

FROM THE DIOCESE:

LITURGICAL FORMATION EVENT - Wed 28th Sept, 7pm until 9pm

A refresher formation session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be taking place this month at St Joseph's Church in Gateshead. The cost is £10.00 per attendee (invoiced to parish) with refreshments provided. Booking by 25th Sept via www.diocesehn.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 18th September 2022

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| Sat. 17th (St. Mary's) | 5.30pm | Emmett & Tierney Families |
| Sun. 18th (St. Aidan's) | 9.15am | Jim Humble |
| Sun. 18th (St. Mary's) | 11.00am | People of the Parish |
| Mon. 19th | *** NO MASS *** | |
| Tues. 20th (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Priest's Intentions |
| Wed. 21st (St. Aidan's) | 10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Thurs. 22nd (St. Aidan's) | 10.00am | Jim Humble |
| Fri. 23rd (St. Mary's) | 10.00am | Jim Humble |
| * Sat. 24th (St. Mary's) | 11.00am | Confession |
| Sat. 24th (St. Mary's) | 5.30pm | Jim Purcell |
| Sun. 25th (St. Aidan's) | 9.15am | Elizabeth & Thomas Lamming |
| Sun. 25th (St. Mary's) | 11.00am | Intentions of Pat MacDonald |

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 25th Sept 2022

"He is beyond our sight, our understanding, even our imagination."

Second Reading: Sevenfold Praise (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Anne Innes, Yeau Sen Mai, Mary Jane Dellbridge.

Those in our Books of Remembrance;

And all those within our Parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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 www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

St. Mary's & St. Aidan's R.C Churches

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Sunday 18th September 2022

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Dishonest Steward (Luke 16:1-13), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This parable can be deeply disquieting if we take it as an allegory, that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality.

We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds!

No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'.

A lot more thought often goes into how to make money than into how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that skill and imagination is needed in using it to live justly here on earth and to prepare ourselves for life in heaven. The full brilliance of the story is even more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money. Is there anything in your life which prevents you from fully serving God?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

There are collections in both Churches this weekend in aid of the Pakistan Floods Appeal. Please help the millions of people whose lives are at serious risk. You can also donate online via cafod.org.uk/give

ST AIDAN'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are delighted to announce that St. Aidan's Children's Liturgy is back! We will aim to run each Sunday, but this does depend on the availability of volunteer leaders. All children are welcome. You can find more information on www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com

CONFESSION - Saturday 24th September at St Mary's.

The first and third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am
The second and fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

AUTUMN PLANT AND HOME PRODUCE FAIR - Sunday 25th Sept

St. Aidan's Church - Justice and Peace Group is delighted to announce the return of their popular sale to help those in need. Taking place in St Aidan's Church Hall after 9.15am Mass with refreshments available, there will be fabulous homegrown, home-baked and homemade goods available to buy! All are very welcome.

DATE FOR THE DIARY

St Mary's will be hosting a very special coffee morning after 11am Mass on 25th Sept. Please keep free if you can!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP - Thurs 29th Sept, 7pm - 8pm

Our fortnightly sessions take place in St Aidan's Church Hall where we reflect on the readings for the coming Sunday. You can also join us via zoom with details available via www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

COLLECTIONS: w/c 11th September

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £133.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £30.00
Catholic Education: £35.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £237.13 / Envelopes: £115.00

Donations: £40.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £57.15 (Coping with Cancer)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

RED MISSION BOXES

Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

Thank you to St Mary's collectors who have raised £323.81.

If you have a Red Box which needs counting or would like to support this important cause, contact parishsecretary@mail.com / 0738 5597 757.

***** VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED *****

Both St Aidan's & St Mary's are in desperate need for new volunteers to support the roles that help to make our Parishes. Could you serve teas & coffees after Sunday Mass once a month? Lead Children's liturgies or help promote the work of Cafod and the Missio locally?

If you can help, speak to Fr Hall or contact parishsecretary@mail.com telephone 0738 5597 757. We look forward to hearing from you!

MUSICIANS FOR ST AIDAN'S

Can you help lead our songs of praise at St Aidan's on a Sunday morning? Groups, duos or soloists - please get in touch via details above.

THE TOUR OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The apparitions seen by St Bernadette in Lourdes took place over five months, and over the course of time, an intimate relationship of trust, obedience, and love developed between Our Lady and Bernadette. The relics of St Bernadette will be at St Mary's Cathedral from 11am on 1st October 2022 for 24 hours. Booking is essential for those wishing to attend. Please visit www.stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour for more details.