

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 14th May 2023

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
Mon. 15th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 16th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Laurence & Mary Elizabeth Barr
Wed. 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed. 17th (St. Aidan's)	7.00pm	Ascension of our Lord vigil mass
Thurs. 18th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ascension of our Lord
Fri. 19th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Alison Ibbs
* Sat. 20th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 21st (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Michael & Jean Bell
Sun. 21st (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

The Seventh Sunday of Easter - 21st May 2023

"Trouble and persecution are the inevitable condition of following the persecuted and triumphant Christ."

Second Reading: The Spirit of God resting upon us (1 Peter 4:13-16)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

God our Father, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to love.
Help us learn to work together in love, and to make the world a better place for everyone. 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 ww.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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Sunday 14th May 2023:

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel,
The Advocate whom the Father will Send,
consider from Fr Henry Wansbrough:-
Only in John's Gospel is the Spirit whom the Father will send called 'the Advocate' or 'the Paraclete'. Both names have the same derivation and the same meaning, but the former is from the Latin language, the latter from the Greek.
It means someone 'called to one's side' as a helper, principally as a defender in a lawsuit. The word 'Paraclete' also suggests comfort and strength, as implied in the quality 'paraclesis' or perseverance.
In the discourse after the Last Supper, when Jesus is preparing his disciples for their future task, there are four separate sayings about the Paraclete.
The Paraclete is sent both by Jesus and by the Father, but always from the Father's side. The Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, will teach the disciples everything and lead them into all truth, witnessing to the Father.
The Paraclete is 'another Paraclete', that is, other than Jesus, who will make Jesus present when Jesus is no longer physically with the disciples.
The close link and interplay between these three figures (Father, Son & Spirit) gives us not only the beginnings of the theology of the Trinity, but also a lasting confidence that Jesus is never absent from his Church.
With the guidance and patronage of the Paraclete the Church enters more and more deeply into the understanding of the divine mystery.
Why do we need a Paraclete to guide us?
Reflection: Open yourself to the guidance of the Paraclete. Allow the Paraclete to lead you further into the life of the Trinity.



Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 18th May

This week we commemorate the Ascension of our Lord. Please note changes to Wednesday and Thursday masses on the back page of this newsletter.

ST AIDAN'S SPRING PLANT SALE - Sunday 21st May (now with added cake!)

Join us in the church hall after Mass in support of Justice & Peace Charities.

There will be a wide variety of plants for sale, all are in small trays so please bring a bag or box to transport flowers home.

There will also be cakes to enjoy and to buy and donations brought to sell on the day are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**** Please remember we can only accept payment by cash. ****

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 20th May at St Aidan'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)

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

Thurs 25th May, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom)

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

COLLECTIONS: w/c 7th May

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £162.00 / Envelopes: £55.00 / Hall Hire: £38.00

Little Sisters of the Poor: £160.00 / Sick & Retired Priests: £140.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £242.10 / Envelopes: £66.00 / Donations: £70.00

Funeral: £220.00 / Sick & Retired Priests: £33.70

Fri Coffee Morning: £63.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE JESMOND ST MARY PARTNERSHIP

'DEATH CAFÉ'

On 29th June (the feast of SS Peter and Paul) the Holy Name in Jesmond is holding an afternoon tea with a difference in the church hall and everyone is welcome. This will be Holy Name's first 'Death Cafe' - a relaxed gathering with excellent cake, where people are invited to talk to each other about any aspect of dying and death they care to discuss, from funerals to where they'd like to be looked after at the end of their lives, or how to discuss their wishes with their families to what to wear in their coffin. Despite the serious topic, Death Cafes are lively events where there's a lot of laughter. Many people are relieved to be able to talk about things so openly.

Booking necessary via welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk / 0191 281 0940.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Invite you to a series of events marking Laudato Si' week Sun 21st - Sun 28th May 2023. The week will begin with a special mass on Sat 20th May at St Mary's Cathedral from 10am. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate creation and to reflect on how to protect it.

Throughout the week there will be special screenings of the film, 'The Letter' - a powerful film produced by the team that made the Oscar-winning film My Octopus Teacher. It brings the message of Pope Francis's Laudato Si' to life through the stories of the people representing the voices of the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples and the natural world.

For details please see www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/a-series-of-special-events-mark-laudato-si-week-across-our-diocese/

VACANCY

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Fundraising Manager to lead on the development & implementation of a Diocesan Fundraising Strategy to include trusts, foundations and legacies. The role is full-time and permanent. Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.

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 is available to view via www.diocesehn.org.uk