

**** PLEASE NOTE SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHANGES ACROSS NEXT COMING WEEKS ****

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 25th February & 3rd March 2024

Sat. 24th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	McMenemy Family
Sun. 25th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Nan and Paddy Hayes
Sun. 25th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Michael Cassidy
* Mon. 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass - Kevin McMenemy
Tues. 27th - Thurs 29th *** NO MASSES ***		
* Fri. 1st March (St. Mary's)	10.30am	World Day of Prayer Service
* Fri. 1st (St. Aidan's)	6.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat. 2nd *** NO CONFESSION ***		
Sat. 2nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intention
Sun. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Emeterio Arcega
Sun. 3rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Priest's Intention
* Mon. 4th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues. 5th - Wed 6th *** NO MASSES ***		
Thurs. 7th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
* Thurs. 7th (St. Mary's)	12 noon	Requiem Mass - Nancy Paley
* Fri. 8th (St. Mary's)	10.30am	Requiem Mass - Margaret Younger
Sat. 9th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 9th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Maria Poszywak
Sun. 10th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 10th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

"We receive strength and comfort from the reassurance of the model of Christ." 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of justice, help us to stand up for what we believe in as we try to make the world a fairer place for everyone. 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
Access weekend mass live via YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary
Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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Second Sunday of Lent - 25th February 2024

To celebrate the Year of Prayer 2024, we are sharing the 'Our Father' in different languages. We are very fortunate to be parishes of diverse cultures, backgrounds & interests and invite you to submit versions of Our Lord's Prayer that mean something to you. Submissions can be named or anonymous and can be left in our collection baskets or emailed to parishsecretary@mail.com
Please ensure that you use Latin / Roman script so we can all appreciate the words and phrases. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you to Maria & Francisco at St Mary's for sharing the Spanish Our Father.

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre;
venga a nosotros tu Reino;
hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
no nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Amén.**

Weekend Masses will now be streamed via YouTube only.
Simply search 'St Mary of the Rosary' for our page.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: Please note back page carefully for details.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY (Fri 23rd Feb): This is a Voluntary Fast Day, held as part of our Lenten call to reach out to those in need. Thank you for your support (www.cafod.org.uk)

BIRTHDAY THANKS: The family of Peter B who celebrated his 90th birthday last Sunday thank Fr Hall for a beautiful Mass and everyone for their kind words, cards and gifts. All very much appreciated.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: This global ecumenical day of prayer led by Christian women will be celebrated at St Mary's on 1st March at 10.30am. This year the Service is prepared by Palestinian women with the theme: 'I Beg You, Bear With One Another in Love'. All are welcome, with refreshments in the hall to follow.

WEEKEND 2ND & 3RD MARCH: We welcome Fr Melaku of the Verona Fathers who will be celebrating Mass with us and collecting for the Mission appeal.

LENTEN DAY FOR FAMILIES: Catholic Mothers & the Carmelite Friars invite you to a Lenten Family Day at St John Vianney's, West Denton on Sat 9th March, beginning with 10am Mass and followed by a short talk, opportunity for Confession, a soup lunch, children's activities and social time. All ages and families welcome. For more information email catholicmothersne@gmail.com

LENTEN ALMS: Donations for St Cuthbert's Care are gratefully received.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Led by Deacon Alison Rebello each Friday during Lent at St Aidan's from 6.30pm (Fri 16th February - Friday 22nd March).

CONFESSION: No confession on Saturday 2nd March .

DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS: Available via <https://bit.ly/DHNLentReflections>
Please speak to Fr Hall if you would like a printed copy.

ST AIDAN'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Lists available during Lent for those wishing to add the name of a loved one. Please print details clearly, do not provide names already in the book or write in the book yourself. Thank you.

SYCAMORE ONLINE COURSE: Each Thursday in Lent from 7.00pm to 8.15pm, covering 'The Holy Spirit & the Church', 'The Gift of Faith', 'Finding True Freedom' and 'The Meaning of Love'. Register via www.diocesehn.org.uk

COLLECTIONS: w/c 18th February 2023

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £221.00 / Envelopes: £74.00 / Hall Hire: £50.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £259.78 / Envelopes: £53.00 / Donations: £105.00

Fri Coffee Morning: £65.10 (Mary's Meals)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

St Mary's has resumed basket collections at the end of mass and new offertory envelopes will be available for both parishes soon. If you would prefer to donate online or by standing order, please email parishsecretary@mail.com

ST AIDAN'S GIFT AIDERS & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Please collect letters for parishioners signed up to Gift Aid and offertory envelopes for the new financial year on the way out of church. Thank you as always for your support.

LOUDfence at St. Mary's Cathedral & Newcastle Cathedral: Beginning on Sunday 3rd March at 11.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and ending with a Service of the Word at Newcastle Cathedral on the 6th March at 7pm. All welcome to these liturgies and to visit both Cathedrals to offer prayers & support for all who have suffered abuse within church communities and all contexts. Please leave prayers & messages (within or outside the cathedrals) like the prayer ribbons presented to Bishop Stephen at his Installation Mass, and which are still tied to his Bishop's Chair. As a diocesan family we pray for all who have suffered abuse and recognise our shared duty to safeguard the vulnerable.

OUTDOOR PLAY & LEARNING AT ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: The school needs a range of items such as guttering, safe planks of wood, crates, pallets, nets, thick ropes, sheets of fabric, blankets and cushions for their lunchtime sessions. If you can help, please contact the school via 0191 814 2006 or office@stmarysfh.org.uk

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL: The Local Governing Committee has two vacancies for Foundation Governors. If you are a practicing Catholic and interested in becoming a school governor, please contact Mrs Siobhan Foster (Head Teacher) for further information email: office@stmarysfh.org.uk or 0191 814 2006.

DONATIONS OF WARM CLOTHING: Both our parishes support charities seeking hats, scarfs, gloves, socks, warm clothing and toiletries. These gifts support people in our community who have nothing but your kindness. Donations can be left in our church halls. Thank you.

SVP SUGAR HELP: The SVP Refugee Project asks St Aidan's parishioners to make donations of small bags of sugar for distribution to refugees & asylum seekers. Items can be left on the bench outside the church hall. Thank you.