

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 21st April 2024

Sun. 21st (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Bill & Margaret Spence
Sun. 21st (St Mary's)	11.00am	Michael Cassidy
Mon. 22nd - Thurs 25th	*** NO MASSES ***	
Fri. 26th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Elizabeth Scott
Sat. 27th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	George, Nell & Evelyn Candlish
Sun. 28th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Freya Elizabeth Amis
Sun. 28th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Peg & Harry Allen

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

Weekend Mass is streamed via YouTube. Search 'St Mary of the Rosary'.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER - thanks to Anto & Mini for sharing the Our Father in Tamil.
Tamil one of the regional language in South India.

Vinnulakil irukkira Engel thanthaiye,
umatu peyar thuyathu ena potrapperuka!
Umathu atchi varuka!
Umathu thiruvulam,
Vinnulakil niraiveruvathu pola
Mannulakilum niraiveruka!
Engel antrada unavai
intru engalukku tharum!
Enkalukku ethiraka kutram seivorai,
Nangal mannipathu pola
enkal kutrangalai manniyum!
Enkalai sothanaikku utpaduthatheyum.
Theeyonidam irunthu enkalai viduvitharulum.
Āmen

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: *"Dear Lord, you are the vine, we are the branches.
Help us to bear your fruit and follow your word. Amen"*

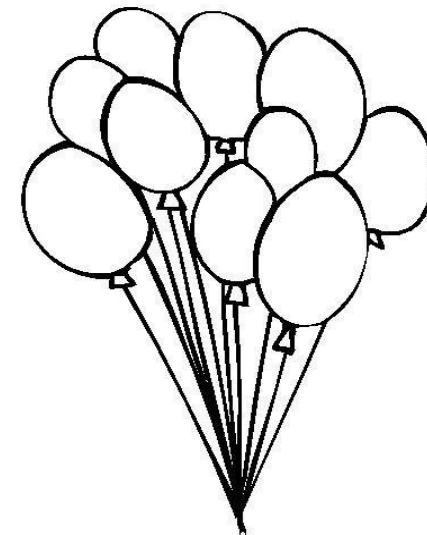
WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts and prayers. Those who have died recently. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH: Contact us parishsecretary@mail.com / 0191 268 4222
Access weekend mass live via YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary
Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on ww.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - 21st April 2024

After listening to today's Gospel,
The Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11-18), consider Fr Wansbrough's reflection:-
Each year on this 4th Sunday of Easter there is a reading from John about the Good Shepherd. To think of ourselves as woolly and cuddly sheep, obedient to the shepherd, would be a mistake. Sheep are renowned as being silly, contradictory creatures, always starting off in the wrong direction, getting themselves into tangles and difficulties.
In the Holy Land they are scraggy beasts, pastured on rocky and often dangerous ground, amid boulders and cliffs, threatened by wild animals and marauders.
It was not simply a matter of the shepherd sitting on a rock and idly playing his pipe. He needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears.
Again, as in this Sunday's other two readings, there is the reassurance of a close relationship with the Father. Jesus knows us intimately, just as he knows the Father. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep. What would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of Jesus' whole-hearted devotion to the flock that he shepherds...

What is a shepherd's job with the sheep?

How can Jesus act as your shepherd?

Who do you think of as shepherds in your life?

What do you value most in those who guide you?

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR HALL!

Many happy returns to Fr Hall this weekend and thank you for all you do for our Parishes. Everyone welcome in our church halls for a slice of birthday cake after Sunday morning masses.

COLLECTIONS: 31st March 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £336.50 / Envelopes: £67.00 / Hall Hire: £50.00

Piety: £33.00 / Northern Cross: £13.50

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £613.57 / Envelopes: £86.00 / Donations: £150.00

7th April 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £185.00 / Envelopes: £52.00 / Hall Hire: £48.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £375.77 / Envelopes: £45.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £68.00 (People's Kitchen)

14th April 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £228.00 / Envelopes: £57.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £297.52 / Envelopes: £50.00 / Funeral: £200.00

Donations: £50.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £72.00 (People's Kitchen)

For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email parishsecretary@mail.com

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

CONFESSION: Saturday 27th April, 11am at St Mary's

The first and third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am

The second and fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

This year's service held on 3rd March and attended by parishioners of a number of Christian churches in the area raised £244.00. Donations collected across all UK services will be allocated in the form of grants by the WDP National Committee and published in 2026 Together in Prayer Yearly Edition. A few past Yearly Editions of services from Cuba, Slovenia, Zimbabwe, Vanuatu, Taiwan and Palestine are available in the church hall at St Mary's. They contain interesting information about the people, nature, geography, art & culture, with colour photographs, recipes and prayers & meditations. Please take one and leave a donation in the box provided.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

SURVIVORS MASS

To be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 30th of April at 12.05pm. This is the day nominated by Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales as the National day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Renowned historian & former President of Magdalene College, Cambridge, Professor Eamon Duffy will visit The Church of the Holy Name in Jesmond, on Saturday 4th May at 11.30am to give his lecture - "*Celebrity Priest: Robert Hugh Monsignor Benson and the End of the World*". Professor Duffy will discuss Fr Benson's life and work, and that of his father who was Archbishop of Canterbury. One of Fr Benson's brothers wrote "*Land of Hope and Glory*", while the other wrote the Mapp & Lucia novels. All are welcome for this non-ticketed event.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs £150.

Please see www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island for more details.

If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL

St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents. If you wish to make a private contribute, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/