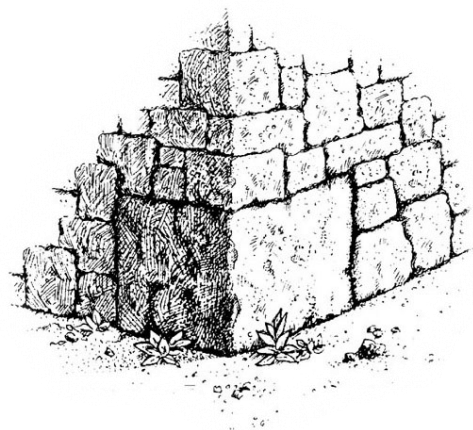




MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 9th November 2025

Sat 8th Nov (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Holy Souls
Sun 9th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Selina Dix
Sun 9th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Holy Souls
* Mon 10th *** NO MASS ***		
Tues 11th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Tony Durkin
Wed 12th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Joy Cherumoozkikal
Thurs 13th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri 14th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Mary Elizabeth Barr
* Fri 14th (St. Mary's)	1:45pm	Requiem Mass-Patrick Bradley
* Sat 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 15th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	John McDonnell
Sun 16th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Freya Elizabeth Amis & Elizabeth Ann Brown
Sun 16th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

*“Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved,
and now we lie, in Flanders Fields.” John McCrae.*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
“We don’t get any nearer perfection... simply by sitting and waiting.”
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

CHILDREN’S PRAYER: All-powerful God, nothing is greater than your love, so may we trust in you, no matter what difficulties and challenges we face. 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

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Sunday 9th November 2025:

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

After listening to today’s Gospel, Rebuilding the Temple (John 2:13-15), consider this reflection.

The Temple at Jerusalem was an amazing complex of buildings, covering the area of 20 football pitches. At the end of the 46 years of construction, 38,000 workers were made redundant. And Jesus says he will re-build ‘this Temple’ in three days!
In the Gospel of John Jesus often plays with misunderstanding (‘living water’, ‘born again’, ‘true bread’) to reach a deeper meaning.
So the Temple was only the symbol of Jesus himself, the meeting-place between God and human beings, the channel of divine life.
The really important Temple is the Risen Christ, filled with the Spirit which also gives the same life to the Church.
The Feast of the Lateran Basilica is the feast of the one life of the whole Church, in which the Risen Christ promised that he would always be present, strengthening the whole. Of that presence and that corner-stone, and the unity which it provides to the Church, the Bishop of Rome is the symbol. The symbolic ‘rubbishing’ of the Jerusalem Temple by Jesus reminds us that it is a Church of sinners, always in need of purification, of throwing out the rubbish and letting the fresh air in through the windows.

What can be done to further the unity of the Christian Church?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA:

Most of us think of St Peter's as the Pope's main church, but in fact St John Lateran is the Pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. The first basilica was built in the fourth century when the Roman Emperor Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins. Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering facade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St Peter himself celebrated Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME:

St Aidan's - Sunday 9th Nov at 330pm / St Mary's - Sunday 16th Nov at 10am
We look forward to seeing our families in our church halls.

NE12 CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB: Wednesday 19th November

7pm in St Mary's Church Hall continuing our study and discussion on God of Surprises by GW Hughes.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: New members always welcome

St Mary's - Thurs 20th Nov at 7pm / St Aidan's - Tues 25th Nov at 7pm
Place agenda items in offertory baskets or NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

ST AIDAN'S RED BOXES: Please return your Missio Red Boxes to St Aidan's before the end of November, alternatively please take a brown envelope for your coins from the entrance to church should you wish to keep your box at home. Parishioners who prefer to contribute by direct debit or bank transfer, please provide your name and address and a 'yes' or 'no' to Gift Aid so we can ensure our registers are correct and up to date. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: 2nd November

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £228.00 / Envelopes: £77.00 / Hall Hire: £40.00
St Mary's - Loose Plate: £334.14 / Envelopes: £33.00 / Donations: £10.00
Candles: £44.50 / Friday Coffee Morning: £65.00 (Out of Sight)
Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

RE-IMAGINING PASTORAL COUNCILS: The second webinar in the series is on 11th November and will feature Fr Shaun O'Neill looking at 'the importance of relationships and keeping meetings spiritual'.
Register to join via www.diocesehn.org.uk

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle on Saturday 6th December at 7.00pm in aid of Little Sisters of the Poor. Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home (0191 273 1279).

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Parish of Christ the King will be holding a Candlelight Marian Procession on Sunday 7th December at 5.30pm for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It will begin in front of the pavilion in Heaton Park before heading towards St Teresa's Church while praying the Rosary. There will be Sung Vespers and Benediction in Church. For more information email Fr Jonathon at christtheking.newcastle@diocesehn.org.uk

WHAT IS YOUR JUBILEE STORY? As the Year of Jubilee draws to a close in January 2026, the Diocese is preparing to celebrate the journey we have all walked together united as Pilgrims of Hope. Please share your experiences, stories and photographs. Visit <https://bit.ly/DHN-jubilee-collection> for further details. The closing date for your submission is 15th December.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES: Please see www.diocesehn.org.uk for details

1) St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Secretary

Salary: £10,537.80 per annum / Hours: Part-time 15 hours per week

Location: St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4HH

Closing date: 19th November 2025

2) Administrator – Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Salary Scale £30,000 to £31,855 FTE / Closing date: 21st November 2025

Supporting Father Shaun Purdy, the Lourdes Administrator will play a pivotal role delivering the 2026 pilgrimage.

For an Applicant Pack please email Annie Leaver, Head of Human Resources, at annie.leaver@diocesehn.org.uk