

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 17th November 2024

Sat 16th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Colin Bradford
Sun 17th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth & Thomas Lamming & Geoffrey Porthouse
Sun 17th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	D'cd members of Maher Family
* Mon 18th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 19th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Keith Nesbitt
Wed 20th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Gloria Underwood
Thurs 21st (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Bob Townsin
Fri 22nd (St Mary's)	10.00am	Frank Murphy
(St Mary's Primary school mass)		
* Sat 23rd (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 23rd (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph Bradford
Sun 24th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Priest's Intention
Sun 24th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Jun Lazaro

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music.." Psalm 98:4*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

25th November - Christ the King

"He is the beginning and end of all things." 2nd Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Christ Jesus, we know that one day you will come again. Help us to be ready when the time comes. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who have died recently: Bob Townsin; John McDonnell

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

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Contact us via NE12Catholic@dioceses.org.uk or 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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Sunday 17th November 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Coming of the Son of Man (Mark 13:24-32), consider this reflection.

Jesus saw his mission to be the establishment of the sovereignty of God, the kingship and rule of God over the world, including over our rebellious human hearts. Using the language and imagery of his time, he described this 'earth-shaking' event in terms of cosmic disturbances. The coming of God, the Day of the Lord, would constitute the end of the world as we know it. As Christians we must acknowledge that the death and resurrection of Christ utterly changed the world for ever; it was the Day of the Lord. And yet the world still continues, and we have still to prepare for a future Day of the Lord, when we will come into that awesome presence.

That meeting is pictured in terms of collapse and upheaval, our world turned upside down. At death all our familiar realities cease, even the ticking of the clock; at death, time ceases to have meaning. We do not know, and have no need to know, when or how this will occur. For all, it will come; everyone will meet the Lord, but will we meet Him all together or individually? The Son of Man will gather his own, in great power and glory. What does this reading have to teach us about the coming of the Son of Man? Is it something we should be afraid of? How do we best prepare for that Day?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

THANK YOU: To those who joined us at St Mary's Comprehensive and participated in the partnership's Day of Reflection. Notes to follow.

CONFESSION: Saturday 23rd November, 11am at St Mary's.

RISE UP – 16 DAYS OF ACTION AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

St Bartholomew's Mothers' Union invite you to join them in raising awareness of gender violence. On Sat 23rd November they will meet at St. Bartholomew's Church at 10.45 am and walk to Forest Hall shops to gather for a 3 minute silence at 11am. They are asking people to wear something purple to show their support.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: All parishioners are welcome to attend St Aidan's - Tues 26th Nov / St Mary's - Wed 27th November, both 7pm Minutes are available on our websites with hard copies in the hall. Agenda items can be left in offertory baskets or emailed to the secretary.

LOCAL TRAINING FOR OUR READERS: Thursday 28th November, 6.30pm. Deacon Alison Rebello is holding a training session for those who proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday or Weekday Mass ahead of the adoption of the new lectionary on First Sunday of Advent. Readers of all experience, from both parishes are welcome at St Aidan's hall for the friendly discussion.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT: Thanks for your continued support which is essential & much appreciated. Please note the last day donations will be collected from our churches before Christmas is Fri 13th December.

COLLECTIONS: 10th November 2024

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £239.00 / Envelopes: £64.00 / Hall hire: £37.00
Piety: £35.00 / Sunday Coffee Morning: £100.00 (Heart NE)
St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £318.72 / Envelopes: £35.00 / Donations: £80.00
Clergy Training Fund: £37.00 / Fri Coffee Morning: £66.00 (People's Kitchen)
For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES: a new way to get in touch
Please use NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk for any parish enquiries.
To contact Fr Hall privately, please use sean.hall@diocesehn.org.uk
The telephone number remains the same: - 0191 268 4222.

ST MARY'S READER LISTS 2025: Both Saturday vigil and Sunday morning reader lists are available for collection from tables at both entrances to the church. Thank you to Veronica for compiling.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

YOUTH SUNDAY - a message from YMT

"As we near Youth Sunday on the Feast of Christ the King on 24th November, we invite you to celebrate and encourage young people in our Diocese. World Youth Sunday resources are now available, including a registration link for CYMFed's World Youth Funday, a free, interactive livestream event on Friday 22nd November. Follow YMT and visit the CYMFed website for more details."

INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL: 1st December

A monthly prayer vigil has been held outside the barrier to the 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 and to witness by our presence that their detention is inhumane, unjust and incompatible with our faith, which calls us to recognise the unique dignity of each person. If you are unable to join in person, please join in prayer from home at 3.00pm. Email lizarchibald.justiceandpeace@gmail.com

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sat 7th December, 7pm
Come and hear the Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers present 'The Sounds of Christmas' at St Joseph's Care Home, Westmorland Road. Tickets are £8.00 (interval drink included), available via 0191 273 1279.

WOMEN'S ADVENT RETREAT 2024 - LIGHT & LOVE

This retreat intends to gather women for spiritual refreshment at a time when they are often their busiest. It will offer an oasis of calm in the season of preparation, with a combination of input, practical workshops, times of prayer and fellowship.

Venue: Shepherd's Dene Retreat House, Riding Mill, NE44 6AF.

Dates: Friday 13 December – Saturday 14 December 2024.

Timings: 6.00pm (Friday) – midday (Saturday).

Cost: Residential – £100.00 / Non-residential – £33.00.

There is the option to create an Advent wreath, for an additional £20.00

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