

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 19th December 2021

PLEASE REMEMBER:-

- All Christmas Masses will be live streamed via our Facebook page.
- Mass on Christmas Eve is fully booked. Please do NOT attend if you have not received confirmation of booking. For everyone's safety we are unable to admit anyone else.
- Face coverings MUST be worn unless exempt.
- Doors & windows will be open for ventilation - come prepared!
- Please arrive in time to be seated by 5.20pm. You will be escorted to your allotted seat(s) by a steward, who will also direct you forward to receive Holy Communion.
- At the end of Mass please use both exits.
- If you decide to cancel your booking please let us know in good time so that we are able to reallocate it to someone on the waiting list.
- No booking is required for Masses on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

Sat. 18th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Margaret & Ernest Waight
Sun. 19th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Veronica Bews & Family
Sun. 19th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Francis Xavier & Lucadea Pereira
Mon. 20th	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 21st (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ernie Thompson
Wed. 22nd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Catherine Devlin
Thurs. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
CHRISTMAS EVE (St. Mary's)	***FULL***	People of the Parish
CHRISTMAS DAY (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
CHRISTMAS DAY (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Brian McMenemy
Sun. 26th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Veronica Bews & Family
Sun. 26th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Ena Duffy
Mon. 27th	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 28th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Olive & Joseph Crowe
Wed. 29th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Catherine Devlin
Thurs. 30th	***NO MASS***	
Fri. 31st (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Dallas Chamney
Sat. 1st Jan (St. Mary's)	10.00 am	People of the Parish
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 2nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	James Allan & Laura Scott
Sun. 2nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

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

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Sunday 19th December 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

After listening to today's Gospel, The Visitation (Luke 1:39-44), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Luke's account of the birth and infancy of Jesus is built on the comparison and contrast between the two stories of John the Baptist and Jesus: the annunciation to the parents, the birth of each child, the joy on earth and in heaven, the circumcision, the growth of the child.

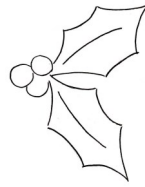
In each incident John is shown to be great, but Jesus greater still. Only in the incident narrated in today's gospel do the two families meet, the two stories cross. We see the two mothers together, marvelling at the destiny of their children. The journey from Nazareth to even the nearest of the towns in the hill country of Judah (traditionally Elizabeth's home is located at Ain Karim, now on the outskirts of Jerusalem) would have been arduous, a week's walk for a fit young woman. This special exertion and generosity shows Mary's love and care for her elderly relative, as well as the natural excitement of the two in sharing their motherhood.

Luke has already told us that Mary was filled with the Holy Spirit. Now Elizabeth too is filled with the Holy Spirit as they participate in and exchange the praise of God for the gift of their children.

Is there anyone I know to whom a visit would bring special joy during Christmastide?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

"Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts—most kind!
Can I also wish all Parishioners, their families and all their
loved ones a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas.
God Bless!" Fr. Hall.



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST. MARY'S HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Many congratulations to those who have recently made their
First Holy Communion:- Ross Vasey, Ethan Murray, Joshua Murray and
Joshua Henderson. Please remember them in your prayers.

JESMOND ST MARY PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATIONS

Open to anyone in school year 9 and above who is a baptised Catholic.
Please enrol on one of the preparation courses from January.
The courses will consist of six sessions and a day trip away before July.
Contact: Pat Henzell on 07803727799 or Email: chris.henzell@gmail.com

COLLECTIONS: W/C 12th December 2021

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £108.00 // Gift Aid: £75.00 // Hall Hire: £22.00
Advent Alms: £95.00 // Gospel Power Books: £35.00
St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £113.20 // Envelopes: £122.40
Advent Alms: £60.50

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING

The Diocesan Department for Interreligious Relations is hosting a local
Holocaust Memorial Evening with guest speaker Mrs Hanneke Dye.
The event will take place at St Mary's Catholic Comprehensive on
Benton Park Road, Newcastle on Tuesday 25 January 2022.
To find out more about the event and how you can attend, please visit
www.rcdhn.org.uk

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com
Access live mass streaming via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.
Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

Please pray for all those who are sick and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Margaret Nicholson, Agnes Harmen, Rosemary McDonald,
Robert Adamson, James Crawford, Pauline McCoway, Louis Weidner,
James Lavery, Frederick Ritson, Maureen Stowar, Ernest Thompson,
Leslie Legge, Wilfred Wright, Kelvin Harris, Anthony Britt, Jane Pattison,
Gladys Kaluza, Joseph Crowe, Peter Madden, Stephen McCardle,
William Noble, Josie Noble, Gilbert Stone, Annie Dunn, Hugh Wallace,
Alice Koprowski, Patrick Mooney, Mary Snailles, Elizabeth Noble,
Kathleen Fryer, Lilian Held, Winifred Maher, Michael Clearly, Julian Rea,
Olive Crowe, Robert McManus, Pater Maher.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

ORGAN RECITAL (Mon 20th Dec at 1.05pm)

Peter Locke will be performing at St Nicholas in Newcastle. The recital will
have an Advent and Christmas theme. All welcome and free admission.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS - PEACE

The Fourth Week of Advent is about Peace and yet, by that time in the
Advent season, trepidation is usually the norm! It is hard to be anything
but excited at the coming of a new baby and we might feel that this year
we have waited even longer. We are naturally eager to gather and
welcome him. Until we do, we can still use this last week of Advent to
look back at the road we have travelled. Before Christ comes to us at
Christmas, can we see where he has already been present to us in our
times of waiting and anguish? All through the COVID pandemic, we have
adapted our ways to make space for him, and he
was always waiting to welcome us in.

For those of us who are lucky enough to assemble
in Church this Christmas, let us remember those
who are still unable to do so and whom we need
to reach out to, so they too can welcome the
Christ child.

Frederique Gill - read more at www.rcdhn.org.uk

