



**MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 7th September 2025**

Sat 6th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Dennis Nicholson
Sun 7th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Derek Savin
Sun 7th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Mary Kelly
Mon 8th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 9th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass Peter Lundgren
Wed 10th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs 11th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	People of the Parish
Fri 12th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	William Braham
* Sat 13th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 13th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Geoffrey Brattle
Sun 14th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Ellen Devin
Sun 14th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Peter Lundgren

***For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches***  
*'We are the Great North Run and every one of us is a story'*  
*George Caulkin*

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:** 14th Sept / Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
"Christ receives the divine name, the Lord, which belongs to God alone."  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** *Generous God, we thank you for sending us your Son, whose death on the cross is a sign of new life. Thank you for loving us so much. Help us to share this love with one another. Amen.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Those who have died recently:-  
*Selma Dix; Anne Grant; Peter Lundgren; Kitty Todhunter.*  
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](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk)

**Parish Newsletter:**  
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**Sunday 7th September 2025:**  
**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, The Cost of Discipleship (Luke 14:25-33) consider this reflection.  
Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. All through this journey which culminates in Jesus' own death at Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme: 'Let the dead bury their Dead' (13th Sunday), the Parable of the Rich Fool (18th Sunday), From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded' (19th Sunday), 'Father against son, son against father' (20th Sunday), and now 'Hate father and mother' and 'Give up all your possessions'.  
A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic (Hebrew/Aramaic) mode of expression (they would often use superlatives and rarely use comparatives), but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple.  
When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower by responding to Jesus' call. There is no turning back from the plough (13th Sunday); only pray for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers.  
Why does Jesus use such fierce language?  
What is the hardest thing about trying to be a disciple of Christ?

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

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**NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**GOOD LUCK:** To all those running, walking, supporting, fundraising or volunteering as part of this weekend's Great North Run.  
We wish you every success!

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS IN NORTH TYNESIDE:**

Affiliated to the World Council for Christian Meditation (WCCM) as referenced last month by Fr Hall, these small friendly groups run for no more than an hour and involve an opportunity for guided meditation, short talks and discussion. All are welcome - both those experienced or new to simple practices of prayerful contemplation.  
Tuesdays 7pm at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, North Shields, OR  
Fridays 2.30pm St Paul's Church of England, Whitley Bay  
More information available via Vince at St Mary's or via one of the coordinators, Alistair by emailing [alistairhain@gmail.com](mailto:alistairhain@gmail.com)

**ST AIDAN'S AUTUMN PLANT & PRODUCE:** Sunday 21st September  
Please help support our Justice and Peace Group fundraising by bringing along plants; home grown produce or home baked goods for us to sell in the hall after mass. If you can help run a stall please let us know and don't forget change and bags on the day for your purchases.

**NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE:**

An invitation to all to come and hear Nicholas Sagovsky discuss:-  
*Heart speaks to Heart; What has Newman to do with synodality?*  
Holy Name Church, Jesmond on Tuesday 30th September at 7:30pm.

**ALIVE IN HOPE: A CHURCH FOR MISSION**

Bishop Stephen Wright invites you to a Jubilee Day on Sat 27th September, from 10am to 3pm, at Cardinal Hume Catholic School in Gateshead. Everyone is welcome! There will be guest speakers from the Prisons' Chaplaincy and the Justice & Peace Refugee Project, plus a choice of seminars and forums to reawaken and empower us for mission.  
This is an opportunity to connect with old friends and new and to celebrate our diocesan family as we explore what a Church in Mission invites us to be and do. Entry is FREE but please register at <https://bit.ly/DHNAlive25> where you'll also find more information.

**COLLECTIONS: 31st August**

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £237.00 / Envelopes: £75.00 / Hall hire: £48.00  
St Mary's - Loose Plate: £247.67 / Envelopes: £33.45 / Candles: £28.50  
Donations: £160.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £78.00 (RNLI)  
Thank you for your continued support & generosity.  
For information about Gift Aid or donating by standing order, please email [NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk)

**REQUIEM MASSES:**

Peter Lundgren on Tuesday 9th September, 10am at St Mary's  
Selma Dix on Wednesday 17th September, 10.15am at St Aidan's  
Kitty Todhunter on Thursday 18th September, 11am at St Aidan's  
*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

**AUTUMN PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** New members welcome.

St Aidan's - Tuesday 9th September at 7pm  
St Mary's - Thursday 11th September at 7pm  
Agenda items can be emailed to:- [NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk)

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 13th September, 11am at St. Mary's

**NE12CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB:** Join us on Tuesday 16th Sept at 10:30am or Wednesday 17th Sept at 7:00pm in St Mary's Church Hall. We will be discussing the preface & first chapter of 'God of Surprises' by G W Hughes. Subsequent sessions will take place on the 3rd Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday of the month. All are very welcome. Please let us know your session choice via sign up forms in our church halls.

**ST MARY'S CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** If you can help during our Sunday morning classes, please speak to Ali or email [NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk)  
Help and resources are available and whether you can assist weekly or monthly we will be most grateful. As will our youngsters!

**CANTORS AT ST AIDAN'S:** If you would be willing to help lead our songs of praise on a Sunday morning alongside our digital soundtrack, please speak to Bernie or email [NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org). We are looking for folk who would arrive ahead of mass to familiarise themselves with hymns and lead congregation as each starts.