

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 21st September 2025

Sat 20th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Herbert Family
Sun 21st (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	The Mission Appeal
Sun 21st (St. Mary's)	11:00am	The Mission Appeal
Mon 22nd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 23rd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Prof. Emmanuel Osuzuwg
Wed 24th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	John Onaivi
Thurs 25th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Mass of Thanksgiving (MC)
Fri 26th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Joan Angus & John Mazzucchi
* Sat 27th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 27th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Emmett & Tierney families
Sun 28th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	People of our Parish
Sun 28th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Bernadette Bell

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

"To be a baptised Christian is to have a vocation to build the Kingdom of God. The focus must be mission."

Bishop Stephen Wright

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 28th Sept /26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He is beyond our sight, our understanding, even our imagination."

(Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Loving God, every one of us is special and loved by you. Help us to do all that we can so that everyone throughout the world has enough to eat. 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.

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

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Sunday 21st September 2025:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Dishonest Steward (Luke 16:1-13), consider this reflection.

This parable can be deeply disquieting, if we take it as an allegory that is, if every element in the story is meant (as in Matthew's Parable of the Wheat and the Tares) to have an equivalent in reality. We can't have God praising the steward for his frauds! No, the point of the story is simply the steward's energy and inventiveness, his shrewdness as a 'child of this age'. A lot more thought often goes into how to make money than into how to spend it to the best advantage of others! The danger and encumbrance of wealth is such that skill and imagination is needed in using it to live justly here on earth and to prepare ourselves for life in heaven. The full brilliance of the story is even more subtle: Jews were forbidden to lend to Jews at interest. The steward cuts off the interest from the bills of his master's debtors, for oil was commonly lent at 100% interest, and wheat at 25%. It was easy to return olive oil adulterated with cheap sesame oil, but if I scatter handfuls of chaff in the grain I give you back, you will spot it immediately. So the steward makes his master obey the Law! The sayings added at the end hit the nail on the head: no slave can serve two masters, God and money. *Is there anything in your life which prevents you from fully serving God?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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St. Stephen's Catholic Primary School www.ststephensprimaryschool.co.uk

St. Mary's Catholic Comprehensive School www.stmarysnewcastle.co.uk

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Sr Maureen Murphy from the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph to our churches. This small, international religious community currently serves the UK, Kenya, Uganda, The Netherlands, Ireland, Ecuador and USA aiming to help others grow in faith and live fully human lives. They are committed to ministering to those in most need, through nursing and community health, teaching and religious education, pastoral care, social work, community development and administration. Find out more via www.fmsj.co.uk

ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & PRODUCE: TODAY! (Sunday)

Plants, home grown produce and home baked goods will be on sale in the hall after mass. Thank you in advance for your support.

**** REGISTRATION CLOSING TODAY (SUNDAY) ****

ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION: Bishop Stephen invites everyone to a Jubilee Day on Sat 27th September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. There'll be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project plus a choice of seminars and forums designed to reawaken and empower all for mission. Please visit <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> to book and find out more.

CONFIRMATIONS 2026: Children in year 9 are invited to begin preparation for Confirmation. The initial registration meeting for candidates and parents is on Tues 23rd Sept at 6.45pm in St Teresa's Church Hall, Heaton.

ST AIDAN'S LOCAL PLANT SALE: Sunday 28th September

One hour only 10am - 11am in aid of Newcastle Food Banks.
For more information please see entrance to St Aidan's.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: If you feel that you have the skills and interest to a valued critical friend, please contact our primary school headteachers.
St Mary's: Mrs S Foster via - office@stmarysfh.org.uk or 0191 814 2006
St Stephen's: Mr S Fallon via - office@ststephensrc.org.uk or 0191 625 0900

NE12CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB: Third Wednesday of the month at 7pm
Thank you to all who attended our first session. New members are always welcome. Next month we will be discussing chapter 2 of God of Surprises by GW Hughes.

JESMOND ST MARY'S PARTNERSHIP: Sat 11th October, 10am - 2:30pm
'Building a Community of Hope - Journeying with Christ.' A day of Ignatian Prayer led by Fr Dermott Preston at St Mary's Comprehensive School. Ignatian prayer is a reflective and imaginative practice that fosters a deep relationship with God, emphasising discernment and personal connection. *A real must try if you have not done so before.*
Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch.

WORLD FOOD DAY 2025: Sunday 19th October

This year's theme is "Hand in hand for better foods and a better future"
We are planning a shared lunch after Mass in St Mary's church hall on Sunday 19th October. Parishioners are invited to bring a dish of food from their country, city or town (either homemade or store bought) to put on the table for all to sample and enjoy.

If you would like to participate please see sign up form in the church hall.

In the run up to the event, we will also be collecting non-perishable foods to be donated to two local charities:- Building Communities North East; and Tin on a Wall. Please leave your tins and packets at the entrance to church. Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

DIOCESAN TRAINING EVENTS: The Liturgical Formation Team are offering a number of events to support volunteers who play a vital role in our parishes. Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place in November at our very own St Aidan's. If you are interested please speak to Fr Hall or send us an email.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS IN NORTH TYNESIDE:

Tuesdays 7pm at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, North Shields, OR
Fridays 2.30pm St Paul's Church of England, Whitley Bay
Info via Vince at St Mary's or by emailing alistairhain@gmail.com

COLLECTIONS: 14th September

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £221.00 / Envelopes: £67.00 / Hall hire: £40.00
Catholic Education: £32.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £253.73 / Envelopes: £33.00 / Candles: £36.11
Donations: £20.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £101.00 (RNLI)

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