

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 3rd September 2023

Sat. 2nd (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Steve Brattle
Sun. 3rd (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 3rd (St Mary's)	11.00am	Michael Kelly
* Mon. 4th (St Aidan's)	6.00pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tues. 5th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Andrew Clyde
Wed. 6th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 7th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 8th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Sheila Spong
* Sat. 9th (St Mary's)	11.00am	<i>Confession</i>
Sat. 9th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Patricia Otway
Sun. 10th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Ellen Devlin
Sun. 10th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Samuel Cardozo

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes at the entrances to our churches.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

10th September - The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The only debt I owe to anyone is love."

Second Reading: The Debt of Mutual Love (Romans 13:8-10).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Christ Jesus, be with us now as we gather together in your name. Guide us in all that we say and all that we do, as we try to follow you. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our prayers for help, guidance & support. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Sunday 3rd September 2023:

The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Cross of Jesus (Matthew 16:21-27), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

What a turn-around!

Last Sunday Peter was being congratulated on at last realising that Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why the change?

Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose, and Peter shied away from it.

What is that particular soft option which you find it so easy to take?

What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you, and you are avoiding?

We are no better than his first disciples!

It happens twice more in the gospel that Jesus foretells his passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word.

Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don't mind, I'll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck!

What is the heaviest Cross in your life?

How can you share it with Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Lo! A ripe sheaf of many golden days
Gleaned by the year in autumn's harvest ways,
With here and there, blood-tinted as an ember,
Some crimson poppy of a late delight
Atoning in its splendour for the flight
Of summer blooms and joys
This is September!

Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874—1942)

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Meeting after Mass today (Sunday)
to plan a rota for the forthcoming term.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Mon 4th September.

At St Aidan's with Deacon Alison Rebello from 6pm until 7pm.
All are very welcome.

CONFESSION: Saturday 9th September at St Mary'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

ST AIDAN'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wed 13th Sept, 7pm
Those who expressed an interest in joining the council are most welcome
to join us in the hall for a friendly hour long meeting.
Minutes are available on www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com

ST MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wed 20th Sept, 7pm
Issues for council's attention can be left in the box next to bookcase in hall.
Previous minutes can be viewed via www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & PRODUCE SALE: Sunday 24th September
Taking place in the hall after 9.15am Mass, please remember cash and
boxes to carry home your purchases.
Homemade bakes will also be available to buy, with donations brought in
on the day most welcome. Proceeds to Justice & Peace fundraising efforts.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: Sat 21st October

A parish social gathering in St Mary's Church Hall straight after 530pm vigil.
Details to follow shortly.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 20th August 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £294.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £54.00
ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £260.10 / Envelopes: £42.00 / Donation: £112.00
Friday Coffee Morning: £49.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)
w/c 27th August 2023

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £187.50 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £46.00
Candles: £33.00 / Northern Cross: £13.50 / Piety: £13.50
Sunday Coffee Morning: £140.00 (North East Food Bank)
ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £251.65 / Envelopes: £65.00
Friday Coffee Morning: £65.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)
Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED: There is a continuing need for food to help
refugees in our area. Donations can be left at both churches.
Non-perishable food is always in demand. Thank you for your support.

FROM THE DIOCESE

ROSARY RALLY: Saturday 7th October

The day will start with First Saturday Mass & devotions at 11.00am at
St Joseph's, High West Street, Gateshead (near Gateshead Metro Station),
then the Marian procession will start with a statue of Our Lady from the
church at 12.30pm, walking over the Tyne Bridge before assembling in
Northumberland Street to pray the Rosary starting at 1.15pm.
All are welcome and anyone can join at any stage of the event.

VACANCIES: Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or 0191 243 3301
Deputy Director of Education (Inspection) – Full-time, term-time.
Closing date: 18 September
Senior Administrator – Full-time, permanent. Closing date: 11 September
Vicariate for Faith & Mission – Administrator – full or part-time, maternity
cover. Closing date: 4 September
All roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle upon Tyne.