

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 31st May 2026

Sat 30th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Alan Nesbitt
Sun 31st (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Joyce Devlin
Sun 31st (St Mary's)	11.00am	Audrey Southeran
Mon 1st June	** NO MASS **	
Tues 2nd (St Mary's)	10.00am	Mass for d'ced children
Wed 3rd (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Frank Amis
Thurs 4th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri 5th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Frank Murphy
Sat 6th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Beatrice & John Robert Thompson
Sun 7th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 7th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson

For Mass Intentions, please use envelopes in our churches.

"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June." – Unknown

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.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 7th June / The Body & Blood of Christ
"...the Eucharist must be the symbol and expression of unity."
2nd Reading (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Christ Jesus, Bread of Life, feed us with your love and wisdom and move us to help one another, so that all people may have enough to eat. Amen.

SAFEGUARDING: We look to ensure our churches are safe spaces where we support each other, signpost external services & walk together on our life journeys. If you have questions, speak to Fr Sean, our safeguarding reps: St Aidan's - Ms B Lamb / St Mary's - Mrs A Parry or visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding for information & support.

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Sunday 31st May 2026: The Most Holy Trinity

After listening to today's Gospel, The Most Holy Trinity (John 3: 16-18), consider this reflection by Fr Henry Wansbrough:

This part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son and not involve the Holy Spirit. A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human parent and a child is the nearest reflection of such divine love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence the parent gives to the child everything that is theirs. The parent's only interest is the advancement of the child. The child's only care is to please the parent and to be as close to the parent as they can be, in word, in action and in relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other. Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is the love between the Father and the Son, love in person, the living bond which unites them. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never fully explain the mystery of God which is beyond our total understanding. We are familiar with St Patrick's clover-leaf image of the Trinity. Are there any other images of the Trinity which you find helpful? How are Father, Son and Spirit presented in this Gospel passage? How does the Holy Spirit *bring us close to the Father? How can we respond to God's love for us?*

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God.... *“an old priest (ordained in the 1930s) told me many years ago that he dreaded preaching on this feast day because he had terrible memories of the practice sermons, he and his fellow seminarians had to give during their training. Whoever was told to preach on the Trinity was entering a dreaded minefield of doctrinal complexity that was impossible to navigate, without falling into heresies. These would be gleefully pointed out both by the professors and by his fellow students. Realising that all he had to preach on was God’s love for humankind was a huge liberation for him!”* Fr Sean Hall

SUMMER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

St Aidan’s - Tues 2nd June at 7pm // St Mary’s - Wed 3rd June at 7pm
Please email agenda items to NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk
Previous Meeting Minutes on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

CONFESSION: Saturday 6th June, 11am at St Aidan’s

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Throughout June children in both our parishes will be making their First Holy Communions across all weekend masses. Please note our churches and our car parks will be even busier than usual as we welcome families and friends visiting to help celebrate the sacrament. Your support and patience is appreciated.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO USHAW: Saturday 11th July 2026

Following the success of last year’s joint parish pilgrimage to Holy Island, we are looking to celebrate another with a trip to Ushaw Historic House, Chapels & Gardens near Durham - where Fr Sean was both a student and a teacher. The cost is £15 per person which includes a personalised tour of the library and room hire where we can all eat packed lunches together. We anticipate arriving by 1030am. There will be free time to explore, join the library tour and we will then celebrate Mass together at 2pm. Ushaw closes at 4pm. We do not envisage hiring a coach. There are expression of interest forms at both churches to help gauge what might be needed to help make this work for everyone. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Sean or email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

COLLECTIONS: 24th May 2026

St Aidan’s: Loose Plate: £186.00 / Envelopes: £32.00 / Hall Hire: £42.00
Northern Cross: £20.00 / Piety Stall: £75.00
St Mary’s: Loose Plate: £282.57 / Envelopes: £12.00 / Donations: £60.00
Friday Coffee Morning: £130.00 (Lourdes Appeal)
For details about standing orders, offertory envelopes or Gift Aid, please email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk. Thank you for your support.

POPE LEO XIV’S FIRST ENCYCLICAL: *Magnifica humanitas*

The Encyclical Letter was released on Monday 25th May and is a powerful message addressing both the benefits and dangers of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our modern world. The Vatican has provided a video and a series of infographics to help guide us to a deeper understanding of Pope Leo XIV’s letter - all which can be found on www.diocesehn.org.uk

PRAY FOR PEACE: Saturday 13th June

A group of Christian & Muslim women has met annually since 2010 to pray for peace in the ruins of St Mary’s Chapel in Jesmond. This was once an important medieval shrine to Our Lady, so it provides a suitable and very tranquil setting to honour Mary, the mother of Jesus, and to pray for peace. Meet at 2.30pm in St Mary’s Chapel - the shrine is towards the Jesmond Dene end of Reid Park Road, but by car, you need to approach from Osborne Road. Please bring your own folding chair / picnic rug to listen to readings about Mary from the Bible and the Qur’an, some hymns and prayers for peace to then proceed either by car or on foot to Holy Name Parish Hall for some vegetarian refreshments. For further information contact:
Maria Mackenzie 07796 372316 / interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk

A DAY OF RENEWAL FROM THE EMMANUEL CHARISMATIC SOCIETY

Titled ‘Surprised into life’, this event takes place on Saturday 27th June at St Mary’s Comprehensive School on Benton Park Road. The day will begin at 10.00am for refreshments for a 10.30am start, with the day ending at 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. There is no charge for attending, but a collection will be taken on the day. Booking is essential, so please contact the Emmanuel Team via pat.kennedy42@icloud.com or telephone Christine on 07546 302832.