



Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:
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Sunday 17th July 2022

The sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Martha and Mary have become classic figures in the Church representing two different styles of life, the active and the contemplative vocation, an active apostolate or a life of prayer. Carried to an extreme, this opposition is, of course, merely silly.

No active apostolate can thrive unless it grows out of a life of prayer, for we cannot draw others to the knowledge and love of a God whom we do not ourselves know and love.

Nor can a life of prayer be genuine unless it leads to care for others and concern for the salvation of all those whom the Lord loves. Even a strictly enclosed community cannot claim to be a part of Christ's body unless its fabric is one of love and concern for all the members, and especially those in need, the elderly, the sick and the young.

In fact, Jesus does not present any such choice between two different religious ways of life. His speech is always in terms of absolutes. He does not use comparatives; he says that Mary has chosen not 'the better' (as our translation has it) but 'the good' part (as the Greek has it). Any 'good' life must be founded on listening devotedly to the Lord and responding to what we have heard. How important a part does listening to the Lord play in my life as a Christian?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

PARISH SECRETARY

We are looking to appoint a part-time Parish Secretary, to work 12 hours per week for the parishes of St. Mary Forest Hall and St. Aidan Benton.

An application pack is available at www.diocesehn.org.uk

The closing date for applications is 18 July 2022.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 10th July

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £174.00 / Envelopes: £41.00 / Hall Hire: £30.00

Apostleship of the Sea: £110.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £202.12 / Envelopes: £123.15

Donations: £246.59 / Apostleship of the Sea: £102.90 / Coffee Morning: £76.00

Standing Orders for June £1,550.00

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

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:

PROUD CATHOLICS NEXT MEETING

Tues 19th July from 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church in Newcastle

See www.proud Catholics.co.uk for more information.

LITTLE SISTERS

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Summer Fayre on Sat 30th July 1pm-4pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle. All welcome.

MERCY PROJECT TRUSTEES NEEDED

The Mercy Project, a small North East charity, requires Trustees able to assist with grant management and as a treasurer / bookkeeper.

Contact Ruth Corless via mercy@mercyproject.org.uk or 07549960071.

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2022-2023

The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 with a short presentation shown on www.diocesehn.org.uk/education

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 10th July 2022

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| Sat. 16th (St. Mary's) | 5.30pm | Mary Kirby |
| Sun. 17th (St. Aidan's) | 9.15am | Elizabeth Ann Brown |
| Sun. 17th (St. Mary's) | 11.00am | Raymond Henderson & Henderson Family |

Mon. 18th *** NO MASS ***

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| Tues. 19th (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Bob and Mary Horrocks |
| Wed. 20th (St. Aidan's) | 10.00am | Intentions Fr. Kennedy |
| Thurs. 21st (St. Aidan's) | 10.00am | John Walsh (NBF) |
| Fri. 22nd (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Iranio Lobo |
| Sat. 23rd (St. Mary's) | 5.30pm | Stephen Brattle |
| Sun. 24th (St. Aidan's) | 9.15am | Thomas Bews |
| Sun. 24th (St. Mary's) | 11.00am | Adele Stewart |

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 24th July 2022

"The sacrifice of Christ on the Cross... restores our loving relationship with the Father."

Second Reading: Baptized into Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Anne Innes, Eimear O'Hogarty.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

George Taylor, Mary Morris, Catherine McQueen, Jennie Reilly, Mary White, John Nolan, Roseanne Stockdale, Jessie Davison, Jeanie Mooney, Eleanor Robson, Albert Crane, Mary Ratchford, Grace Daniels, Renee Yates, William Wight, Mary Rooney, Mary Clark, Scott Pace, Henryk Kadziola, Mary Sullivan, Denis Hardmann, Francis Mulhern, Richrad Marvin, Frederick Sweeney, Ted Robinson.

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