

*We ask that you continue to wear a face mask while in our Churches.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING:** 5th June 2022

Sat. 4th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 5th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 5th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond O'Dowd
Mon. 6th	*** NO MASS	***
Tues. 7th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Thanksgiving
Wed. 8th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 9th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 10th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	World Peace
Sat. 11th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 12th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 12th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Liam McDermott

**PREPARATION FOR FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY (12TH JUNE)**

"Human language is so totally inadequate to express truths about God."

Second Reading: The Three Persons at Work

(Romans 5:1-5)

**WE ASK YOU PRAY FOR:**

Those who are sick & all those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

John Hemmings, George Wilkes, Martin McCardle, Evelyn Harris,  
Olive Rowe, William Wood, Mary Crombie, Brian Fairlamb,  
George Burn, Sarah Hornsby, Winnie Caveney, Walter Pritchard,  
Doreen Grimes, James Campbell, David Milligan, Maud Connor,  
Thomas Cuthbert, Ann Crawley, John Keenan, Veronica Osborne,  
Catherine Taylor, Sarah Craney, William Murray, John Ramsey,  
Zac Gibson, Agnes Lowther, Margaret Kennedy, Kenneth Anderson,  
Nancy Sanderson, George Harwood, Richard Williams Lucy Mckenna,  
Kathleen Veitch.

**KEEP IN TOUCH**

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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**Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:**

**St. Mary's & St. Aidan's R.C Churches**

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**Sunday 5th June 2022**

**Pentecost Sunday**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Paraclete (John 14:15-16. 23-26), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

In Jesus' final speech to his disciples after the Last Supper he is preparing them for life after the Resurrection. He several times mentions a mysterious figure called the 'Paraclete'. 'Paraclete' is Greek for 'advocate', that is someone who is called to your side to help, to guide you through a tricky patch.

In Hebrew teaching about the Last Judgement there would be an Accuser and an Advocate on either side. In the gospel, Jesus asks the Father to send this Advocate to his followers to be his own presence when Jesus is no longer there and to guide the Church into all truth. That is the inspiring situation which Jesus speaks of: the Church and every one of her members will continue through the power of the Spirit to grow in understanding of the mysteries of God, as a people over the centuries and as individuals over the years of life.

Before the Spirit was given, even the disciples who had been with Jesus throughout his ministry failed to understand his real significance, and certainly lacked courage to proclaim it. The coming of the Paraclete was the booster-rocket which set off the Church on its course and keeps it on course. Now it is the duty and privilege of each of the members of the Church to fulfil the prophetic office of the Church, understanding more deeply and declaring more clearly the truth about Christ in the world. What does the Holy Spirit teach? What difference does the Spirit's presence and teaching make in our lives?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:**

### **COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEES**

Wednesday 8th June meeting at St Aidan's at 7pm.

Wednesday 15th June meeting at St Mary's at 7pm.

### **ST AIDAN'S SPRING PLANT SALE**

St Aidan's Spring Sale raised £300.00 for the Newcastle foodbanks.

Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

### **FR. PATRICK KENNEDY - DIAMOND JUBILEE**

All parishioners of previous parishes of Fr Patrick Kennedy are invited to join him for a Celebration of his Ordination, at Mass on Thursday 16th June 10.00am at St Gregory's Church, South Shields NE34 6NR. Everyone is also welcome to join him for refreshments in the Church Hall after Mass.

### **FOUNDATION GOVERNORS AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

St Mary's Primary School has two vacancies for foundation governors on the Local Governing Committee. If you are interested or would like more information about the role, please contact Siobhan Foster (Head) via email: [office@stmarysfh.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysfh.org.uk) or telephone: 0191 8142006.

### **FUNDRAISING LOTTERY**

The PTFA at St Mary's Primary School has launched an online lottery and are inviting the local community to take part. Tickets cost just £1 with a guaranteed weekly local winner and the chance to win a national jackpot. Visit [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search 'Friends of St Mary's' Thank you for your support and good luck!

### **COLLECTIONS: W/C 29th May**

ST. AIDAN'S.

Loose plate: £233.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £30.00

ST. MARY'S.

Loose Plate: £204.10 / Envelopes: £113.00

Donations: £66.60 / Friday Coffee Morning: £55.00 (Ukraine)

*Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.*

### **PARISH REFUGE PROJECT**

Your ongoing support is much appreciated - toiletries, warm clothing & kitchen equipment needed. Donations can be left at St Mary's.

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:**

### **BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE ON JUBILEE OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN**

"We pray this weekend for the Queen and thank her for her long and faithful service to us all." Read full reflection on [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

### **EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2022**

Sunday 19th June on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi at Ushaw House, Durham DH7 9RH. 3 pm – 4.30 pm. Free entry into Ushaw from 2.30 pm. There is no charge for this event. Donations to the Diocese are welcome. Early booking required via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

### **CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY** *(starting in September 2022)*

The Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is an online, two-year learning experience created with the busy person in mind. It will take you on a journey of discovery about key aspects of the Catholic faith while helping you to reflect upon your own ministry and the ministry of others. To find out more join us online for one of our information evenings: Tuesday 14th June or Wednesday 22nd June from 7:30pm - 9:00pm. To register your interest for one of the information evenings, or for further information please email [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

### **ANNIVERSARY PRAYER VIGIL AT DERWENTSIDE IRC**

A monthly prayer vigil has been held outside the barrier to Derwentside Immigration Removal Centre for the last year. The purpose is to pray for the women who are detained there, to stand in solidarity with them. The first anniversary vigil takes place on Pentecost Sunday at 3.00pm. If you are unable to join in person, please join in prayer from home. Future dates planned are Sundays 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September. The postcode for the Centre on Corbridge Road, Medomsley is DH8 6QY. All vigils will start at 3.00pm. More information via [lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com](mailto:lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com)