



MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 5th October 2025

Sat 4th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 5th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Geoffrey Porthouse
Sun 5th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Augusto & Primitiva Rivera
* Mon 6th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues 7th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Elizabeth Scott
Wed 8th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs 9th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Candlish
Fri 10th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Eddie Donkin
* Sat 11th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 11th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Frances Southwick
Sun 12th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	People of the Parish
Sun 12th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Myers & Everest Families

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

*"Whatever you are doing, that which makes you feel the most alive...
that is where God is." Ignatius of Loyola*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

12th October / 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kernel of the Good News is the Resurrection."

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for us. May we turn to you with thanks and praise. 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 on our Facebook page NE12Catholic

DIOCESE OF HEXHAM AND NEWCASTLE: News & information about events happening across our diocese can be found via www.diocesehn.org.uk

Parish Newsletter:

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and Confirmations, please email
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Sunday 5th October 2025:

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Reward of Faith (Luke 17:5-10), consider this reflection.

The two sections of this Gospel reading appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit together.

The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but in hanging on by one's finger-tips, through thick and thin, to God's power and will to save.

In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power or ability.

That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. The value of our work in itself is secondary to our admission of helplessness and our trust in God's to save us. However, not all parables should be taken as allegories.

The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward.

When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples' feet. We may be unworthy slaves, but Our Lord's action at the Last Supper gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us.
How do I best serve God and others?

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Please see envelopes at the entrance to our churches and thank you for your continued support.

WELCOME: Fr Preston celebrating Mass with us this Saturday.

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER: Children from St Mary's Primary will be joining us for Mass - all are welcome to attend.

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, imaginative practice - highly recommended if you have not experienced before. Please bring a packed lunch.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: Sunday 12th October
First sessions begin next Sunday - 10am at St Mary's / 330pm at St Aidan's. We look forward to welcoming our families on this important journey.

WORLD FOOD DAY 2025: Sunday 19th October
St Mary's is planning a number of events to support the day and children in the parish are invited to design posters to help us promote them!
This year's theme is "Hand in hand for better foods and a better future."
You can find resources and more info via www.fao.org/world-food-day
We are collecting tins and packets of non-perishable goods which will be donated to two local charities: Tin on a Wall; and Building Futures East, please leave goods in the church hall and thank you for your support.
We will be hosting a shared lunch after Mass on Sunday 19th - please see the sign up form in the hall. Children are encouraged to come to church that day dressed as their favourite fruit or vegetable or perhaps wearing a t-shirt of that colour. There will be prizes for best posters and outfits.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW: Significance supports YMT, Emmaus Village and provides grants for particular projects which provide opportunities to young people. To raise funds, Significance has launched a Grand Draw:
1st Prize: 2 tickets for a 'Britain's Got Talent' live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (plus other exciting prizes). Each ticket costs £5, the draw will take place on Youth Sunday (23rd November). Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316@gmail.com

COLLECTIONS: 28th September
St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £278.00 / Envelopes: £92.00 / Hall hire: £52.00
Papers: £18.00
The Local Plant Sale last weekend raised £64.00 for Newcastle Food Banks.
St Mary's - Loose Plate: £322.87/ Envelopes: £43.00 / Candles: £37.15
Friday Coffee Morning: £88.10

Thank you for your continued support & generosity. For info about Gift Aid or donating by standing order, please email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

TOILETRIES: Donations are always needed and gratefully received by the Refugee Project at Blackfriars. Please leave shampoos, shower gels, dental care, feminine hygiene and baby care products in our church halls.
Thank you for your continued support.

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

FROM THE DIOCESE

RE-IMAGINING PARISH & PASTORAL COUNCILS: As part of an ongoing commitment to become a more synodal diocese, a series of webinars have been planned to support reflection and development across parish, partnership and diocesan councils. The first session takes place on 14th October at 7pm. Those already generously involved in our councils and those interested in finding out more are invited to see more details via diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on/event/reimagining-pastoral-councils/

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 email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

VACANCY: Details via www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies
A cleaner is required to for the church, the hall and the parish house at English Martyrs, 176 Stamfordham Rd, NE5 3JR. Part-time, 9 hours p/w
Flexibility available. Salary - £5,896.80 p/a. Closing date for applications is 12th October 2025 at 12.00noon.