



MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 16th November 2025

Sat 15th Nov (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 our Parish
* Mon 17th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 18th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Teresa Dostuni
Wed 19th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs 20th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 21st (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Priest's Intentions
* Sat 22nd (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 22nd (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Keith Nesbitt
Sun 23rd (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Fr Dennis Kelley
Sun 23rd (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Tobitha Togy (birthday)

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

*"It is not happy people who are thankful,
it is thankful people who are happy." Anon.*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 23rd November 2025 / Christ the King

'He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.'

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

O Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour, may we never forget your love for each one of us. We praise you always. 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

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happening across our diocese can be found via www.diocesehn.org.uk

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School www.stmarysrcprimaryschool.co.uk

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

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

Parish Newsletter:

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Sunday 16th November 2025:

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Perseverance (Luke 21:5-19), consider this reflection.

Luke was writing his gospel after the devastation of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in 70 AD, and the way he frames the words of Jesus suggests that he had witnessed the devastation.

Massive blocks of stone, thrown down from the walls, are still lying there as they fell, scattered at the base of the Temple. The message of this passage is, then, the same as Paul's in today's second reading: the end is sure, but is not yet. Jesus prepares his followers for what is to come before the cataclysmic finale. He warns against false Messiahs, political leaders or other saviour-figures who claim to 'put the world to rights'. His followers will be continually challenged to give an account of their beliefs, harassed and martyred in every age, betrayed by those they thought their friends. There is a promise that Jesus will provide the words and wisdom for Christians to make a reply to their persecutors; there is a promise too of protection from real harm - but there is no promise that it will be a quiet and easy life.

A constant theme in Luke's Good News is that the followers of Jesus must follow him in his difficulties and trials. Only with like endurance will they stay true to him and keep in his footsteps.

Reflection: Recall an occasion when the Lord gave you wisdom beyond your own.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

VOTIVE CANDLES: Parents and guardians at St Mary's are reminded to supervise children around lit candles especially after mass. Thank you.

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.

ADVENT SUNDAYS AT ST MARY'S: This Advent we will be marking the lighting of our wreath candles with a special hymn and we need youngsters who can sing or play a musical instrument to help us. If you are interested in taking part please meet Trisha and Peter in the church hall after mass on Sunday 23rd November to find out more. Please bring your instrument and your best singing voices!

COLLECTIONS: 9th November
St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £378.00 / Envelopes: £47.00
St Mary's - Loose Plate: £324.51 / Envelopes: £33.00 / Donations: £20.00
Candles: £34.45 / Friday Coffee Morning: £77.90 (Out of Sight)
Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

ST MARY'S COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL: Christmas Concert
The Music Department's Christmas Concert is taking place on Wednesday 17th December at 6:00pm in the school Atrium. Students are performing in ensembles, groups and as solosists, after which seasonal refreshments will be served and original artwork, cards and prints created by Bronze and Silver Arts Award students will be available to buy. All money raised will go to CAFOD. There is no charge for the evening but the event is ticketed. Please contact the school reception on 0191 215 3260 or email Admin@st-marys.newcastle.sch.uk.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY: Next weekend we will celebrate World Youth Sunday, when the Church gives thanks for the life and faith of our young people. The retiring collection will support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT), the Diocesan Youth Service. Your generosity helps young people encounter Christ and grow in faith. Thank you for your support.

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