

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 18th January 2026

Sat 17th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Emmett & Tierney families
Sun 18th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 18th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Mac Purser (ill)
* Mon 19th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 20th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Pat Curry
Wed 21st (St Aidan's)	*** NO MASS ***	
Thurs 22nd (St Aidan's)	*** NO MASS ***	
Fri 23rd (St Mary's)	10.00am	Private Intention
* Sat 24th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 24th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 25th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Frank Amis
Sun 25th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Priest's Intentions

For Mass Intentions, please use envelopes in our churches.

'Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace'

Pope Leo XIV on Peace Sunday

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 25th Jan / Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The holy people of God." 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of light, shine in our hearts so that we can share joy and hope with other people, especially those who are frightened, sick, lonely or hungry. Amen.

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.

KEEP IN TOUCH: NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 268 4222.

Weekend mass live on YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary.

Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed via Facebook page NE12Catholic

SAFEGUARDING: Our safeguarding representatives are:

St Aidan's - Ms B Lamb // St Mary's - Mrs A Parry

If you have any safeguarding questions, please speak to our reps or visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding for information & support.

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Sunday 18th January 2026:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Lamb of God (John 1:29-34), consider this reflection.

In contrast to the other gospels, where the reader observes the disciples discovering gradually who Jesus is, John gives us a week between the baptism and the marriage-feast of Cana, during which Jesus is given increasingly significant titles by those who meet him: Rabbi, the Messiah, Son of God, King of Israel.

Perhaps the most significant titles of all are those given by the Baptist himself, Lamb of God and Chosen One of God. Jesus as the Lamb of God is a theme which overarches the gospel; it is introduced again at the Crucifixion. According to John Jesus dies at the moment the paschal lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple, and John alone refers the scriptural saying to Jesus that 'Not one bone of his will be broken' (John 19:36) which was originally part of the instructions for the sacrificing of the lamb at the Festival of Passover (Exodus 12:46).

In the Book of Revelation Jesus is represented standing 'as a Lamb that seemed to have been sacrificed'. The Lamb is therefore an image both of his suffering and of his triumph. It links up with the picture of Jesus as the Suffering Servant of the Lord who moves through suffering and humiliation to vindication and to the triumph of God.

Reflect on Jesus as the Lamb standing as though sacrificed.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

PEACE SUNDAY: Today we are encouraged to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace.

MASS CHANGE: Please note, no masses at St Aidan's on Wed 21st or Thursday 22nd January.

ECUMENICAL MASS: Thursday 22nd January, 10am at St John's Church in Killingworth. All invited to attend as we celebrate Christian Unity Week.

NE12 BOOKCLUB: Change of date
Please note that January's Book Club Meeting will move back a week and will take place on Wed 28th January 2026 at 7pm in St Mary's church hall.

CONFESSION: SATURDAY 24th January, 11am at St Mary's

NE12 CATHOLIC SOCIAL EVENT: Fish & Chip Supper on Sat 24th January in St Mary's church hall after Vigil Mass (6:15pm). Meal, the infamous Frank Gilmore Quiz and a good old catch up! The cost is £10 per adult / £5 per child for a choice of fish / sausage / veggie burger / and chips - with mushy peas, bread buns, condiments and soft drinks all provided. (Please bring own alcoholic drinks if preferred). If you would like to join us, complete sign up form or email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

*** Final numbers and payment needed this weekend please ***

ST MARY'S VOTIVE CANDLES: A request please that adults supervise young children around our votive candles after mass and discourage them playing with sand and spent matches. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: 11th January

St Aidan's: Loose Plate: £267.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall hire: £36.00
Donations: £100.00

St Mary's: Loose Plate: £234.22 / Envelopes: £18.00 / Donations: £66.00
Candles: £26.70 / Friday Coffee Morning: £81.00 (Mill Hill Sisters)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

For information about donating via standing orders, offertory envelopes or signing up for Gift Aid, please email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

GIFT AID LETTERS: We have received individual Gift Aid statements from the Diocese for parishioners at St Aidan's and St Mary's who Gift Aided their donations in 2024/2025. If you require a copy of the letter for your records please email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk Thank you for your support.

ST AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle, either by donating prizes or buying tickets.

We raised £180.00 for parish funds. The following winning numbers are still unclaimed, so please check your tickets. Pink- 25, 71, 79, 88 and 282.
Green- 86, 89, 123, 128, 235, 276 and 306.

THE GREAT AWAKENING: 24th January

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries UK presents this Catholic Healing and Evangelisation Service at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich.
Please see posters at entrances to our churches.

A JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE: Bishop Stephen marked the end of the Year of Jubilee by closing the Holy Doors at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle and St Joseph's Church in Hartlepool. Parishioners from across the Diocese have shared their Jubilee stories which can be seen on www.diocesehn.org.uk
Take a look - you may recognise a face or two!

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENT: 21st January, 7pm

Guest speakers Professor Yitka Graham and Mr Nicu Ion on the theme 'Bridging Generations' which is a reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors but lives on with us all.
Taking place at St Mary's Comprehensive School, please book your book via www.diocesehn.org.uk

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MASS: Sat 14th February at 12 noon

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage & Family Life. All married couples will be invited with particular focus on those celebrating a significant anniversary together with bereaved spouses, separated individuals, families experiencing or having experienced domestic difficulties and all engaged couples.
More information available via www.diocesehn.org.uk

VACANCIES: EDUCATION BUSINESS MANAGER

The successful candidate will ensure that the Diocesan Education Department is proficient and productive with resources allocated effectively to support schools and Catholic Education Trusts (CETs) in the delivery of a high-quality Catholic education. Based at Diocesan Offices on the West Road in Newcastle. Those interested are asked to visit www.diocesehn.org.uk
Closing date: 1st February 2026.