

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 22nd October 2023**

Sat. 21st (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Thanksgiving Peter & Trisha Tindall
Sun. 22nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	D'cd of Preston & Hankin Families
Sun. 22nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Kate & George Elliott (Wedding Ann.)
Mon. 23rd	<b>** NO MASS **</b>	
Tues. 24th	<b>** NO MASS **</b>	
Wed. 25th	<b>** NO MASS **</b>	
Thurs. 26th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Private Intention - Mrs W
Fri. 27th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Benjamin Willshire
Sat. 28th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Jenny Kenney
Sun. 29th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Noel & Monica Bogie
Sun. 29th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

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

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:**

29th October - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Faced with the stunning purity of the glory of God..."*

Second Reading: Servants of the Living God (Thessalonians 1:5-10)

### **CHILDREN'S PRAYER:**

Merciful and ever-loving God, open our hearts to love and serve you in all that we do. Help us to reach out in love to one another around the world. Amen.

**WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:** Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our prayers for help, guidance & support. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Contact us via [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

### **Welcome to our Parish Newsletter:**

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

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### **Sunday 22nd October 2023:**

#### **The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, Giving God His Due (Mtt 22:15-21), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up!

If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head.

Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God?

At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response, but always replies with another question.

What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**THIS WEEK:** Please note **no Mass** on Tues 24th nor Wed 25th October.

### **BEST WISHES TO OUR PARISHIONERS!**

Congratulations to Kate and George E celebrating their wedding anniversary this weekend.

Goodbye and good luck to Peter and Trisha T who embark on new adventures in Bristol. Thank you for all you have done for St Mary's.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Children who have made their First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming altar servers at St Aidan's or St Mary's are asked to send names and contact information to Joanne at parishsecretary@mail.com so details of a short training programme can be shared.

**NEW CONTACT DETAILS:** To arrange a baptism at St Aidan's or St Mary's please email Joanne at parishsecretary@mail.com

**CHANGE OF VENUE:** Fr Hall will be leading the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at St Mary's in the church hall. The 12-week course starts at 7pm on Tuesday 31st October. If you wish to attend, please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 28th October at St Mary's  
The first & third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am  
The second & fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

### **COLLECTIONS: w/c 15th October 2023**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £252.00/ Envelopes: £62.00 / Hall Hire: £76.00

CAFOD Family Fast Day: £260.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £268.52 / Envelopes: £34.00

Donations: £90.00 / Funeral: £200.00 / CAFOD Family Fast Day: £37.00

Friday Coffee: £76.25 (Mary's Meals)

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

**SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED:** There is a continuing need for tinned and packet food and personal toiletries to help refugees in our area. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

**PRAYERS FOR PEACE:** Thank you to all who joined us at St Aidan's last Tuesday. Please continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.

*"Let us pray with one heart and one soul – Lord come to our aid, grant us peace, teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace.*

*Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say:*

*Never again war.' Lord Hear Us."*

Pope Francis and His Eminence the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

### **SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER – TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today. It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries bring the love and hope of Jesus to situations of extreme poverty and injustice. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. There are baskets in our churches or alternatively call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [www.mission.org.uk](http://www.mission.org.uk) to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. Thank you.

*"For this year's World Mission Sunday, I have chosen a theme inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (cf. 24:13-35): 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'. Those two disciples were confused and dismayed, but their encounter with Christ in the word and in the breaking of the bread sparked in them the enthusiastic desire to set out again towards Jerusalem and proclaim that the Lord had truly risen. In the Gospel account, we perceive this change in the disciples through a few revealing images: their hearts burned within them as they heard the Scriptures explained by Jesus, their eyes were opened as they recognised him and, ultimately, their feet set out on the way. By meditating on these three images, which reflect the journey of all missionary disciples, we can renew our zeal for evangelisation in today's world."*

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS.**