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Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:
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Sunday 25th October 2020

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Greatest Commandment
(Matthew 22:34-40), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society.

A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests.

By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver.

Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'.

How do we put into practice this commandment to love?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

VINNIE'S CAFÉ

Vinnie's Cafe offer help & support to people in need in Newcastle for SVP. Food bank supplies are currently running low and help would be very much appreciated. Donate via www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vinnie-s-cafe3 or arrange a suitable drop off for supplies on 0191 261 6027.

ST MARY'S COLLECTIONS: w/c 18th October 2020

Loose Plate: £67.97 // Envelopes: £179.00 // CAFOD Envelopes: £7.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE:

VACANCIES

Parish Secretary required for St Matthew's in Jarrow, NE32 5LP.
12 per week. Closing date is 29 Oct 2020. Details via www.rcdhn.org.uk

FREE BIBLE COURSE

Many people want to read the Bible, but find it too complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you to get the "big picture" of the Bible by showing how 14 narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. The course will be delivered across 8 one-hour sessions via Zoom, during November and February. You may find this website <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery> useful to have a look at. The diocese is offering this course at no charge. Course materials are included and will be available online. The course is scheduled to run on Monday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 pm during November & February, starting on Mon 2 November. Those interested, please register via: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

ONLINE TRAINING COURSE—ADVANCED LISTENING SKILLS

The Diocese is sponsoring a six week course beginning on Tues 10th November teaching effective listening skills. For further details contact: Oonagh Atkinson on 0191 3891188 or email adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

NORTHERN CROSS APPEAL

Northern Cross is looking for 2,020 subscribers in 2020 and asking people to consider signing up on an annual basis, for £36 subscribers receive the monthly printed newspaper delivered through their door.
For details, please email editor.norcross@btconnect.com or call 01325 464008.

MASS INTENTIONS WEEK BEGINNING: 25th October 2020

Masses at St Mary's Church, Great Lime Road unless specified

Sat. 24th Oct	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 25th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	EL
Sun. 25th	11.00am	PF Anniversary
Mon. 26th	NO MASS	
Tues. 27th	10.00am	CM 90th Bday Thanksgiving
Tues. 27th (St. Aidan's)	6.30pm	
Wed. 28th	10.00am	NT
Thur. 29th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	
Fri. 30th	10.00am	C McM
Sat. 31st	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 1st Nov (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr. D K
Sun. 1st Nov.	11.00am	J P

BOOKING TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS

To join us at St Mary's - please book via www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk
To join us at St Aidan's - please book via bentonmass@gmail.com
Pre-booking is not required for weekday masses but please familiarise yourself with the requirements for joining us. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP? We need volunteers to help steward & clean our Churches after each Mass. Details on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk. Thank you.

Please pray for those who have died recently;

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

KEEP IN TOUCH

You can contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanhall1@gmail.com
Visit our websites for regular updates from Fr Hall and news from across the Partnership and Diocese. You can access weekly Mass and daily scripture readings via our websites and our Facebook page NE12Catholics.