

Second Sunday after Christmas

Gospel: John 1:1-18



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Sunday 2nd January 2022

The Second Sunday after the Nativity

After listening to today's Gospel, The Word made Flesh (John 1:1-5.9-14), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

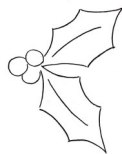
The Gospel reading for this Second Sunday after Christmas is the same as that for Christmas Day itself. Perhaps, after all the celebrations of Christmas, there is room for a more sober thought. The climax is not at the end of the reading, but is in the centre: 'to those who believe he gave power to become sons of God'.

On either side of this verse are rejection by his own people, and acceptance by those who see his Glory. This theme of acceptance and rejection runs right through the gospel of John, some accepting (the disciples, Nicodemus, the Man Born Blind), some rejecting (the Pharisees, the leaders of the Jews).

The disciples accept at the Marriage Feast at Cana; the leaders of the Jews immediately afterwards reject at the Cleansing of the Temple. You cannot remain neutral; you must either accept or reject. It is a great trial-scene, and we judge ourselves by our reaction to Jesus. The Father has given all judgment to the Son, but the Son judges no one. The last dread scene is when the Jewish leaders pass sentence on themselves before Pilate and before Jesus crowned as king and seated as judge; they reject God's kingship by saying, 'We have no king but Caesar'. There is no need for sentence to be passed, for we pass our own sentence on ourselves. Does it make sense to say that we judge ourselves?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

"Happy New Year to you all - blessings for a happy, safe and peaceful 2022." Fr. Hall.



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

Please note some changes to Mass times and locations this week for the Feast of Epiphany.

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

PEACE SUNDAY

Peace Sunday takes place on Sunday 16 January 2022, with the theme of Pope Francis' World Peace Day, 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace.' Once again Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, has produced a variety of online & paper resources to celebrate the theme see www.rcdhn.org.uk for details.

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, please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk

COLLECTIONS:

W/C 19th December 2021

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £88.00 // Gift Aid: £52.00 // Hall Hire: £47.00

Advent Alms: £35.00 // Catholic Calendars: £12.00 // Northern Cross: £6.00

Sat 25th & Sun 26th December

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £376.00 // Gift Aid: £85.00 // Calendars: £9.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 2nd January 2022

Sat. 1st (St. Mary's)	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
Mon. 3rd	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 4th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	David Milburn 1st Anniversary
Wed. 5th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Int. of Jim & Sheila Humble
5th. Epiphany Vigil (St. Aidan's)	7.00pm	Priest's Intentions
6th. Epiphany (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Fr. John F Brady
Fri. 7th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Mary Urie
Sat. 8th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Colin Bradford
Sun. 9th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 9th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches.

You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.

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

John McGrew, Janet Duggan, William Oxley, John Maddern, Julia Jobling, Joseph Donnelly, Samuel McIver, William Rutherford, Harry Southeran, Gerald Earley, Winifred Schooling, Joseph McAvoy, Mary Smith, Teresa Horne, John Murray, John Crane, James Green, Mabel Cunningham, Esther Barringham, John McKay, Marian Wallace, Sarah Summers, Paul Anthony, Irene Meenaghan, Ellen Walksinshaw, Patrick Curry, Joan Ralston, Valerie Beattie, Charlotte Mulligan, Alice Hedley, Mary Outerside, Ellen Tomlinson, James Patton, Jane Swinbourne, James Bolam, Catherine Agnew, Adele Stewart.

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