

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 29th January 2023

Sat. 28th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Maureen Crawford
Sun. 29th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Frank Amis
Sun. 29th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 30th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 31st (St Mary's)	10.00am	Terry McCormack
Wed. 1st Feb (St Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs. 2nd (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 3rd (St Mary's) <i>school mass</i>	10.00am	Mary Urie
* Sat. 4th (St. Aidan's)	11 - 11.30am	Confession
Sat. 4th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Emmett & Tierney Families
Sun. 5th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Jean Sharp
Sun. 5th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Micheal Byrne

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th February 2023

"The power of the message and the promises of Christ."

Second Reading: The Secret of Paul's Success (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

God of hope, may we be an example to others so that the light of Jesus shines brightly in the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR

Those who are sick: Mary Jane Delbridge;

Those who have died recently, and all those within our Parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact us via parishsecretary@mail.com or 0191 268 4222

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Sunday 29th January 2023

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

In Matthew's Gospel these eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing.

The first and the last knit them all together with the phrase 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'.

In his Gospel, Luke also begins his Sermon on the Plain with four such blessings – only his blessings focus more on those who are materially poor and in need, whereas Matthew's concentrate on the spiritual attitudes required of the Christian, 'poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living it.

For each beatitude, do you know someone who exemplifies the attitude? Which is your own favourite? For most of them there are gospel incidents in which Jesus illustrates how to live out the beatitude, like the entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king, or the love he shows in his welcome to sinners, or his bringing peace to those tortured by disease or contempt, or his purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will, or finally his acceptance of persecution for what he knew to be right.

Which of these qualities would you like to have more of?

Which quality will bring you closest to Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

CENSUS FORMS: Please complete one form per household so we can update our parish records & support our parish community.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT ST AIDAN'S - Back Sunday 5th February.

ST AIDAN'S CRIB: If anyone is available to help move figures into storage, please stay after mass today. Thank you.

BOXES: Outside the church hall at St Aidan's. We would appreciate help in recycling them. Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

St Aidan's PPC met on Wed 18th January - minutes are available to view on www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com

The next meeting will take place on Wed 22nd March - all are most welcome to attend to learn more about the council and perhaps how to get involved.

St Mary's PPC met on Wed 25th January - minutes available to view via www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

CONFESSION - Saturday 4th February at St Aidan's.

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

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Alison Rebello will offer Eucharistic Adoration on the first Monday of the month from St Aidan's at 6pm, starting on Monday 6th February 2023. All are most welcome. Alison will be ordained as a Deacon this summer on the completion of his studies and we are delighted to have him as part of our Parish community.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Now also offered on alternate Tuesdays at St Mary's after 10am mass for those who may not wish to go out during darker evenings.

Thursday 2nd February, 7pm at St Aidan's (join also via zoom)

Tuesday 7th February, 1030am at St Mary's

Each session, we will reflect together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All are very welcome. More details on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

COLLECTIONS: w/c 22nd January

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £155.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £32.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £261.00 / Envelopes: £45.00 / Donations: £60.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £56.00

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

PILATES WITH STEF IN ST AIDAN'S CHURCH HALL * 1st Session Free! *

Join Stef for her new weekly class starting Thurs 9th February, 1.30pm - 2.15pm. All levels welcome for 45 minutes of strengthening, stretching and relaxation. £6.50 per session with mats available to borrow. Book via 07833 940501 / pilates.steff@gmail.com or walk-ins welcome.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT WITH SVP, BLACKFRIARS

Donations of warm clothing, non perishable food (no pork please) and toiletries are always needed. Items can be left in the foyer at St Aidan's and in the hall at St Mary's. Thank you for your care & support.

FOREST HALL LIBRARY

Lunch Club runs every fortnight and is a great opportunity to meet new people while enjoying a delicious pre-ordered hot meal. All are welcome. See flyers in the church hall or contact Paula on 0191 643 2085 for info.

FROM THE DIOCESE

CAFOD'S 'BIG LENT WALK'

Challenge yourself to take on The Big Lent Walk by coming together over the 40 days of Lent to help raise money to overcome poverty. Sign up and find out more via www.walk.cafod.org.uk

POVERTY ACTION SUNDAY

Church Action on Poverty Northeast are organising an event for Poverty Action Sunday at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields on Sun 19th Feb at 3pm. If you want to hear about the issues and also be part of the solution, contact Fr Chris Hughes on 0191 257 5801 or via northshields.stjoseph@rcdhn.org.uk

MINSTERACRES RETREAT PROGRAMME 2023

Centred on their Passionist Charisms of Prayer, Hospitality & the Environment, details are available via www.minsteracres.org