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**MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 18th February 2024**

Sat. 17th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Laurence Hargan
Sun. 18th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 18th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Thanksgiving for Peter Brennan
Mon. 19th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 20th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Nancy Paley
Wed. 21st (St. Aidan's)	*** NO MASS ***	
Thurs. 22nd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 23rd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Peg Younger
* Fri. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
* Sat. 24th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 24th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	McMenemy Family
Sun. 25th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Nan and Paddy Hayes
Sun. 25th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Michael Cassidy

*For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.*

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:** 25th February - Second Sunday of Lent  
*"The Cross is the supreme act of love: Jesus loves his Father, and us, even to death."* 2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** God of mercy, you ask us to listen to your Son, Jesus. Open our ears to hear your Word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and so change the lives of others. Amen.

**WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:** Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts and prayers. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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**First Sunday of Lent - 18th February 2024**

To celebrate the Year of Prayer 2024, we are sharing the 'Our Father' in different languages. We are very fortunate to be parishes of diverse cultures, backgrounds & interests and invite you to submit versions of Our Lord's Prayer that mean something to you. Submissions can be named or anonymous and can be left in our collection baskets or emailed to [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

Please ensure that you use Latin / Roman script so we can all appreciate the words and phrases. We look forward to hearing from you.

***Thank you to Paul & Maire at St Mary's for sharing the Irish Our Father.***

**Ár n-Athair atá ar neamh,  
Go naofar d'ainim,  
Go dtagfadh do ríocht,  
Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.  
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu,  
agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha  
mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin  
Ach ná lig sinn i gcathú,  
ach saor sinn ó olc  
Amen.**

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**NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY:** 11am Mass at St Mary’s will give thanks for parishioner Peter Brennan who is 90 today! Birthday cake in the hall - all welcome to join us.

**LENTEN ALMS:** Donations for St Cuthbert’s Care are gratefully received.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Led by Deacon Alison Rebello each Friday during Lent at St Aidan’s from 6.30pm (Fri 16th February - Friday 22nd March).

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 24th February at St Mary’s, 11pm - 1130pm.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This global ecumenical day of prayer led by Christian women will be celebrated at St Mary’s on 1st March at 10.30am. This year the Service is prepared by Palestinian women with the theme: *‘I Beg You, Bear With One Another in Love’*. All are welcome, with refreshments in the hall to follow.

**DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS:** Available via <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>  
Please speak to Fr Hall if you would like a printed copy.

**ST AIDAN’S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Lists available during Lent for those wishing to add the name of a loved one. Please print details clearly, do not provide names already in the book or write in the book yourself. Thank you.

**SYCAMORE ONLINE COURSE:** Each Thursday in Lent from 7.00pm to 8.15pm, covering ‘Who is Jesus?’ ‘The Holy Spirit & the Church’, ‘The Gift of Faith’, ‘Finding True Freedom’ & ‘The Meaning of Love’. Register via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

**COLLECTIONS: w/c 11th February 2023**

St. Aidan’s - Loose Plate: £241.00 / Envelopes: £85.00 / Hall Hire: £74.00  
St. Mary’s - Loose Plate: £263.36 / Envelopes: £48.00  
Fri Coffee: £60.00 (Mary’s Meals) / Fish & Chips Raffle: £117.00 (People’s Kitchen)  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*  
St Mary’s has resumed basket collections at the end of mass and new offertory envelopes will be available for both parishes soon. If you would prefer to donate online or by standing order, please email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

**ST AIDAN’S GIFT AIDERS & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Please collect letters for parishioners signed up to Gift Aid and offertory envelopes for the new financial year on the way out of church. Thank you as always for your support.

**WEDNESDAY 21st FEBRUARY:** No mass at St Aidan’s due to diocesan clergy listening exercise.

**LOUDfence at St. Mary’s Cathedral & Newcastle Cathedral:** Together with the Diocese of Newcastle, our diocesan family is hosting a LOUDfence at St. Marys’ Cathedral and at Newcastle Cathedral. It begins on Sunday 3rd March at 11.30am Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral and ends with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals during the days to offer their prayers and support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. We are invited to leave prayers and messages like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, and which are still tied to his Bishop’s Chair. People can leave their prayers and messages within or outside of the Cathedrals.  
As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

**OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING:** St Mary’s Primary School has launched OPAL, a programme which gives children access to a range of play types and encourages team building, resilience, creativity and fun. The school is looking for a range of items such as guttering, safe planks of wood, crates, pallets, nets, thick ropes, sheets of fabric, blankets and cushions for their lunchtime sessions. If you can help or know of companies who can, please contact the school via 0191 814 2006 or email [office@stmarysfh.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysfh.org.uk)

**ST MARY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** The Local Governing Committee currently has two vacancies for Foundation Governors. If you are a practicing Catholic and interested in becoming a school governor, please contact Mrs Siobhan Foster (Head Teacher) for further information  
email: [office@stmarysfh.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysfh.org.uk) or telephone 0191 814 2006.

**DONATIONS OF WARM CLOTHING:** Both our parishes support a number of charities desperately seeking hats, scarfs, gloves, socks, warm clothing and toiletries. These gifts support people in our community who have nothing but your kindness. Donations can be left in our church halls. Thank you.

**SVP SUGAR HELP:** The SVP Refugee Project asks St Aidan’s parishioners to make donations of small bags of sugar for distribution to refugees & asylum seekers who come to collect it weekly at the SVP Centre, Byker. Items can be left on the bench outside the church hall. Thank you.