

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 3rd May 2026

Sat 2nd (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intention
Sun 3rd (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Freya Elizabeth Amis
Sun 3rd (St Mary's)	11.00am	Joan and Neville Peppiatt
Mon 4th	** NO MASS **	
Tues 5th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Survivors of Domestic Abuse
Wed 6th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 7th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr John Devine
Fri 8th (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat 9th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 9th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intentions
Sun 10th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	Jim Jones
Sun 10th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Fr Pat Mckenna

For Mass Intentions, please use envelopes in our churches.

"In our day, we are like Mary whenever we do not flee, whenever we make Jesus' "yes" our own." Pope Leo XIV

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: 10th May / 6th Sunday of Easter
"Keep your cool and reply with courtesy." 2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of love, you sent your only Son into the world to show us how to live. Help us to love you and one another in our words and all that we do. 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.

KEEP IN TOUCH: NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 268 4222.
Weekend mass live on YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary.
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Sunday 3rd May April 2026:
Fifth Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Warns of His Departure (John 14: 1-12), consider this reflection by Fr Henry Wansbrough: As the festival of the Ascension approaches, Jesus begins to prepare his followers for his own departure from the world.

There are two aspects to this teaching. Firstly Jesus speaks of the final purpose, union with the Father, and his preparation of a place for us there. He says that there is a 'room' for each of them, suggesting not that there are plenty of separate cubicles for different sets of people (bishops, babies, monks and maniacs), but that there is no lack of space in heaven. No problem of 'only one wins the prize' in this case.

The second aspect is preparation for the future Church on earth, and the almost shocking promise that in the absence of Jesus – but in the strength of his Spirit – his people will do 'even greater works'.

Paul teaches that believers 'make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ', for in every age the Church fills up the measure of Christ's sufferings; it is a Church which shares its Master's trials. In the same way in every age the Church must carry on the works of Christ. In John the 'works' of Jesus are the marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, which show who Jesus is. We too are called on to perform marvellous deeds, beyond mere human powers, works of grace and generosity.

What is the real joy and excitement of heaven?

How may we best carry on the 'work' of Christ?



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

SCHOOL MASS: St Stephen's will be celebrating Mass with us on Thurs 7th May at 10am. All are welcome.

CONFESSION: Saturday 9th May, 11am at St Mary's
Saturday 16th May: Please note no confession

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: 9th and 10th May

Fr Patrick O'Beirne will give the Annual Mission Appeal on behalf of the Columban Missionaries at our weekend Masses.

ST AIDAN'S SPRING PLANT & FOOD BRING AND BUY SALE: Sun 10th May

In the Church Hall after Mass next week, please help those in need by donating plants, something home-grown, home baked or produced. In particular we would like to continue to celebrate our cultures with some international recipes and treats. Please let us know if you are able to assist on a stall and start saving coins, boxes and bags to bring along on 10th. All money raised supports St Aidan's Justice and Peace Group.

ST MARY'S CYCLE RACK: Now installed behind the church to the right as you leave via church hall. There are spaces for up to 6 bicycles. Users need to supply their own chain or lock. Please note that the Parish cannot be held responsible for any damage or theft.

COLLECTIONS: 26th April 2026

St Aidan's: Loose Plate: £213.00 / Envelopes: £77.00 / Donations: £55.00

Hall Hire: £50.00 / Sick & Retired Priests: £80.00

St Mary's: Loose Plate: £185.04 / Envelopes: £65.00 / Candles: £26.32

Friday Coffee Morning: £120.00 (SMILE TRAIN)

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Details re standing orders, offertory envelopes or Gift Aid via NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Bishop Stephen will lead a special mass at St Andrew's Church in Newcastle on Tuesday 5th May at 12.05pm. Domestic abuse causes pain and fear that prevent its victims from living the life Jesus came to bring. Our churches are safe spaces where we support each other, signpost external services & walk together on our life journeys. Help and support is available 07940 390210 or www.diocesehn.org.uk/services/safeguarding

NEWS FROM OUR JESMOND ST MARY PARTNERSHIP

LOURDES RACE NIGHT: Fri 15th May, 7pm - 1030pm

St Teresa's church is hosting the "Kellet Cup Race Night" to raise funds for Lourdes Hospitalité, in memory of Fr Denis Kellet. All money raised will support sick & disabled pilgrims from throughout the diocese to travel to Lourdes. For more information, sponsorship, horses & tickets please contact Pat Henzell: 07803727799 or chris.henzell@gmail.com

AUSTEN IVEREIGH AT THE HOLY NAME: Sat 16th May at 11am

When Pope Francis died a year ago, the Cardinals elected a Pope who would continue and deepen his reform, which they said was key to evangelising today's world. This is what Francis and now Leo call "the change of era" - a new apostolic age. In his lecture Pope Francis biographer and noted Catholic journalist and commentator, Dr Austen Ivereigh explains the nature of the Francis-Leo transition, how the Church is being called to change its way of operating, and why it matters for the future of faith. All are welcome, there is no charge & no booking is necessary.

REMINDER ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL: Mon 13th April - Fri 29th May

Cathedral Masses have moved to city centre churches during refurbishment - full details are available via www.diocesehn.org.uk.

Pauline Bookshop & Cloisters Café continue to operate as per their usual opening times. Mary's Place also remain opens on a Monday 10am – 1pm.

SVP CAMP HOLY ISLAND: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This summer more than 60 children will be rock pooling, walking, doing arts and crafts and enjoying outdoor activities but helpers are needed to ensure they have the best time!

If you are interested have a look at the website <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/ozanam-camp> or email Barbara Taws barbarat@svp.org.uk

All helpers receive training and will need to be DBS checked.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI: 22nd – 29th October 2027

Led by Bishop Stephen. £1,725.00 per person

Places are limited to 50 pilgrims and places are allocated on a first come first served basis with payment of the deposit securing your place.

Itinerary & booking form is on www.diocesehn.org.uk or in our church halls.