

## **MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 21st July 2024**

Sat 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intentions
Sun 21st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth Ann Brown & D'cd family
Sun 21st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 22nd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 23rd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Margaret Scott
Wed 24th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Peg Younger
* Wed 24th (St. Mary's)	12 noon	Requiem Mass for Margaret Scott
Thurs 25th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Todhunter and family
Fri 26th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Sat. 27th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 27th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Tony Ward
Sun 28th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 28th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

*"Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go."*

*—Unknown*

## **PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 28th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.*

2nd Reading: (Ephesians 4:1-6)

## **CHILDREN'S PRAYER:**

Christ Jesus, you blessed the bread and broke it so that all had enough to eat. Bless the food we eat today and encourage us to share it, so that around the world, everyone may have enough. 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.

**KEEP IN TOUCH:** Contact us [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com) / 0191 268 4222

Access weekend mass live via YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on [www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

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**St. Mary's & St. Aidan's Churches**

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## **Sunday 21st July 2024**

### ***16th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

After listening to today's Gospel, Gathering to be Fed (Mark 6:30-34), consider this reflection.

Today we begin a series of six Sunday gospels on the Eucharist.

As this year's gospel (Mark) is too short to provide readings for the whole year, the Church takes five Sunday readings from the Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel, introducing them today with the account of the Gathering in Mark's Gospel. Following on, the story of the Feeding, which will begin next week, can be read on several levels.

The event is a foretaste of the Eucharist, with the disciples gathered round Jesus as the new Israel (12 baskets for the 12 tribes) for a fully satisfying meal, the messianic banquet. Furthermore, Jesus is the good shepherd who feeds his flock, according to Psalm 23, on the green pastures beside the restful waters of the Lake of Galilee.

Jesus is also the prophet like Moses who provides manna for his people in the desert or, more precisely, he is like Elisha in 2 Kings 4 (next Sunday's first reading). The story in Mark's account of the Feeding is recounted in terms which deliberately recall these and other biblical scenes, to enrich and deepen our understanding of what is happening.

***How does this reading help you understand how the Lord gathers and prepares us to be fed through his gift of the Eucharist?***

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**END OF TERM THANKS:** We celebrated two end of term masses in our parishes last week. Thank you to all the children for taking part. We wish everyone a safe and happy summer break and send very best wishes to those children moving up to comprehensive school in September.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Autumn 2024

Agenda items can be left in offertory baskets, you can speak to Fr Hall, Deacon Rebello or any member of our parish councils or alternatively email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

**RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING:** A new paperback edition titled 'Synodality and the Recovery of Vatican II: A New Way for Catholics' is for sale via all usual outlets. It features a chapter authored by one Fr Sean Hall. (Signings available on request!)

**POTENTIAL SOCIAL EVENT:** We are looking to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday on Sunday 8th September, but need willing volunteers and party planners to help make it happen. This is an event for both parishes with everyone welcome. If you can help, please email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com) or speak to Fr Hall - thank you for your support.

### **CONFESSION:** Saturday 27th July, 11am at St Mary's

The first and third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am

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### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Monday 5th August, 6pm at St Aidan's

Led by Deacon Alison Rebello. Everyone welcome.

**RECEIVED INTO OUR CHURCHES:** If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our family, please speak to Fr Hall, Deacon Rebello or email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

### **COLLECTIONS: 14th July 2024**

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £113.00 / Envelopes: £72.00 / Hall Hire: £40.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £306.29 / Envelopes: £32.00 / Donations: £90.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £70.00 (People's Kitchen).

For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com)

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

## **CLOTHING DONATIONS: Can you help?**

Charities supported by both our parishes have a continuous need for donations of clothing that is distributed to those with nothing. If you are having a summer clear out, please consider gifting trousers, jumpers, coats, blankets. Items can be left at either church and most gratefully received.

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

### **JOB VACANCIES** [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) or **0191243 3301**

i) Director of Education.

This role is crucial to the development and protection of Catholic Education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Closing date: 22 July.

ii) Management Accountant. Permanent, full time.

Closing date for applications: 28 July.

### **COMMEMORATIVE WALK: Sun 28th July at 2:30pm**

You are cordially invited to the 52nd Annual Blessed John Ingram walk, which takes place on Sunday 28th July 2024 led by Fr Luke Wilkinson. Meeting and starting from St Andrew's Anglican Church, Newgate Street, the walk will end at St Edmund's Chapel, High Street, Gateshead for an ecumenical service followed by refreshments (non-walkers can meet there at 3.30pm). This event is organised by the St Vincent de Paul Society with the help of clergy and parishioners of both churches.

### **FAITH & FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday 25th September, 7pm**

Speakers from different faiths to share how prayer and faith affect their daily lives. English Martyrs' Parish Hall, Stamfordham Road  
Contact [interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk) or 0191 234 3316.

## **WHAT IS THE LORD CALLING US TO BE AND DO**

A Synodal Vision for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

As disciples of Jesus in the Church of Hexham and Newcastle, listening to His invitation, we feel called to make the following commitments:

Commitment 1: To Walk with Jesus and Enable Others to Encounter Him.

Commitment 2: To Grow as One Diocesan Family – Rebuilding Relationships.

Commitment 3: Forming and Developing People for Mission.

Commitment 4: Living Justly and Caring for Our Common Home.

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