

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 23rd January 2022

Sat. 22nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph Bradford
Sun. 23rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Jean Sharp
Sun. 23rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 24th	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 25th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Gerard Earley
Wed. 26th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Richard Harriott
Thurs. 27th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Sr. Alice (90th birthday)
Fri. 28th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Gerard McAndrew
Sat. 29th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Michael & Catherine Walker
Sun. 30th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Frank Amis
Sun. 30th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Benjamin James Willshire

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:

Catherine Hedley, Barry Meenagh, Hilda Campbell, James Angus, Mary Horner, Grace Brewis, Catherine Sherburn, Raymond Pincheon, Lilly Vasey, Edward Proctor, Thomas Heslop, Frank Dixon, Michael Logan, Margaret Parker, George Welsh, Catherine Taylor, Michael Walker, Elizabeth Carr, Thomas Green, John Bradley, Gerard Walker, Margaret Battenby, Janet Ruddick, Sadie Savage, Joseph Steinson, Michael Kilday, Leslie Railton, Raymond Brennan, Irene Milburn, Isabella McDougal, James Donnelly, James Watts, Pat Hurst, Arthur Callaghan, Doris Railton, George Gardiner.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

Access live mass streaming via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

St. Mary's R.C. Church and St. Aidan's R.C Church

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Sunday 23rd January 2022

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Proclaims his Message

(Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21) , consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Today's gospel passage starts the series of readings from Luke which will continue throughout the ordinary Sundays of the Year.

It is composed of two separate passages: first it gives Luke's introduction to his gospel, in which he explains how and why he wrote it.

Then, jumping over the preparatory stories of Jesus' infancy, baptism and testing in the desert, it comes directly to his programmatic manifesto in the synagogue at Nazareth.

The gospel is offered to Theophilus – a Greek name – and is written for gentile communities. So Luke stresses that Jesus' message is not just for Jews but for the peoples of the whole world.

Twice in the second passage (Jesus' manifesto in Nazareth) Luke stresses that Jesus is moved by the Spirit of the Lord. As we see in the second reading, the Spirit was obviously at work in the early Christian communities. This was no more than a continuation of the Spirit's activity from the very beginning of the Christian movement.

In Luke's stories of the annunciation, birth and infancy of Jesus the presence of the Spirit is constantly noted. In the earliest stories of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles the same guidance by the Spirit directs every move. Why did Jesus choose to read this passage from the scriptures?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Pope Francis is inviting the whole Church to become Synodal.

We are encouraged to journey together, listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of the people we meet.

Fr Hall has recorded a short video reflecting on the story of Peter and Cornelius from the 10th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles to guide our preparations for the Synod. It is available on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

PARISH MEETINGS

Two parish meetings as part of the consultation process for the Synod:-
St Aidan's on Wed 26th January // St. Mary's on Thurs 27th January.
Both will begin at 7pm and last one hour.

All members of the Parish Councils and Finance Committees are asked to attend and ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. We will be concentrating on the questions available on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our parishes are taking part in the local service at St John's Church in Killingworth Village on Friday, 4th March at 10:30am with refreshments afterwards in the nearby village Hall. Two volunteers, man, woman or child, are needed to read a short part of the service for which there are booklets. Other parts will be read by representatives of other local churches. A rehearsal will take place at St John's on Friday 18th February at 10:30am but this is not mandatory. Please put your name forward to Fr Hall on or before Sunday 13th February.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT

Please help the ongoing appeal where you can. Tinned food (no pork please), shoes, boots and winter coats are all desperately needed for those who have nothing. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

ST MARY'S CHOIR

Singers and musicians of all ages and abilities welcome!
Please speak to anyone from the choir to find out more.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 16th January 2022

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £76.00 // Envelopes: £52.00

SPUC White Flower Appeal: £82.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £110.10 // Envelopes: £176.50

Advent Alms in Aid of St Cuthbert's Care: £72.10

SPUC White Flower Appeal: £19.50

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE

**** HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE - CANCELLED ****

Please note that the Holocaust Memorial Service at St Mary's High School, Benton on Tuesday 25th January has been cancelled.

This is due to ongoing COVID restrictions meaning the school are unable to allow members of the public onto the school premises.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:

- i) Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese.
- ii) Senior Administrator to manage & provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education.

Both positions are full-time and permanent.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood.

DATE: Friday 25th Feb 5.00pm to Saturday 26th Feb (after lunch)

VENUE: Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Consett, DH8 9RT

COST: £50 (including meals & accommodation). Spaces are limited.

Contact Fr Shaun Purdy for details via 01670 812 200 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk before Thurs 10th February.