

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 5th May 2024

Sat. 4th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Private Intentions of R & G U.
Sun. 5th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Teresa Ball
Sun. 5th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Neville & Joan Peppiatt
* Mon. 6th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tues. 7th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	John Hawthorn
Wed. 8th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
* Thurs. 9th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
* Thurs. 9th (St. Aidan's)	7.00pm	<i>Ascension of the Lord</i>
Fri. 10th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Alan Graham
* Sat. 11th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	<i>Confession</i>
Sat. 11th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	John Duffy
Sun. 12th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Jim Jones
Sun. 12th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Patrick Clinton

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

Thank you to Fides at St Mary's for sharing the Filipino Our Father

Ama namin sumasalangit Ka Sambahin ang ngalan Mo
Mapasaamin ang kaharian Mo
Sundin ang loob Mo
Dito sa lupa, para nang sa langit
Bigyan Mo kami
ng aming kakanin sa araw-araw
At patawarin Mo kami
sa aming mga sala
Para nang pagpapatawad namin
Sa nagkakasala sa amin
At huwag Mo kaming
Ipahintulot sa tukso
At iadya Mo kami
Sa lahat ng masama
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.

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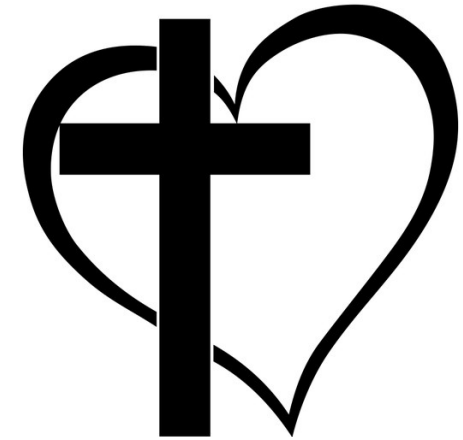
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First Holy Communions
and Confirmations, please email
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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5th May 2024

After listening to today's Gospel, Loving Like God (John 15:9-17) consider, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection:-

Like so many of the great discourses of Jesus in the gospel of John, today's reading is not a shorthand record of Jesus' words, but will have been written up after the event. Most probably there were several slightly different versions of what Jesus said at the Last Supper. In any case, one can see that the author has in mind two different contexts: Jesus' own historical situation at the Last Supper and the situation of the early Church, where the disciples are being tested hard in their mission.

They need encouraging by Jesus' own example of his sacrifice and by his promise of real friendship; they are friends, not servants, specially chosen by Jesus to bear fruit that will last. So we too are welcomed as friends, chosen and commissioned by Jesus to go out and bear fruit, but reminded that we must be prepared to pay the price. There is no fruit without pruning.

Jesus had just given the example of service by washing the feet of his disciples. If we are to share the joy of Jesus we must be ready to join him also in laying down our lives for our friends.

Do we ever have to make hard choices for Christ?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

TAIZE SERVICE: ** THIS WEEKEND **

All welcome on Sun 5th May, 5.30pm at St Gabriel's Church, Heaton.

A simple, contemplative service of song, silence, prayer readings.

MAY DEVOTIONS: ** STARTING THIS SUNDAY (5th MAY) **

All parishioners are invited to pray the Rosary each Sunday throughout May at St Aidan's from 5.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Join Deacon Alison Rebello at St Aidan's on Monday 6th May at 6pm.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Thursday 9th May
10am Mass at St Mary's // 7pm Mass at St Aidan's

CONFESSION: Saturday 11th May, 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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: New members welcome.
St Mary's - Tuesday 14th May at 7pm in the church hall.

COLLECTIONS: 28th April 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £328.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £86.00

Candles: £70.00 / Papers: £9.00 / Little Sisters of the Poor: £120.00

Sick & Retired Priests: £60.00 / SVP (Ncle): £375.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £273.10 / Envelopes: £33.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £66.00 (People's Kitchen).

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

Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING: Our Parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency(CSSA) and Diocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

St Aidan's - Bernie Lamb

St Mary's - Anna Parry

or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

FLOWERS AT ST. AIDAN'S: Volunteers are needed to help arrange and maintain the beautiful flower arrangements in our church. Please speak to Fr Hall or a parish council member if you are able to help.

ST AIDAN'S JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP: SPRING FLOWER SALE

Sunday 19th May in the church hall after Mass. Help support those in need by donating spare plants, something home grown, or something home baked or produced. Please remember cash on the day and bags and boxes for your purchases.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

CDSC PENTECOST MASS 2024: On Sat 11th May 2024, The Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion for Hexham and Newcastle (CDSC) will host their annual Mass for Pentecost at St Mary's Cathedral with the theme '*Renewed in the Holy Spirit*'. Praise and Worship begins at 1.00pm, with Mass at 1.20pm. Please email: charis@diocesehn.org.uk for more details.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK: 13th - 19th May

"Come to me all of you who are weary, and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28). All welcome to a short time of prayer, reflection, connection & community. Sun 12th May, 4pm at St Joseph's Church, Fellgate Estate, Felling, NE32 4PJ. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

VACANCIES (www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact 0191 243 3301).

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies:

- IT Field Engineer (two posts) Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 6 May

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL: You can contribute by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Newcastle, NE4 7QA or via www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here Thank you.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 12th May 2024
"If we take this seriously we can hardly abstain from passing on that love to others." 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Loving God, watch over us, keep us from harm and help us to follow your word. Lead us as we go out into the world to share your word with others through our actions. Amen.