

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 23rd April 2023

Sat. 22nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ann Harrison (ill)
Sun. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 23rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
* Mon 24th (St. Mary's)	12.15pm	Requiem Mass - Betty Davison
Tues. 25th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Ann McMenemy
* Tues. 25th (St. Aidan's)	11.30am	Requiem Mass - Ann Glancey
Wed. 26th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Wed. 26th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Funeral Service - Dorothy Deighton
Thurs. 27th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 28th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat. 29th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Ann McMenemy
Sun. 30th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Freya Elizabeth Amis
Sun. 30th (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter - 30th April 2023

"A priceless opportunity to draw close to the suffering Christ."

Second Reading: The Example of Christ (1 Peter 2:20-25)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

God of all, you sent your son Jesus, so that we may have life to the full.
Inspire us to do all that we can so all your children around the world
may live free from poverty and hunger. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick. Those who have died recently.

And all those within our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH

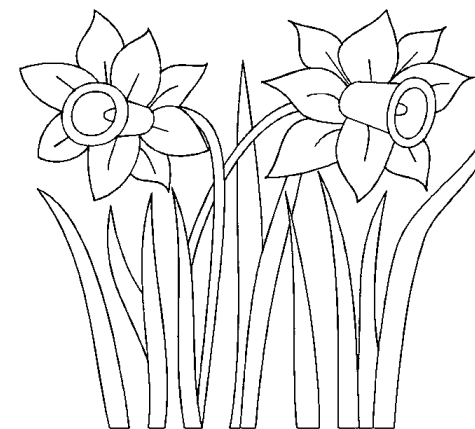
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Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Sunday 23rd April 2023:

The Third Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, The Journey to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This attractive and delicate narrative is the story of the journey to faith in the Risen Christ: it occurs in any Christian instruction, and especially in the Eucharist, which begins with the teaching of the scriptures, and then is brought to its fulfilment in the Sacrament.

The two disciples (are they man and woman, as so often in Luke, perhaps Cleopas and his wife?) start off deep in depression and disappointment. But they are open-minded and willing to learn as the Stranger explains to them from scripture the meaning of events. Their hearts burn within them at the Stranger's words, but their eyes remain closed. It is only in the sacramental meal that they recognise the Risen Christ.

This is the story of any Christian instruction, culminating in the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation, bringing us to the intimate, personal encounter with Christ. Once they have been enlightened and have learnt the profound meaning of the events, the truth of the scriptures and the resurrection, then the disciples return to the Holy City and carry on their own Christian apostolate by spreading the news of the resurrection.

This is the shape of the Christian vocation which we all receive, to assimilate and pass on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. How can we learn the meaning of Christ's resurrection?
How can we spread the message of Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

EASTERTIDE

Eastertide is a time of great joy and celebration. It is also a time for reflection and spiritual growth, as we seek to deepen our faith and understanding of the significance of the resurrection.

Observed dates 2023:

18th May – The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

28th May – Pentecost Sunday

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Monday 1st May

All are welcome to join Alison Rebello in our Eucharistic Adoration service at St Aidan's 6 -7pm. Eucharistic Adoration takes place the first Monday of each month.

CONFESSION: Saturday 6th May at St Aidan'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

ST AIDAN'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you for submitting the names of your loved ones. The names will be entered by Maria Graham, whose beautiful and valued ministry is much appreciated.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: (see www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

Thurs 27th April, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom).

Tues 2nd May, 10.30am at St Mary's

Reflecting together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 16th April

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £190.00 / Envelopes: £77.00 / Donation: £15.00

Hall Hire: £38.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £261.40 / Envelopes: £59.00 / Donation: £25.00

Sick & Retired Priests: £22.00 / Fri Coffee Morning: £53.00 (Syria Earthquake)

Please remember to collect your boxes of envelopes & thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

"THE COMPLEXITIES OF COMPASSION"

Professor Karen Kilby, from Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies, has recently returned from a visit to East Africa.

This area which includes Somalia, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Kenya is undergoing a severe humanitarian crisis arising from an extraordinary level of drought caused by climate change.

Karen who is a CAFOD Trustee, will give a lecture on 'The Complexities of Compassion' in the Holy Name Church Hall, Towers Avenue, Jesmond on ***Tuesday 25th April at 7pm***. She will discuss the extent to which thoughtful generosity might make a greater difference than merely giving on impulse - which of course is natural and often effective. All are welcome.

FAMILY FUN DAY: Saturday 8th July, 10am - 1pm

In association with the Tyneside Irish Centre, enjoy a morning of fun active drills to learn all about the basic skills of Gaelic football. Lots of non-football entertainment and food and drink available from the club bar.

Taking place at Amberley Playing Fields, Killingworth, register your interest in this free event via secretary.cuchulainns.yorkshire@gaa.ie

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

**** A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Book now via www.diocesehn.org.uk ****

Saturday 15th July, 10am—3pm at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School in Washington. We strongly encourage all our parish catechists both seasoned and those interested in the work to join this free event.

To be a catechist is to echo the love God has for each one of us to those in our parishes, our communities, our society. It is to pass this love on in sharing our faith to others. This can be daunting. We are not alone. Here you can deepen your knowledge and connect with other Catechists in our Diocese. Refreshments will be available but a packed lunch required.

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the two following vacancies: Deputy Director of Education (Leadership) and Deputy Director of Education (Inspection). Both roles are permanent and full-time, term-time. Please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.