

**MASS INTENTIONS:** w/c 19th April 2026

Sat 18th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 19th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Bill and Margaret Spence
Sun 19th (St Mary's)	11.00am	C T Varghese
Mon 20th	** NO MASS **	
Tues 21st (St Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Wed 22nd (St Mary's)	10.30am	<i>Requiem Mass Vera Dobison</i>
Thurs 23rd (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Thanksgiving Mass for Rebello Family
Fri 24th (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat 25th (St Mary's)	11.00am	<i>Confession</i>
Sat 25th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Peter Lundgren
Sun 26th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Teresa Ball
Sun 26th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Priest's Intentions

For Mass Intentions, please use envelopes in our churches.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Those who have died recently. Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts & prayers. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:** 26th April / 4th Sunday of Easter  
"You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls." 2nd Reading (1 Peter 2:20)

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** God of all, you sent your Son Jesus, so that we may have life to the full. Inspire us to do all that we can so that all our brothers and sisters around the world may live free from poverty and hunger. Amen.

**SAFEGUARDING:** We look to ensure our churches are safe spaces where we support each other, signpost external services & walk together on our life journeys. If you have questions, speak to Fr Sean, our safeguarding reps: St Aidan's - Ms B Lamb / St Mary's - Mrs A Parry or visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding) for information & support.

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**Sunday 19th April 2026: Third Sunday of Easter**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Journey to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), consider this reflection by Fr Henry Wansbrough:

This attractive and delicate narrative is the story of the journey to faith in the Risen Christ: it occurs in any Christian instruction, and especially in the Eucharist, which begins with the teaching of the scriptures, and then is brought to its fulfilment in the Sacrament.

The two disciples (are they man and woman, as so often in Luke, perhaps Cleopas and his wife?) start off deep in depression and disappointment. But they are open-minded and willing to learn as the Stranger explains to them from scripture the meaning of events. Their hearts burn within them at the Stranger's words, but their eyes remain closed. It is only in the sacramental meal that they recognise the Risen Christ.

This is the story of any Christian instruction, culminating in the Eucharist, for the Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation, bringing us to the intimate, personal encounter with Christ. Once they have been enlightened and have learnt the profound meaning of the events, the truth of the scriptures and the resurrection, then the disciples return to the Holy City and carry on their own Christian apostolate by spreading the news of the resurrection.

This is the shape of the Christian vocation which we all receive, to assimilate and pass on the meaning of Christ's resurrection.

*How can we share the message of Jesus this week?*

**REQUIEM MASS:** Please note Mass on Wednesday 22nd April will be at St Mary's at 10.30am and is Requiem Mass for Vera Dobison

**COLLECTIONS:** 12th April 2026

St Aidan's: Loose Plate: £292.00 / Envelopes: £72.00 / Hall Hire: £56.00

St Mary's: Loose Plate: £222.50 / Envelopes: £28.00 / Candles: £59.45

Friday Coffee Morning: £85.00 (SMILE TRAIN)

**5th April**

St Aidan's: Loose Plate: £599.00 / Envelopes: £77.00 / Piety: £33.00

Hall Hire: £44.00 / Sunday Coffee Morning: £112.00 (Heart NE)

St Mary's: Loose Plate: £511.98 / Envelopes: £70.00 / Candles: £54.21

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Our parish councils will be meeting this week to finalise our Discernment Returns which are due back before 23rd April.

St Mary's PPC Meeting: Tuesday 21st April at 7pm

St Aidan's PPC Meeting: Wednesday 22nd April at 7pm

**ST AIDAN'S REMEMBRANCE BOOK:** Thank you for the names given.

Maria Graham will enter them into the book shortly and we thank her for this valued ministry which she has performed for several years.

**NEW TOYS!** You may see our new card payment donation points now at both our churches. These are introduced at the request of parishioners and give us the facility to fundraise electronically.

Should you wish, you can use your credit or debit card to make a donation to our offertory collection or select to donate to our weekly special collection. The first time you use a card, the system will ask for details to automatically add Gift Aid to your donation (remember this doesn't cost you anything, it is a tax reclaim we can make at the end of the year).

This takes a minute to complete but you won't be asked again so tapping your card becomes quick and easy.

If you prefer you can scan the QR Code to donate via your mobile phone. Please note, if you already donate via Standing Order this is not a replacement or new process to adopt. The donation points are there to assist those who may have traditionally donated via cash but now tend to carry cards or pay via mobile.

**RE-IMAGINING PASTORAL COUNCILS:** Next online session 21st April at 7pm "Making choices that serve others: Discernment, Decision-making and Decision-taking" - with guest speaker Austen Ivereigh.

Sign up via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

**COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES:** 9th and 10th May

Fr Patrick O'Beirne will give the Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries at our weekend Masses.

The principal purpose of the visit is to raise awareness of the missionary vocation; to encourage people to be more involved in the missionary work of the church; to thank loyal supporters and to seek greater support for mission magazine, "The Far East". Thank you for your support.

**LOURDES RACE NIGHT:** Fri 15th May, 7pm - 1030pm

This year marks the 100th anniversary of Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and as part of the celebrations St Teresa's church is hosting the "Kellet Cup Race Night" to raise funds for Lourdes Hospitalité, in memory of Fr Denis Kellet, a previous parish priest who was a great supporter of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

All funds raised will support sick and disabled pilgrims from throughout the diocese to travel to Lourdes.

If you, your family, or your business, would like to sponsor a race for a donation of £50 per family/£100 per business please let us know and you can name your race.

We are also selling horses (£5 each, 1 in 6 chance of winning a prize)

Tickets for the evening £5 (to include 1 free bet) or pay at the door

Bring your own alcohol. For further information, sponsorship, horses and tickets please contact Pat Henzell: 07803727799 or [chris.henzell@gmail.com](mailto:chris.henzell@gmail.com)

Many thanks for your support. The Lourdes Hospitalité, the volunteer nurses and all future pilgrims are most grateful.

**REMINDER ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL:** Mon 13th April - Fri 29th May

Cathedral Masses have moved to city centre churches during refurbishment - full details are available via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk).

Pauline Bookshop & Cloisters Café continue to operate as per their usual opening times. Mary's Place also remain opens on a Monday 10am – 1pm.