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Diocesan News

Collection for Bishop Séamus - Please be advised that our Finance Department are preparing for a collection to take place in parishes to mark Bishop Seamus' retirement. Collection envelopes are available as you leave Church; please place them in the offertory baskets. The collection is likely to remain open until early/mid-March.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Father Cornelius Horan**, born who died on Sunday 24th February 2019; he was 88 years of age. Fr Cornelius served the diocese from 1953 until 1994 after which he retired to Ireland.

Services for Bishop Robert's Installation (all held at St Mary's Cathedral)

Sunday 24th March - 4.30 pm Solemn Vespers Everybody in the Diocese is invited to attend.

Monday 25th March - 12 noon Episcopal Installation Mass Entry by invitation only, you will not be permitted without a ticket.

Tuesday 26th March - 2.00 pm Diocesan Schools Event Diocesan schools will welcome Bishop Robert.

Vacancy:-

Cleaner, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – 20 hours per week, 12 month fixed term contract. Closing date: 4th March.

For further information and details of how to apply please visit our website www.rcdhn.org.uk or contact us 0191 243 3301, email human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Partnership News

Theme for the week - Monday 4th March, Week A
Lent Week 1 Pray, Fast, Give “Your Father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.” (Matthew 6:4)

Lent – starts on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. Masses that day will be:
St Aidan's – 10-00 am.
St Teresa's – 6-30 pm.

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence or another act of self-denial is obligatory on this day.

Liturgy of Mercy - There will be a Liturgy of Mercy for our Partnership at St Teresa's Church, Heaton Road Heaton NE6 5HN on Sunday 17th March 2019 at 4.00 pm. Priests will be available for confession. Prayer Stations will be displayed and there will be light refreshments afterwards. The music is being specially prepared for us by Voices of Hope. Everyone is welcome. There will be no other Lenten service in any JSM parish that afternoon.

S.V.P. Raffle – the England and Wales SVP are holding their annual raffle. Tickets costing £1 are available at the back of church. Please support them in their work.

Diocesan Newsletter - a copy of the monthly newsletter is on the noticeboard at the back of church and on the website.

Partnership Walking Pilgrimage Saturday 30th March 2019 Our pilgrimage will begin at Holy Name Church and visit each partnership parish. You may take part in the whole day or join and leave at any point. See notice board for further details.

St. Aidan's

Coach Lane, Benton, NE12 8AD

www.staidansbenton.yolasite.com

Please pray for **Nicolas Ioan Dumea** son of Marcelin and Cecilia. He will be joining our faith community in Baptism after 11-00 am Mass this week.

Liturgy of Mercy At the back of church there is a sheet of paper for you to indicate if you hope to attend the Liturgy of Mercy at St Teresa's at 4.00pm on March 17. This is to help with refreshment planning. No names are needed.

God's Gift of Love & Mercy Prayer & Discussion Groups during Lent will be on Tuesday evenings after 6.30 pm Mass & Thursday mornings after 10.00 am Mass and refreshments. Beginning 12th & 14th March on Gratitude. All are welcome

Churches Together Lent Course 2019, The Mystery of God, will be on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 7.00 pm in St Andrew's Church, Benton (Beginning Wednesday 13th March)

Children's liturgy – Our liturgy group will not be on this week. The regulations require us to have a certain number of helpers (with DBS checks) depending on the number of children attending. It would be great to have a team of people so that we can continue to run it every week. If anyone else is interested in helping with our liturgy group please see Bernie Lamb or Andrea Willson.

Welcome to our First Holy Communion children who will be helping in our Mass again this morning. This week they have been learning about prayer and understanding that prayer is talking to God and listening to God. Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for their special day on 11th May.

Sugar Please continue to bring in small bags of sugar for distribution to asylum seekers and the needy.

Please Pray for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners:

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus
Heaton Road, Heaton, NE6 5HN
office@stteresasheaton.org.uk / www.stteresasheaton.org.uk

Please pray for **Harry Hugh Clarkson** son of Todd and Lisa. He will be joining our faith community in Baptism after 11:00 am Mass this week.

Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February – 10th March - For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid. This year the focus is on the people – in particular the women – who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much. We are supporting this through our usual Fairtrade stall on Sunday 3rd March and a Fairtrade Coffee morning on 10th March.

Stations of the Cross - will start on Sunday 10th March at 4pm. If you would like to help with Stations of the Cross - perhaps in other languages - please see Tony, or one of the Welcomers.

International Mass - will be celebrated on Sunday 31st March. If you are happy to read a bidding prayer in another language or be involved in any other way - please see Sarah or one of the Welcomers.

Please keep our sick and elderly parishioners in your prayers this week.

Anyone who would like a home visit, or Communion, please inform the parish office.

Tuesday Ladies – will meet in the Parish room at 2:00 pm on 5th March for coffee and Bingo

Did you know ... St. Teresa's is cleaned by a small (and ageing) group of parishioners? If you could leave where you sit clean and tidy it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Heaton Festival: our first all church meeting will be held on Monday 4th March at 7:30pm at Heaton Baptist church; if you are interested in being part of the festival as a volunteer or plan-ner or supporter come along and find out more.

Children's Liturgy - will be on today in the presbytery with Monica and Ilaria.

Prayers etc.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel!"

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians and the excommunicated are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

It is not required that a person wears the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.

In some cases, ashes may be delivered by a priest or a family member to those who are sick or shut-in.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Why we receive the ashes - Following the example of the Nine-vites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes.

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

Ministries

St. Aidan's Eucharistic Ministers and Readers				
Date	Host	Chalice	Chalice	Reader
3 March	Pat S	Andrea W	Anne S	HC Children
10 March	Minnie B	Alison R	Frank G	Joby R
Dene Park Rest Home Sunday Visitor				
3 March		Terry L		
17 March		Alison R		
31 March		Terry L		

St. Teresa's Ministers				
Date	Eucharist	Reader	Prayers	Welcomer
3 rd March	Jean P Janet W Mick McN	Sarah B	Ingoe Fam.	Margaret B
10 th March	Michael P Pauline P Sheila H	Youth	Dave H	Beverley PG

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Charity Quiz – This month's quiz will take place in the Club on Thursday 7th March at 8-00 pm. This month's good cause is Fair Trade Fortnight, supporting the work shown earlier. Please come along and join in the fun.

Many Thanks – for your generous offertories during the month of February they totalled £1709.00 of which £949.50p was Gift aided.

Services This Week

Day & Date	Feast	St. Aidan's	St. Teresa's
Sunday 3 rd March	8 th Sunday of Year C	9:15 am Mass	11:00 am Mass Deceased of the La- dies Tuesday Group
Monday 4 th March	St Casimir	No Service	10-00 am CW&C
Tuesday 5 th March		6-30 pm Mass Holy Souls	No Service
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday	10-00 am Mass	6-30 pm Mass
Thursday 7 th March	SS Perpetua & Felicity	10-00 am Mass Holy Souls	No Service
Friday 8 th March	St John of God	10-00 am CW&C	10-00am Mass Holy Souls
Sunday 10 th March	1 st Sunday of Lent (C)	9:15 am Mass	11:00 am Mass

CW&C – Celebration of the Word and Communion

* **Confessions** - St Aidan's Tuesday 6-00 pm;
 - St Teresa's Wednesday 6-00 pm

* **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**
 - St Aidan's Tuesday 6-00 pm
 - St Teresa's Wednesday 6-00 pm

