

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 16th January 2022

Sat. 15th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Francis Waight
Sun. 16th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 16th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Augusto Sr. & Primitiva Rivera
Mon. 17th	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 18th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	John & Ena Duffy
Wed. 19th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Richard Harriott
Thurs. 20th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Peter Smith
Fri. 21st (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Bill Wilcox
Sat. 22nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph Bradford
Sun. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Jean Sharp
Sun. 23rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches.

You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Sylvia Keilty, Dorothy Noble.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Joseph Kenney, Nicholas Murphy, William Blewitt, Christina Barber, Brian Strong, Charles Church, Lilian Crossley, George Dobson, Annie Dixon, Annie McKaig, Joseph Horner, Kevin Sweeney, Thomas Rutherford, Jacqueline Sidders, Charles Melucci, Richard McAuley, Catherine Brett, Isobel Wight, Henry King, Catherine Hedley, Barry Meenagham, Hilda Campbell, James Angus, Mary Horner, Grace Brewis, Catherine Sherburn, Raymond Pincheon, Lilly Vasey, Edward Proctor, Thomas Heslop, Frank Dixon, Michael Logan.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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

Access live mass streaming via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

St. Mary's R.C. Church and St. Aidan's R.C Church

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Sunday 16th January 2022

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Wedding-Feast at Cana (John 2:1-11), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people.

Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine!

Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident Plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.

Why did Jesus choose to do this as his first miracle?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST MARY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Many congratulations and God Bless to:-

Wilson, Lennox, Fenella, Freya, Poppy, Hollie, Jessica, Jasmine, Isla and Glorie making their First Holy Communion today.

Also to Cassie and Scarlett who made their First Holy Communion last week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION

Taking place at Masses this weekend. The collection supports the work of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC).

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Our fortnightly group sessions start up once again this Thursday (20th January) in St. Aidan's Church Hall, 7pm until 8pm.

We will be reflecting on readings for the coming Sunday and those unable to join us in person can do so via zoom.

More details can be found on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

PARISH MEETINGS

As part of the consultation process for the Synod, referred to during last weekend's Masses, there will be two parish meetings:-

St Aidan's on Wednesday 26th January

St. Mary's on Thursday 27th January.

Both will begin at 7pm and last one hour.

All members of the Parish Councils and Finance Committees are asked to attend and ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME.

We will concentrate on the final three sections of questions available again this weekend and also on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT

Please help the ongoing appeal where you can. Tinned food (no pork please), shoes, boots and winter coats are all desperately needed for those who have nothing. Donations can be left at both churches.

Thank you for your help.

ST MARY'S CHOIR

Singers and musicians of all ages and abilities welcome. Please speak to one of us to find out more.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 9th January 2022

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £91.00 // Envelopes: £62.00

Catholic Calendars: £12.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE

PEACE SUNDAY - TODAY (16th Jan)

Observing the theme 'Education, work & dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace.' See www.rcdhn.org.uk for details.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING

St Mary's Catholic Comprehensive on Benton Park Road, Newcastle on Tues 25th January. Please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk to book.

VACANCIES

The Diocese is looking to appoint a Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. This will include, but is not limited to, ensuring that all Diocesan personnel are kept safe and that Diocesan properties and projects, and the associated activities are safe and without risk as far as is reasonably practicable. Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 27 January. See www.diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3301.

A PRAYER FOR FAMILY LIFE

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.