

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 28th August 2022

Sat. 27th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 28th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 28th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Fr. Michael Marr
Mon. 29th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 30th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Alan Shingfield
Wed. 31st (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 1st Sept (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 2nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	John Bradford
Sat. 3rd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joyce Hemingway
Sun. 4th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 4th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	K.C Thomas

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 4th September 2022

"All human beings must be treated as brothers and sisters, equal before the Lord."

Second Reading: Paul and Philemon (Philemon 9-10. 12-17).

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick: Jim Humble, Anne Innes, Eimear O'Hogarty.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

David Chippenfield, Agnes Heffel, Charles Laing, Doreen Ritson, James Purcell, Charles Rydon, John Nicholson, Peggy Summers, Mary Heidi, Margaret Hazel, William Soffitt, Eileen Hiscock, Edith Sample, Marie Hunter, James Loughlin, Margaret Hodgson, Robert King, Patricia Harvey, Elizabeth Blackburn, Francis McNally, Francis Farnell, Thomas Oxley, Charles Holohan, John McDonald, John Sweeney, Matthew Lymon, Margaret King, Angela Dawson, Catherine Walker.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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Sunday 28th August 2022

The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Invitations (Luke 14:1. 7-14), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Two parables in today's Gospel about invitations to table. Both are from Luke's special material, without parallel in the other gospels. Jesus moves in a higher stratum of society than he does in Mark and Matthew, and often has in mind the implications of the Gospel in this context.

The first parable, however, like several of Luke's parables, seems to be developed from a little Old Testament proverb:

'Do not give yourself airs, do not take a place among the great; better to be invited, "Come up here," than to be humiliated' (Proverbs 25:6-7).

At first sight this seems a merely worldly precaution, a false humility engineered to gain attention. But for Luke a banquet is always an image of the heavenly banquet of the Lord. So the message is a moral one too: don't think yourself better than you are.

The message is also typical of Luke's open and straightforward approach. One is reminded of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-collector at prayer, where the latter prays only 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The second parable also is typical of Luke: it exemplifies his stress on the inherent danger of wealth, on the need to use wealth well, and on his concern for the poor and neglected in society. What is the message of these two parables? What does their message say to me about the way I lead my own life?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

St. Aidan's: Tuesday 6th September, 7pm - 8pm

St Mary's: Wednesday 7th September, 7pm - 8pm

Can all committee members please try to attend.

CONFESSION

The first and third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am

The second and fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

We will begin on Saturday 3rd September at St Aidan's.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 14th August

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £234.00 / Envelopes: £52.00 / Hall Hire: £32.00

Donation (Funeral): £162.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose plate: £151.60 / Envelopes: £126.00

Donations: £80.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £45.00 (Coping with Cancer)

w/c 21st August

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose plate: £144.00 / Envelopes: £87.00 / Hall Hire: £34.00

Donation: £70.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £145.00 / Envelopes: £111.00

Donations: £350.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £100.50

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

RED BOXES

It was not possible to collect boxes during the pandemic but we are now looking to get back on track as your donations are desperately needed in order to continue the Mission work.

If box holders could please empty and count monies in their boxes then bring to church and leave in Sacristy with a note to say how much was in their box it would be a great help. Thank you for your cooperation.

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:

HOLY ISLAND PILGRIMAGE - Sat 3rd Sept, 10.30am til 4.00pm

All are welcome to join CAFOD on pilgrimage to Holy Island as part of their Fix the Food System campaign. Meet at 10:30am at Purdy Lodge (café on the A1, Belford NE70 7JU) to travel in convoy to the Holy Island causeway.

For those not wishing to walk across the causeway, please drive straight across to Holy Island where we will meet later in the day.

The journey across the Holy Island causeway will begin at 11:00am.

Pilgrims will start the Seven Stations Journey stopping off along the way to complete each station. It is anticipated that this will take 2-3 hours.

The day will include Mass at St Mary's Church, with departures at 4:00pm.

You are welcome to bring a packed lunch for the day or to find a café on the island. Please contact Mark Maughan via mmaughan@cafod.org.uk

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The annual Christian celebration to listen & respond together to the cry of Creation begins on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. This year's global celebration is especially vital as the climate emergency and ecological crisis continue to wreak havoc on God's creation and the most vulnerable. The Christian community is uniting around the theme, "Listen to the Voice of Creation."

Videos & more information available via www.diocesehn.org.uk

THE DIOCESAN CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION (DCMA)

Invites you to attend a short workshop led by Alison McLean (Director of Music at St Cuthbert's, Durham) & Paul Berry (Director of Music at St Mary's, Hexham) on Sun 25th Sept, 3.00-5.00pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Durham, DH1 3HL. The workshop will explore new music for the communion procession. For more information about the workshop and to book your place, please visit the Diocesan website.

Advanced booking is essential, please book by Friday 16th Sept. www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/music-for-communion