

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 4th June 2023

Sat. 3rd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 4th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Joyce Devlin
Sun. 4th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson
Mon. 5th	*** NO MASS ***	
* Mon 5th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues. 6th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Gerard Hargreaves
Wed. 7th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs. 8th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 9th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Cardoza Family intentions
* Sat. 10th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
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Sun. 11th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Charles Bews
Sun. 11th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 11th June 2023 - The Body and Blood of Christ

"..the Eucharist must be the symbol and expression of unity."

Second Reading: The One Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Christ Jesus, Bread of Life, feed us with your love and wisdom and move us to help one another, so that all people may have enough to eat.
Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick. Those who have died recently.
And all those within 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.
Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk
St. Mary's Catholic Comprehensive School www.stmarysnewcastle.co.uk

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Sunday 4th June 2023: The Most Holy Trinity

After listening to today's Gospel, God so Loved the World (John 3:16-18), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit.

A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is theirs. The parent's only interest is the advancement of the child. The child's only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other.

Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. We are familiar with St Patrick's clover-leaf image of the Trinity. Are there any other images of the Trinity which you find helpful? How are Father, Son and Spirit presented in this Gospel passage? How does the Holy Spirit bring us close to the Father? How can we respond to God's love for us?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ST AIDAN'S HOLY COMMUNION - Sunday 4th June

Congratulations to our children making their First Holy Communion today during mass: Catherine, Isobel, Maddison, Lucy, Arianna, Laura and Petra.
"May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of his love & the joy of his life within you."

ST AIDAN'S PLANT SALES: Thank you again for your generosity at our recent plant sales. We collected £299.66 in the hall for our Justice & Peace charities and an additional £100 was raised the following week for local food banks.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 5th June, 6 - 7pm

First Monday of the month at St Aidan's, led by Alison Rebello. All welcome.

BISHOP BEWICK CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRUST - ART EXHIBITION

Themed 'Stronger Together', children from across the Trust have submitted their work to an exhibition at Newcastle's Discovery Museum. Families are invited to visit on Saturday 10th June 11.00am until 4.00pm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: (Minutes on our websites)

St Aidan's - Wed 14th June at 7pm // St Mary's - Wed 28th June at 7pm
Parishioners interested in joining our parish councils are very welcome.

CONFESSION: Saturday 10th June 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

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: (see www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

Thurs 8th June, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom)
Tues 13th June, 10.30am at St Mary's.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 28th May

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £215.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £59.00
Piety: £35.00 / Candles: £32.00 / Northern Cross: £12.00
ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £208.00 / Envelopes: £63.00 / Donations: £190.00
Fri Coffee: £43.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)
Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

DIOCESAN LEVY 2023/2024

Each year the costs for Diocesan Central Services are prepared. These services include Episcopal Office and work across Faith & Mission, Education, Safeguarding, Chaplaincies to name just a few. The total cost has remained static from the prior year. Approximately 20% of these costs are levied from all parishes within the diocese. Individual parish levy is apportioned on the basis of affordability calculated on 'recurring income'. Last year, the Levy was discounted by 35% in recognition of the difficult economic climate and this year's Levy is discounted by 10% again as we slowly start to see a return to normality following the pandemic.

For your information, our parish levies are:

St Aidan's: £4,698.98 // St Mary's: £6,774.99

DIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICE: St Mary's Church, Hexham

Sun 11th June at 3pm with all from across the diocese welcome to attend & enjoy refreshments afterwards. Live-stream via www.stmaryshexham.org.uk

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Book now via www.diocesehn.org.uk

Sat 15th July at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington.
Do consider attending if you can, more detail from Fr Hall.

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham & Ncle is looking to appoint to the following roles:
St Augustine, Darlington – Administrator, 26 hours a week.
St Paul, Cramlington – Finance Assistant, 5 hours per week.
The closing date for applications is 18 June.
Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 0191 243 3301.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)

A part time salaried role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working to support the Central Council in member recruitment & development.
The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the Diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential. Closing date for applications is Sunday 25th June 2023.
For info & details how to apply, contact Lance Philpott via lancep@svp.org.uk