

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 20th October 2024

Sat 19th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 20th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr Denis Kellett
Sun 20th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Mary Doyle
Mon 21st	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 22nd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Benjamin James Willshire
Wed 23rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs 24th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	George Todhunter & family
* Thurs 24th (St Mary's)	2.00pm	Harvest Festival
Fri 25th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Sat 26th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass Sir John Onaivi
Sat 26th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 26th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 27th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Noel & Monica Bogie
Sun 27th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Priscila Permejo

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

“Volunteering is a grace from God...

volunteers are the strength of the Church.” *Pope Francis 2022*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 27th Oct - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain.”

2nd Reading (Hebrews 5:1-6).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of healing power, help us to see what is not right or fair in our world. Open our eyes to see the changes we can make so that everyone can have hope for a fairer future. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR: Those who have died recently.

Those in our parishes who are sick or who may need our thoughts and prayers. And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

KEEP IN TOUCH: Contact us 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

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Scan to access Volunteer Census online

Sunday 20th October 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, A Life of Service (Mark 10:35-45), consider this reflection.

Three times in Mark's gospel Jesus formally tells his disciples about his coming Passion, and each time they seem entirely deaf to it.

So each time Jesus counters their misunderstanding by repeating the need for a disciple to follow him in suffering.

Today's reading begins just after the third prophecy, and true to form the sons of Zebedee reply with a request for the best seats at the banquet of the Kingdom! Matthew in his gospel spares the two disciples by putting the request in their poor mother's mouth; only in a second exchange with Jesus do they woodenly accept to share Jesus' 'cup' and 'baptism'. Do they really know what they are accepting, or do they just blithely agree and answer 'Yes' to Jesus' question about sharing the same 'cup' as their 'Master'? The indignation of the other disciples prompts Jesus to deliver his clearest statement in words that authority in the Church should be regarded as service. His clearest statement in action about service is the smelly business of washing the travel-gnarled feet of his disciples at his last meal with them.

How does Jesus envisage leadership in the Church?

How may we all live better lives of service?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

VOLUNTEER CENSUS: The Diocese is carrying out a volunteer census in our parishes. If you volunteer, in any capacity, within the Diocese (whether your role requires a DBS or not), please complete one of the forms at the entrance to church at St Aidan's or in the hall at St Mary's or submit your details online by scanning the QR code on the front of this newsletter.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (20th Oct): By supporting Missio, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go, invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection. Thank you.

ST AIDAN'S LOCAL PLANT SALE: Thank you to all for your support last Sunday. £60.00 was raised for Newcastle food banks.

ASSISTED SUICIDE - SHOULD THE LAW BE CHANGED?

Dr Dominic Whitehouse, a palliative care consultant leads a discussion taking place on Wed 23rd October, 7:30pm - 9pm at the Royal Station Hotel in Newcastle. Please attend if you can.

HARVEST FESTIVAL: Thursday 24th October, 2pm

The children from St Mary's Primary will be giving thanks for the harvest in church with songs, readings and prayers. All are welcome.

SCHOOL OF SANCTUARY AWARD: Congratulations!

Staff and children at St Mary's Primary worked together to achieve the award, which recognises schools, nurseries and sixth forms 'committed to creating a culture of welcome, understanding and belonging for those forced to flee'. See more via www.diocesehn.org.uk

YOUTH 2000: Holding a holy hour of prayer & praise, rosary, reflection and social on Saturday 26th October from 2.00pm to 4pm at St Cuthbert's RC Church Old Elvet. Open to Young people aged 16-35 (under 16s will need to request a Parent Consent form) For more information, please contact irishanthony12@gmail.com

TAIZE SERVICE: Sunday 3rd November

St Gabriel's Church, Heaton at 5:30pm. A simple, contemplative gathering with song, silence, prayer and readings. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Sat 9th November at St Joseph's Home, Newcastle.

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to enjoy lots of stalls, home baking, Santa's Grotto, and Arts & Crafts. All are welcome from 12pm until 3pm.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF HOPE - JOURNEYING WITH CHRIST

On Sat 16th November there will be a time of reflection for any and all parishioners interested in the future of our parishes. Led by the Jesuit Fathers from St Dominic's, please arrive at 9.30 (for a prompt 10.00am start). The day will consist of a short talk then two sessions in which we will reflect on our experience of church. Using a passage from the Gospels to assist us, we will look to address the needs for the future of our local parishes. The day will end promptly at 2.30pm. Tea, coffee, water will be provided but please bring a packed lunch. If you would like to attend please register your interest with Joanne, our Parish Secretary, or Fr Hall.

COMMUNION REMINDER: Could those parishioners yet to make their First Holy Communion or be received into church, please remember to approach Fr Hall for blessing with arms crossed at the chest. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: 13th October 2024

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £226.30 / Envelopes: £97.00 / Hall Hire: £46.00

Donations: £25.00 / CAFOD Family Fast Day: £115.00

Sunday Plant Sale: £250.70 (Justice & Peace)

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £331.18 / Envelopes: £48.00 / Donations: £70.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £69.00 (People's Kitchen)

For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email parishsecretary@mail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

LOOSE COINS: Remember we can't accept foreign money in any collection.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Minutes are available on our websites with hard copies in the hall. Agenda items can be left in offertory baskets or sent to parishsecretary@mail.com Council members will be inviting parishioners to attend our November meetings. If you are interested please let us know.

HALF TERM FUN: New Adventurelands is hosting an exclusive party for St Stephen's school community on Tues 29th October 5pm-7pm. Tickets are £5 per child and available to buy from the school office by cash or card. All proceeds will help to fund the school's outdoor play provision. Feel free to buy tickets for family and friends too – all are welcome!