

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 28th September 2025

Sat 27th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Emmett & Tierney families
Sun 28th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	People of the Parish
Sun 28th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Bernadette Bell
<i>Mon 22nd - Thurs 2nd Oct *** NO MASSES ***</i>		
Fri 3rd Oct (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Priest's Intentions
<i>* Sat 4th *** No Confession ***</i>		
Sat 4th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	People of our Parish
Sun 5th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Geoffrey Porthouse
Sun 5th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Augusto & Primitiva Rivera

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

FUTURE DATES:

Eucharistic Adoration at St Aidan's from 6pm on Monday 6th October
Confession at St Mary's from 11am on Saturday 11th October.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 5th Oct /27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Keep to the tradition already established."

(Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14)

OCTOBER BY EDGAR A GUEST (verse 1)

Days are gettin' shorter an' the air a keener snap;
Apples now are droppin' into Mother Nature's lap;
The mist at dusk is risin' over valley, marsh an' fen
An' it's just as plain as sunshine, winter's comin' on again.

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

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

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

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Sunday 28th September 2025: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Rich Man & Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), consider this reflection.

This story told by Jesus occurs only in Luke. It is another of those dreadful warnings about the danger of wealth, for Luke's Gospel is often known as the Gospel to the Poor. Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht. Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he teaches us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death. For me there are three particularly horrible features of this parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine - dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs. Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption even after death: he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue. Contrast this with Abraham's gentleness: it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could. Thirdly, the obdurate brothers: they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling news; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations. *When was the last time I turned my back on someone who needed my help?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

WELCOME: Please note changes to weekday masses on back page.

ST AIDAN'S LOCAL PLANT SALE: TODAY! (Sunday) 10am - 11am in aid of Newcastle Food Banks.

PAPAL NUNCIO VISIT: On Tuesday 30th September, Bishop Stephen will welcome the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía to our Diocese. On that day at 1.00pm he will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Buendía is Pope Leo's Ambassador to our country and so a sign of our communion with the Church of Rome. As well as celebrating Mass he will visit several Diocesan institutions during his stay.

JESMOND ST MARY'S PARTNERSHIP: Sat 11th October, 10am - 2:30pm 'Building a Community of Hope - Journeying with Christ.' A day of Ignatian Prayer led by Fr Dermott Preston at St Mary's Comprehensive School. Ignatian prayer is a reflective and imaginative practice that fosters a deep relationship with God, emphasising discernment and personal connection. A real must try if you have not done so before. Please bring a packed lunch.

WORLD FOOD DAY 2025: Sunday 19th October
This year's theme is "Hand in hand for better foods and a better future"
We are planning a shared lunch after Mass in St Mary's church hall on Sunday 19th October. Parishioners are invited to bring a dish of food from their country, city or town (either homemade or store bought) to put on the table for all to sample and enjoy. If you would like to participate please see sign up form in the church hall. In the run up to the event, we will also be collecting non-perishable foods to be donated to two local charities:- Building Communities North East; and Tin on a Wall. Please leave your tins and packets at the entrance to church. Thank you in advance!

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW: Significance supports YMT, Emmaus Village and provides grants for particular projects which provide opportunities to young people. To raise funds, Significance has launched a Grand Draw:
1st Prize: 2 tickets for a 'Britain's Got Talent' live semi-final in 2026, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (plus other exciting prizes). Each ticket costs £5, the draw will take place on Youth Sunday (23rd November). Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting significance316@gmail.com

A NOTE OF THANKS:
"Pauline Lundgren and the family of Peter would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone for all the prayers, masses offered, support, kind messages, cards and flowers received. They were much appreciated and a source of strength. Also to Father Hall for the lovely service and Vince and the choir for such wonderful music and singing.
£405.00 was raised for Changing Lives."

TOILETRIES: Donations are always needed and gratefully received by the Refugee Project at Blackfriars. Please leave shampoos, shower gels, dental care, feminine hygiene and baby care products in our church halls. Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN TRAINING EVENTS: The Liturgical Formation Team are offering a number of events to support volunteers who play a vital role in our parishes. Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place in November at our very own St Aidan's. If you are interested please speak to Fr Hall or send us an email.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUPS IN NORTH TYNESIDE:
Tuesdays 7pm at St Cuthbert's Catholic Church, North Shields, OR
Fridays 2.30pm St Paul's Church of England, Whitley Bay
Info via Vince at St Mary's or by emailing alistairhain@gmail.com

COLLECTIONS: 21st September
St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £221.00 / Envelopes: £87.00 / Hall hire: £40.00
Candles: £67.00 / Plant & Bake Sale: £170.00 (Justice and Peace Fundraising)
Sr Maureen Murphy's Mission Appeal: £300.00
St Mary's - Loose Plate: £288.51 / Envelopes: £38.00 / Candles: £25.15
Friday Coffee Morning: £90.00 (RNLI)
St Maureen Murphy's Mission Appeal: £1,637.42
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FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: If you feel that you have the skills and interest to a valued critical friend, please contact our primary school headteachers.
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