



Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:  
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### Sunday 20th February 2022

#### The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Unlimited Love (Luke 6.27-38), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Luke's version of the Beatitudes, which formed last Sunday's reading, puts the emphasis not on Christian attitudes, as Matthew's version does, but on the blessing on those in real, dire need.

Now he continues this with our duty to respond to those in need, even if they are hostile, even if they hate us. There must be no calculation whether we will get back money or property lent, no limit to how much we lend or give.

At first it seems as if Luke is concerned only with money, and indeed he is so concerned, for he is always warning of the danger of possessions and the need to use them for those who have none.

Luke is proclaiming Christ's Good News to a more affluent society than do Mark and Matthew, and places all the more emphasis on the danger of wealth. But, after dealing with money, Luke goes on to other acts of generosity.

We must not judge, but must forgive in order to obtain forgiveness. Most of all, we must be compassionate. Whereas Matthew ends his instructions here with a general, 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect', Luke focuses on compassion, 'Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.'

It is an affair of the heart: we must be emotionally involved with those in need.

*Which is more important, compassion or generosity?*

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **ST MARY'S JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

A joint meeting of the Parish Council & Finance Committees on Wed 23rd February at 7pm in the Church Hall.

### **JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT**

Please help the ongoing appeal with donations of shampoo & female hygiene products. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

### **COLLECTIONS: W/C 13th February 2022**

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £156.00 // Envelopes: £72.00 // Hall Hire: £42.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £140.55 // Envelopes: £146.80

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:**

### **DHN SYNOD COMMUNICATIONS GROUP**

Last weekend, Partnerships across the Diocese sent people to join Bishop Robert for a morning of prayer, talking and listening, and to feedback on what they have heard during the last few months of our Diocesan Synod process. There was a lot of energy in the room, a joyful atmosphere, and Bishop Robert said, "We've had a very fruitful morning... we go forward trusting each other, and with a confidence in the joy and power of the Gospel".

If you've not been part of the conversation yet, there is one more opportunity at 7 pm on Wednesday 23rd February. There will be an **online gathering** where you can join in to add your voice to the Synod.

To register and join the conversation, visit:-

[www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/synod-join-the-conversation](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/news/synod-join-the-conversation)

News & updates about the Synod in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle can be found on [www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/synod-2021-2023](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/synod-2021-2023)

### **LENTERN REFLECTIONS**

As we approach the season of Lent, the Vicariate for Faith and Mission has produced the first part of the booklet of Lenten reflections.

Visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal)

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING:** 20th February 2022

Sat. 19th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Emmett and Tierney Families
Sun. 20th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 20th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Charles Urie
Mon. 21st	***	NO MASS ***
Tues. 22nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eleanor Martin
Wed. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Todhunter
Thurs. 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Nan Hayes
Fri. 25th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Michael Cassidy
Sat. 26th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Jean Kenny
Sun. 27th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Nan Hayes
Sun. 27th (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:**

Sylvia Keilty, Dorothy Noble.

### **And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:**

Fred Gouldsbrough, Sheila Parker, Anthony Mullen, Joseph Vivian, Violet Dixon, Francis Niall, Sarah Ramsbottom, Thomas Cizakowsky, Charlotte Griffith, Lilian Murry, Veronica Cairnie, Doreen Walters, Edward MacCauley, Margaret Donnolly, Ellen Tripp, William Skiffington, Hannah Wood, Terence Sweeney, Frederick Hedley, Henrietta Bowman, Edward Michael Doyle, Henrietta Hodgkins, Veronica Croft, Mary Drummond, James Selby McArdle, George Edward Grandsbury, Ann Smith, David Jackson, Patricia Rogers, Michael Cassidy, Norah Murray, Ann Anderson, William Rogers.

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