

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 16th July 2023

Sat. 15th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Samuel Cardozo
Sun. 16th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	James Devlin
Sun. 16th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	George Candlish
Mon. 17th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 18th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Phillip Pew
<i>(St Mary's Primary School Mass)</i>		
Wed. 19th	10.00am	Bill Spence
Thurs. 20th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Elizabeth Ann Brown
Fri. 21st (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ann Heuermann
* Sat. 22nd July (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 22nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Thomas Bews
Sun. 23rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Decd. members of Cardozo family

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes at the entrances to our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 23rd July 2023 - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Christ is praying within us."

Second Reading: Prayer in the Spirit (Romans 8:26-27)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Jesus, our teacher, help us to listen and learn from one another.

May we love one another as you teach us to. 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.

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St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk
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Sunday 16th July 2023:

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

Like any good teacher, Jesus uses pictures – or parables.

Ever heard the one about the elephant and the wasp?

Or electricity like a toy train going round a room?

Anyway, for the next three weeks we have some of these pictures, to show us what Jesus is trying to do. This first one is rather sad.

Whatever the sower does seems to fail: seed pecked up by birds, scorched by the sun, choked by thistles.

What are my pecking birds, my scorching sun, my choking thistles which annihilate the seed Jesus sows in me? It's probably different for every one of us. But some, just a little, of the seed bears a fantastic harvest.

There must be something I can show to the Lord with pride and gratitude: 'Look, this is the seed you gave me; it has grown, developed, and here is your harvest.' Jesus, too, reflected on his mission to establish his Father's sovereignty on earth. Jesus, too, may well have wondered if he was getting anywhere. It was only when he had failed utterly, alone, deserted and tortured, that his perseverance won the crown. Jesus doesn't want the successful. He wants the failures as his followers – and that is where the harvest lies. In Jesus' story what is the seed? What prevents the seed reaching its full growth in me? In what way has the seed made me a better person?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

REV DEACON ALISON REBELLO

"By the grace of God and the incredible support of my family, Fr Sean, formation team, parishioners, friends and well wishers, I have been ordained a Deacon. I thank God for the graces bestowed on me. A big thank you to Fr Sean for being there, supporting me right from day one; to parishioners, friends and above all, my wife Joby, and children Carolyn and Joshua who have had to make huge sacrifices during the past four years. I wish to thank each and every one of you for the generosity of prayer support, gifts, cards and Masses offered for me. I assure you of my prayers for you and your families. I am humbled by your generosity but please continue to hold me in your prayers as I undertake the challenges that lie ahead in this ordained ministry."

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Rev Deacon Alison will continue to lead Eucharistic Adoration on the first Monday of the month at St Aidan's from 6pm. Everyone is very welcome.

ST STEPHEN'S SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR: Thurs 20th July, 2 - 430pm

Hot food stalls, drinks, games, activities & prizes to be won. See you there!

CONFESSION: Saturday 22nd July at St. Mary'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: Tues 25th July, 10.30am at St Mary's.

Please note no Thursday evening group during the summer break.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 9th July 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £195.00/ Envelopes: £1,072.00/ Hall Hire: £51.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £213.25 / Envelopes: £84.90 / Donation: £150.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £76.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please see envelopes and baskets at the entrances to our churches to request a mass intention.

SPIRITUAL BOOK LIBRARY: A selection of thought-provoking books are available in St Mary's church hall. Please borrow, read and return.

END OF TERM

As we come to the end of another academic year we thank all those who have guided and supported our children in the schools across our parishes. Wishing all a happy, safe and refreshing summer break!

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED THIS SUMMER

There is a continuing need for food to help refugees in our area.

Donations can be left at both churches and are taken to the St Vincent de Paul Centre on New Bridge Street. In June, there were 534 beneficiaries of the food bag programme and 36 new clients registered.

Non-perishable food is always in demand—sugar, rice, tea, tuna, tomatoes, biscuits etc. Thank you for your support.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Baskets available for donations. Thank you.

ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a meeting to organise a rota after mass on Sunday 3rd Sept.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

CONCERT AT LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Newcastle Male Chorus will be performing a *Sounds of Summer* concert in the chapel at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle, on Sat 22nd July at 7:00pm. Tickets are £8 each, include an interval drink and are available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 2731279.

PAULINE BOOKS AND MEDIA, NEWCASTLE

Monday & Tuesday: Closed // Wednesday to Friday: 10:00am – 4:30pm

Saturday: 9.45am – 4.00pm // Sunday: 9.30am – 1.15pm

For orders & enquires outside these hours, telephone: 0151 7091328.

LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION

(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Date: Saturday 23rd September, 10.30am-3.00pm

Location: St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead, NE8 1LX

Bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee provided. The day includes Mass.

Please speak to Fr Hall if you wish to attend.