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MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 3rd December 2023

Sat. 2nd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Kath Purcell
Sun. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Edith Latimer
Sun. 3rd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Ann Murphy
* Mon. 4th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues. 5th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Brenda Sewell
Wed. 6th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Todhunter & Family
Thurs. 7th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	June Weatherstones
Thurs. 7th (St. Mary's)	1.30pm	St Mary's Primary School Mass
Fri. 8th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
* Sat. 9th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 9th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Hodgson & Treanor Families
Sun. 10th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 10th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Velia Rea

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 10th Dec - Second Sunday of Advent

"Our task... is to live holy lives in peace, and to wait in patience."

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of truth, help us to prepare for the coming of your Son and to share the message of your love with others. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick; Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Contact us via parishsecretary@mail.com / 0191 268 4222
Access weekend mass live via YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary
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Sunday 3rd December 2023:

The First Sunday of Advent

After listening to today's Gospel, The Watcher at the Door (Mark 13:33-37), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-
This brief parable of the master returning unexpectedly is typical of Jesus' vivid way of speaking. The message is typical, too, because Jesus was constantly stressing that there is no time to lose. When he came in his earthly ministry he again and again challenged his hearers to make up their minds NOW, to change their ways NOW. He challenges us to do the same. We can hear the rattle of the returning Master's key in the lock. There is no time to hide the contraband, to pull our uniforms straight before greeting the Master at his entry. Even if we do not think that the world's end is imminent, even if death is not threatening, every moment counts, every decision is for or against Jesus. Saints are rumoured to have said that, if they received the news that they were to die that night, they would carry on doing what they were doing anyway. Saints can do this, because they are ready for the coming of the Lord. But what about us?
If we need to put things a bit more in order to prepare for the Lord's coming, is there any valid reason to delay?
The four weeks of Advent are a good time to clean things up for the Lord's coming. What would you like to change about your life in preparation for the coming of the Lord?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

ADVENT ALMS: Donations made at our churches this Advent Season will support St Cuthbert's Care in Newcastle. Thank you for generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mon 4th December, 6pm at St Aidan's.

JUSTICE & PEACE: The last collection of donations from St Mary's will be 5th Dec. Please consider helping this Christmas. Tinned food & toiletries are always needed, hats, scarfs & gloves are gratefully received.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR: On Fri 8th December, 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the school hall. Christmas food & drink, external stalls and lots of fun games, crafts & challenges. All welcome.

CONFESSION: Saturday 9th December at St Mary's , 11am

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

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: Sunday 10th December, 2pm - 4pm

All parish children are invited to a Christmas Craft Session at St Mary's. Come and make decorations for our churches, colour Christmas cards and ice biscuits. Children must be accompanied by an adult with tea and mince pies available! Email parishsecretary@mail.com to attend.

ST AIDAN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Tickets now on sale with the draw taking place after Mass on Sun 17th December. Donations of prizes are gratefully received.

AFTERNOON TEA AT ST MARY'S COMP SCHOOL, BENTON PARK ROAD

Just. Is student group invites all parishioners to a Christmas Afternoon Tea on Thurs 21st Dec from 1:30 - 3:00pm, with tea, cakes and music. All ages are welcome. There is no cost but there will be a few stalls to raise funds for a local foodbank. Contact the school on 0191 2153260 / admin@st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 19th November 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £208.00 / Envelopes: £57.00

Hall Hire: £60.00 / Clergy Training Fund: £320.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £252.86 / Envelopes: £58.00

Donations: £100.00 / Friday Coffee: £101.00 (Mary's Meals)

w/c 26th November 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £228.00 / Envelopes: £47.00 / Candles: £41.00

Piety: £40.00 / Hall Hire: £62.00 / Northern Cross: £12.00

Catholic Youth: £110.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £263.47 / Envelopes: £76.00

Catholic Youth: £70.43 / Friday Coffee: £80.00 (Mary's Meals)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

** A polite request... Please check change when placing in our baskets. We have been collecting a significant amount of foreign coins recently which unfortunately the Post Office won't accept! Thank you.*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Please note, no booking required.

This year the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve.

Mass will take place at the usual Sunday times:-

9.15am at St Aidan's and 11.00am at St Mary's.

Christmas Vigil Mass (24th December)

4.30pm at St Mary's (with carols 30 mins before Mass)

6.30pm at St Aidan's (with carols 15 mins before Mass)

Christmas Day (25th December) - 10am at St Mary's.

Boxing Day (26th December) - 10am at St Mary's.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: The Diocese has produced a booklet of Advent Reflections to help foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures and a renewed sense of belonging as we prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. The reflections have been written by a variety of people and are available to view on the diocesan website www.diocesehn.org.uk The booklet will also be posted on our Parish Facebook page NE12Catholic this weekend.