

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 8th September 2024

Sat 7th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Tony Ward
Sun 8th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	George Todhunter and family
Sun 8th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Jonathan Holt
* Mon 9th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 10th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Gillian Jones
Wed 11th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs 12th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 13th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Kevin Galligan
* Sat. 14th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 14th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Gillian Jones
Sun 15th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Ellen Devlin
Sun 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
* Sun 15th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

"O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen."

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 15th Sept - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carry on God's work of divine generosity and forgiveness.

2nd Reading (James 2:14-18)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: *God of love, open our ears to hear your word, and open our hearts that we may always speak up for what is right.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts and prayers. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH: Contact us parishsecretary@mail.com / 0191 268 4222

Access weekend mass live via YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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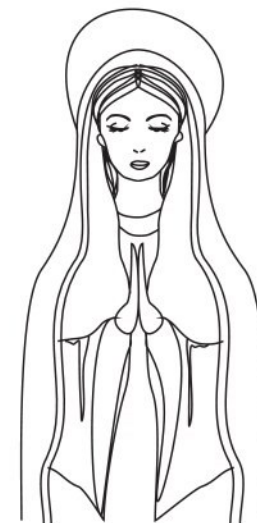
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Sunday 8th September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Cures A Deaf Man (Mark 7:31-37), consider this reflection.

This Sunday's first reading prepares us to understand the true meaning of this incident, for in his wonderful cures Jesus is fulfilling that prophecy of Isaiah. Jesus' activity, as he goes around 'doing all things well', manifests the coming of God into the world, that Day of the Lord when the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. Jesus is the sacrament of God. In him God is active in the world, bringing peace, healing and joy.

In him people met and experienced God. His gestures (of putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle) are affectionate ways of showing that God is physically at work in him. In a modern hygiene-conscious world such actions might be frowned upon. But if we are truly acting as the members of Christ's body in the world, we cannot hold back, and from time to time we will be involved physically and totally in helping others.

One such famous, courageous gesture was Princess Diana's handshake with an AIDS-sufferer when it was still thought that the condition was physically contagious. We too can bring Christ's healing in countless simple (but often costly and courageous) ways.

What do we learn about God from the gestures and words of Jesus in today's Gospel?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: 8th September 2024

“On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities. Placing all our trust in God’s grace, we pray that Catholic education will continue to make Christ known across our lands, supporting parents in the religious formation of their children, integrating faith with culture and being of service to our society. Let us give thanks for all the ways in which Christ our Lord and Teacher has been present with us and invite Him to be with us throughout the coming year.” **Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds Chairman of Catholic Education Service**

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS: Asda Cashpot for Schools

Between 2nd September and 30th November every time you shop with Asda using your Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen school and they will donate £1 every time someone signs up. Both St Mary’s Primary (NE12 7AB) and St Stephen’s (NE12 8FA) are taking part and can be selected on the app using their postcodes. Please take a look if you shop at Asda and thank you for your support.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Autumn 2024

St Aidan’s - Wednesday 11th September at 7pm

St Mary’s - Wednesday 18th September at 7pm

New members are always welcome. Agenda items can be left in offertory baskets or emailed to parishsecretary@mail.com

CONFESSION: Saturday 14th September, 11am at St Mary’s.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Sunday 15th September, 6pm at St. Aidan's.

This is part of the nationwide call to organise Eucharistic Adoration across all parishes in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025 announced by Pope Francis. The objective of this Adoration is to fruitfully unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist with a renewed and deepened devotion. All are very welcome.

GOOD LUCK! St Aidan’s Matthew Kingston is taking part in the Junior Great North Run today (Sunday) to help fundraise for Heel and Toe. If you are able to sponsor him, please visit his page or see basket in St Aidan’s entrance. www.ajbellgreatnorthrun2024.enthuse.com/pf/anna-kingston

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER: St Mary’s Church Hall

The Cardozo family warmly invite everyone to join them in the hall after mass this morning for drinks and food to remember the wonderful (and always smiling) Samuel who would have turned 12 on Monday.

COLLECTIONS: 1st September 2024

St Aidan’s - Loose Plate: £241.00 / Envelopes: £81.00 / Hall Hire: £48.00

St Mary’s - Loose Plate: £342.95 / Envelopes: £22.00 / Funeral: £240.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £90.50 (People’s Kitchen)

For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email parishsecretary@mail.com

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2024/25: If you know of a child (starting year 4) who does not attend St Mary’s or St Stephen’s primary school but would like to be included in this year’s preparation classes please speak to Fr Hall or preferably email parishsecretary@mail.com as soon as possible.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE: welcomes all to a talk by Fr Dermot Preston SJ titled “Heart speaks to Heart: the Life and Significance of St John Henry Newman.” The meeting is at the Holy Name on Wed 11th Sept at 7.30pm

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: 8th September

Only Christ, St John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary have feasts commemorating their births, because only they were holy from the start. They were sanctified by God in the womb, not made holy through grace and long trial during their earthly lives. Nowhere in Scripture is the place and date of birth of the Virgin Mary recorded. Nor are the names of her parents found in Scripture, although tradition tells us they were Joachim and Anne. Mary lived a largely hidden life, and her theological & historical significance remained somewhat veiled until the Council of Ephesus in 431 formally declared her the Mother of God. Since that definition, every aspect of her life has become the source of a rich spiritual and theological heritage. While there are no written sources stating when exactly Mary was born, the date of her nativity was decided in comparison to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The latter is celebrated on the 8th December making the two feasts exactly 9 months apart.