



Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:
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Sunday 24th July 2022

The seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-13), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Luke is the evangelist of prayer. Again and again he shows us Jesus praying. At all the important moments of his life Jesus needs this intimacy with his Father. So he is praying at the baptism; before the choice of the disciples he prays through the night; at the Transfiguration he is praying. Now the prayer which is so often used by Christians is one he gives us himself. Luke's rendering of the prayer he taught the disciples is slightly shorter than the version in Matthew.

It begins with the simple call 'Father' (rather than 'Our Father in heaven') - a noble and affectionate way of speaking to God.

'Thy will be done' is omitted, for it is Matthew who often insists on doing the will of the Father.

Instead of 'give us this day our daily bread' Luke presents the insistent 'give us each day', which stresses the continuity of our dependence on God. After this prayer follows a series of parables and images which underline the importance of persistence in prayer and continual prayer after the model of Jesus himself.

Elsewhere Luke will give us other parables about prayer: the Unjust Judge (again teaching perseverance in prayer) and the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector (teaching the importance of humility in prayer).

What do Jesus' words in the Gospel teach us about prayer?

Have there been occasions when God has answered your prayers in a way you did not expect?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

HAPPY SUMMER

As we come to the end of another academic year we thank all teaching and support staff across our schools for their work and commitment.

We wish them, the children and their families a happy, safe and peaceful summer break.

ST MARY'S & ST AIDAN'S PARISH SECRETARY

After an interview on Thursday a panel - composed of people from our two parishes and the diocese HR department - appointed Joanne Thompson to the post of part-time secretary. Joanne is a parishioner at St Mary's and is well known to people who attend the 11am Mass on Sunday. Once she takes up her post later in August she is looking forward to getting to know people at St Aidan's as well. We wish her luck in trying to work with Fr Hall!

COLLECTIONS: w/c 17th July

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £190.00 / Envelopes: £40.00 / Hall Hire: £30.00
Candles: £20.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £156.20 / Envelopes: £168.00
Stole Fees: £90.00 / Coffee Morning: £60.60 (Coping with Cancer)
Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

Non-perishable food and toiletries are always needed.
Please leave your donations at St Mary's. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

LITTLE SISTERS

The Little Sisters of the Poor are holding a Summer Fayre on Sat 30th July 1pm-4pm at St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle.
All welcome.

CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) 2022-2023

The CCRS course programme is now available for 2022-2023 with a short presentation shown on www.diocesehn.org.uk/education

- Mask wearing is now a personal choice in our Churches -

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 24th July 2022

Sat. 23rd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Stephen Brattle
Sun. 24th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Thomas Bews
Sun. 24th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Adele Stewart
Mon. 25th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Harry Southeran
Wed. 27th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Bernard Collingworth
Thurs. 28th	*** NO MASS ***	
Fri. 29th	*** NO MASS ***	
Sat. 30th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Wyn Roarty
Sun. 31st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	James Allan Scott
Sun. 31st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Peggy Smart

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 31st July 2022
"Allow Christ to take control of every aspect of our lives."
Second Reading: Risen with Christ (Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11).

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Anne Innes, Eimear O'Hogarty.
And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:
Francis Mulhern, Richrad Marvin, Frederick Sweeney, Ted Robinson, George Bolton, Thomas Adamson, Emily Hutchinson, James Lawrence Farnell, Thomas McCreadie, May Frances Card, William Davison, Edwin Marsh, James Keathy, Edna Bell, Maria Vivien, Colin Bradford, Annie Lee, Bernard Murray, Leanne Sole, Christina Brotherton, Margaret Scott, Norman Kennedy, James Bell Rose, Mary Chambers, Rose Partridge, John Edward Kenney, Rosemary Robson, Helen McCloskey.

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