

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 24th November 2024

Sat 23rd (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Joseph Bradford
Sun 24th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	James Fretwell
Sun 24th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Jun Lazaro
* Mon 25th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eileen Ann Lupton
Wed 27th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Todhunter & family
* Wed 27th (St. Mary's)	12.15pm	Requiem Mass Gloria Underwood
* Thurs 28th (St Aidan's)	12.00pm	Requiem Mass Bob Townsin
Fri 29th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Alison Phillips
Sat 30th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Tony Ward
Sun 1st (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Herbert Ball
Sun 1st (St Mary's)	11.00am	Special Intention (AW)

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

“Of all the months of the year there is not a month one half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year.” — Charles Dickens

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

1st December - First Sunday of Advent

“The Lord will overcome all evil.” 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Dear God, because you love us so much you sent your only Son into the world to be with us. Help us to wait in hope with joyful hearts for his coming and to share your hope with others. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who have died recently. 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 24th November 2024

Christ the King

After listening to today's Gospel, Judgement before Pilate (Jn 18:33-37), consider this reflection.

In some ways this awe-inspiring scene is part of the climax of John's Passion Narrative. Throughout the narrative John emphasises the ultimate significance of the events of the Passion, taking the stress away from Jesus' suffering and humiliation, and laying it on his triumph. Ultimately, Jesus will die only when he has completed his mission, and hands over his Spirit to the newly-formed Christian community of Mary and the Beloved Disciple. In this scene the Jewish authorities have denounced Jesus as claiming to be king of the Jews, not knowing how true that claim is. Jesus declares that his kingdom is no earthly kingdom, but is far more powerful and meaningful. By his statement he invites Pilate to declare himself for the truth, as any judge should do.

Now Pilate three times declares Jesus innocent, but at the same time makes a mockery of himself, as he stands before Truth itself, and asks what is truth. Then he seats Jesus on the Judgement Seat, robed and crowned as a king. The religious leaders (standing in front of Jesus who is enthroned as judge and king) deny themselves and undermine their faith by declaring, 'We have no king but Caesar'. It is not Caesar, but God who is their true king. In what sense is Jesus a King? *Why does this festival of Christ as King come at the end of the Church's year?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

YOUTH SUNDAY – A message from YMT

Today, we celebrate Youth Sunday, The Feast of Christ the King and the vital role young people play in our Church. Bishop Stephen highlights the inspiring contributions of our youth & the dedication of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) showcasing the ways youth ministry has flourished this year, from the return of The Source gathering to successful summer festivals and the JPII and Faith in Action Awards. Thank you for your essential support.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Please note slight changes this week on the back page. Requiem Mass for John McDonnell will take place on Tues 3rd December at 10.15am at St Mary's.

CONFESSION: Saturday 7th December, 11am at St Aidan's

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: 17th November 2024

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £255.50 / Envelopes: £87.00 / Hall hire: £34.00
Donations: £40.00 / Clergy Training Fund: £163.50
St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £331.60 / Envelopes: £34.00 / Donations: £50.00
Fri Coffee Morning: £63.00 (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.

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.

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER: We continue First Holy Communion sessions at St Mary's before Mass as the children prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during a special service on Wednesday 4th December.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES: Thursday 12th December St Mary's Primary School will be celebrating at St Mary's Church at 2pm. St Stephen's Primary School will be celebrating at St Aidan's at 6pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

ENRICH YOUR ADVENT EXPERIENCE

As we enter the beautiful season of Advent, we are reminded of the hope, peace, joy, and love that this time brings. Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation, as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a time to reflect on the blessings we have received and to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Let us come together as a community, embracing the spirit of Advent with open hearts and minds, ready to welcome the light of Christ into our lives. May this season be filled with moments of reflection, prayer, and joyous anticipation.

Daily reflections can be found via www.diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith

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

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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