

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 8th October 2023**

Sat. 7th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 8th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun. 8th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	George Candlish
Mon. 9th	<b>** NO MASS **</b>	
* Tues. 10th (St. Mary's)	1pm	Requiem Mass John Burns
Wed. 11th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Candlish
Thurs. 12th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Mr O Joseph & Mrs Aliyamma Joseph
Fri. 13th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
<i>(St Mary's Primary School Mass)</i>		
Sat. 14th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Geoffrey Brattle
Sun. 15th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	George Candlish
Sun. 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

**For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.**

### **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:**

15th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The limitless power and majesty of God."*

Second Reading: Ready for Anything – with the Help of God  
(Philippians 4:12-14).

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** God of welcome, you invite us to follow in your ways and enter into your kingdom. May we answer your call. 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.

### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Contact us via [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

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

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### **Sunday 8th September 2023:**

#### **The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, True Justice (Matthew 21:33-43), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-  
Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him violent opposition from some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Anyway, Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that the religious authorities were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah had used this image in a well-known poem eight centuries earlier to show that the vineyard of Israel refused to yield a good harvest to God, whatever care God lavished on it. God expected fairness of judgment from the people and all he found was a shriek of agony (the same word is used in Hebrew for 'fair-judgment' and for 'shriek' apart from one letter).  
What does this mean for us? Not that we have to follow every new idea. But it does mean that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty, that people we find tiresome or unacceptable may have more good in them than we credited. God's ways are not our ways. Life may not be mapped out how we think, so we need to watch out for the bend in the road. What is God asking of you?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** There are special collections in our Churches this weekend to support CAFOD's Family Fast Day.

Visit [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) to see how your donation helps those in need.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** St Mary's parishioner Sue F was in hospital last week undergoing a hip replacement. All went very well and she sends her sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers and best wishes.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:** St Aidan's Autumn Plant & Produce Sale raised an incredible £282.80. Thank you all for joining us. The money will support St Aidan's Justice & Peace work.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY:** St Aidan's Swarland Avenue Plant Sale raised £92.00. The money will be donated to Newcastle Food Banks. Thank you to everyone, especially our unswerving fundraisers!

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 14th October 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

**SATURDAY 21ST OCT: "A Musical Evening - Thank You & Farewell"**  
Join us in St Mary's Church Hall after vigil mass to wish Peter & Trisha T the very best of luck in their new adventures.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** Preparation for children at St Stephen's and St Mary's Primary Schools will begin shortly. If you have a child at another school in Yr 4 or above & ready to make their First Holy Communion please speak to Fr Hall or email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

**SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED:** There is a continuing need for tinned and packet food and personal toiletries to help refugees in our area. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

## **COLLECTIONS: w/c 24th September 2023**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £208.50/ Envelopes: £45.00 / Piety: £15.00  
Hall Hire: £122.00 / Northern Cross: £10.50 / Candles: £39.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £272.82 / Envelopes: £28.00  
Donation: £90.00 / Friday Coffee: £83.00 (NE Refugees & Asylum Seekers)  
**w/c 1st October 2023**

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £159.00 / Envelopes: £65.00 / Hall Hire: £46.00  
ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £206.80 / Envelopes: £18.00  
Donations: £30.00 / Friday Coffee: £69.00 (NE Refugees & Asylum Seekers)  
*Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.*

## **FROM THE DIOCESE**

**VACANCIES:** ([www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) // 0191 243 3301 for full details)  
Administrator, Dept for Education, Diocesan Offices, Ncle  
Full-time / Permanent Contract. Closing date: 10th October  
Cleaner, St Charles, Gosforth – part-time. Closing date: 11th October

## **FIRST STEPS - EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE**

First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. The course begins on Wed 11th October at 7pm for 7 weeks and delivered via Zoom. See [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for info.

**RCIA 2023:** Those who wish to be received into the Catholic Church can complete a 12-week evening course called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) which starts on 31st October 2023 - Please contact Fr Hall if you are interested in attending or email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

## **APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION OF POPE FRANCIS**

On Wednesday 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum*. It gives an assessment of the climate crisis and urges a change in international politics. *Laudate Deum* stresses the truth that climate change is human induced and addresses those who deny this. It calls on people of all religions to respond by taking care of creation and living simpler lives. Read more via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)