the first disciples and takes place in the Jordan valley, where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so they had already joined his group who were waiting for the Messiah. They were ready when John pointed him out. It is striking that Jesus first calls them to be with him, and that they remain with him for a time. In our call to follow Christ, first comes prayer and getting to know him, before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy.

Only after this repose with the Lord do the disciples sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from that tranquillity and refreshment which comes from keeping company with Jesus.

Do I spend enough time simply being with Jesus?

What is God calling you to do?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR SPUC: Donations to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children gratefully received.

WEEK COMMENCING 14TH JANUARY: No Mass on Tues 16th January, no confession on Saturday 20th January.

ST MARY’S SOCIAL - FISH & CHIP SUPPER: All welcome to our first parish social event of the year on Sat 10th February, 6.30pm. Please see the sign up sheet in the hall this weekend. Food choices & payment required by Sun 4th February to pre-order. Email parishsecretary@mail.com to help!

THANK YOU: For all donations of warm clothing to Heart NE via St Aidan’s. Your support is very much appreciated and always needed.

NORTH EAST REFUGEE CENTRE DATA: Latest figures show 1308 food bags distributed in November and 84 families benefiting from the clothing bank. Thank you for your continued support.

STAMPS AND COINS FOR LITTLE SISTERS: Volunteers are collecting used postage stamps and foreign currency (any country or period) and broken or unwanted gold & silver jewellery to raise funds for Little Sisters of the Poor. Any donations can be left in marked envelopes in our churches.

ROOT AND BRANCH: Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to hear about Root & Branch - a new forum working for ‘a safe, just and inclusive Catholic Church’. The meeting will be at Holy Name, Jesmond on Thursday 25th January at 7.30pm. (www.rootandbranchsynod.org)

COLLECTIONS: w/c 7th January 2023

St. Aidan’s - Loose Plate: £159.00 / Envelopes: £42.00 / Hall Hire: £310.00
St. Mary’s - Loose Plate: £312.82 / Envelopes: £53.00
Friday Coffee: £86.00 (Mary’s Meals)
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

DIOCESAN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING: Tues 23rd January, 7pm at St Mary’s Comp School, Benton Park Road. Fragility of Freedom’ with guest speaker Mrs Deanna Van Der Velde. Booking is essential via Interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3316.

CONFESSION: Saturday 27th January at St Mary’s , 11am
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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN VACANCIES - visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details
The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:
HR Adviser, Diocese Office, Ncle – part-time. Closing date: 16th January
HR Administrator, Diocese Office, Ncle – part-time. Closing date 16th Jan
Cleaner, St Charles, Gosforth - part-time. Closing date 22nd January

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL LOOKING TO APPOINT SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
Permanent contract, 37hrs per week, term time only. Required from Easter or sooner if possible. Closing date: 22nd January.
For an application form & further details visit www.bwcet.com/vacancies

YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE: 3rd Feb, Cardinal Hume School, G’head
The Youth Ministry & Practical Theology Conference is YMT’s first since the pandemic. Youth ministers, catechists, clergy, teachers, staff and volunteer co-workers from across the Diocese all welcome.
See www.ticketsource.co.uk/youthministryteam for more information.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS 2024: Saturday 17th February
Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday 17th February 2024 at 12.00pm to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life. All married couples are invited together with bereaved spouses, separated individuals and families experiencing or having experienced domestic difficulties. Those celebrating anniversaries can request a certificate via the Faith & Team on 0191 243 3316.