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**MASS INTENTIONS w/c 21st January 2024**

Sat. 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Winifred Maher
Sun. 21st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 21st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Therese Thompson
Mon. 22nd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 23rd	*** NO MASS ***	
Wed. 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Todhunter
Thurs. 25th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri. 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Samuel Cardozo
* Sat. 27th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 27th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Keith & Alan Nesbitt
Sun. 28th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Frank & Freya Amis
Sun. 28th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Anne Earl

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

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:**

28th January 2024 - The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*"The eternal values of the Lord's service."* Corinthians 7:32-35

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** Christ Jesus, teach us how to be kind & generous, sharing what we have with our friends, family and people all over the world. May we always listen to your word. 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.

**KEEP IN TOUCH:** Contact us parishsecretary@mail.com / 0191 268 4222

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**Sunday 21st January 2024:**

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Call of Disciples (Mark 1:14-20), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

What is going on? We had last Sunday the story of the first two disciples joining Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the other unnamed. Now we get another story, in another place, of other first disciples being called. So the Church underlines, two weeks running, the importance of Jesus' new community. The first thing he does is call disciples. He can't do everything on his own, and that is the point of the Church.

He calls disciples to make a new people, a new Israel - old, young, middle-aged: we all have our part to fill in Jesus' play. Tired old people, busy parents, lively youngsters - each of us can make a unique contribution, especially since Jesus has chosen us himself. An odd choice, some of us! What did he want ME to do in the new family of Jesus? The two different versions of the calling of the disciples show that at least two different people told this story. When two people tell the same story, there are bound to be variations. The place didn't matter, or the order in which the disciples were called. The point of the story was the call, the response and the companionship, the working together with the Lord.

*Do you enjoy more being on your own or linking up with others?*

*What is Jesus calling you to do?*

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

**NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**WEEK COMMENCING 21st JANUARY:** No mass on Tuesday 23rd January.  
CONFESSION: Saturday 27th January at St Mary’s , 11am

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - new members always welcome**  
St Mary’s - Wed 24th January, 7pm // St Aidan’s - Wed 31st January, 7pm  
Minutes can be viewed on our websites and agenda items can be submitted via parishsecretary@mail.com

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR LEpra: (see [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk))**  
100 years of research & innovative care has helped Lepra find treatments to break the cycle of physical and psychological harm associated with leprosy & lymphatic filariasis. Support during their centenary year is appreciated.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION:** Classes will begin shortly for children in year 9 and above looking to make the sacrament of confirmation. Please register your interest via parishsecretary@mail.com

**ST AIDAN’S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** The following winning numbers are still unclaimed: 276, 332, 417, 498, 574, 585, 696 & 737. Prizes await!

**ST AIDAN CRIB & NATIVITY FIGURES:** Volunteers are needed to stay behind after mass next Sunday, 28th Jan to help put away our crib & nativity figures. Thank you in advance for your help.

**ST MARY’S SOCIAL - FISH & CHIP SUPPER:** All welcome to our first parish social event of the year on Sat 10th February from 6.30pm.  
Please see Sue or Malcolm after weekend masses to pay for food choices before Sun 4th February so we can pre-order.

**COLLECTIONS: w/c 14th January 2023**  
St. Aidan’s - Loose Plate: £216.00 / Envelopes: £45.00 / Hall Hire: £68.50  
SPUC: £160.50  
St. Mary’s - Loose Plate: £300.86 / Envelopes: £75.00 / Funeral £277.00  
Donations: £148.50 / Friday Coffee: £102.00 (Mary’s Meals)  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

**SUNDAY READERS LIST:** Please see a revised 2024 list for St Mary’s Sunday readers by the front door.

**ST MARY’S PLACE AT THE CATHEDRAL:** Donations of unwanted blankets and sleeping bags are desperately needed to help the homeless during the cold weather. Items can be left in St Mary’s church hall. Thank you.

**MARY’S MEALS:** St Mary’s Friday Coffee Morning has been raising funds for Mary’s Meals, a charity that provides nutritious meals to children living in poverty. A £1,233.75 donation made this month will be matched through a special January fundraising initiative. Thank you all who support our event.

**THANK YOU:** For all donations of warm clothing to Heart NE via St Aidan’s. Your support is very much appreciated and always needed.

**NORTH EAST REFUGEE CENTRE DATA:** Latest figures show 1308 food bags distributed in November and 84 families benefiting from the clothing bank. Thank you for your continued support.

**STAMPS AND COINS FOR LITTLE SISTERS:** Volunteers are collecting used postage stamps and foreign currency (any country or period) and broken or unwanted gold & silver jewellery to raise funds for Little Sisters of the Poor. Any donations can be left in marked envelopes in our churches.

**ROOT AND BRANCH:** Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to hear about Root & Branch - a new forum working for ‘a safe, just and inclusive Catholic Church’. Venue: Holy Name, Jesmond on Thurs 25th January at 7.30pm. ([www.rootandbranchsynod.org](http://www.rootandbranchsynod.org))

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS 2024:** Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday 17th February 2024 at 12.00pm to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life. All married couples are invited together with bereaved spouses, separated individuals and families experiencing or having experienced domestic difficulties. Those celebrating anniversaries can request a certificate via the Faith & Team on 0191 243 3316.