

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 1st September 2024

Sat 31st Aug (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Terrence Hodgson
Sun 1st Sept (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 1st Sept (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Bill & Mary Winifred Langron
* Mon 2nd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 3rd (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Gillian Jones
Wed 4th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs 5th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 6th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Peg and Harry Allen
* Sat. 7th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 7th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Tony Ward
Sun 8th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 8th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Jonathan Holt

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

*"Fall is here, hear the yell - Back to school, ring the bell
Brand new shoes, walking blues - Climb the fence, books and pens
I can tell that we are going to be friends." Jack White.*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

8th September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In God's eyes everyone has just the same value." (2nd Reading: James 2:1-5)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

*God of mercy and love, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live.
Help us always to be the best people that we can be and to show our love
for you in all that we do. 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 / 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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Sunday 1st September 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The True Purpose of the Law (Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23), consider this reflection.

Legal observance has its dangers, for it is sometimes easy to obey the law exactly while forgetting its purpose. It is no good driving doggedly just below the speed-limit while endangering life and limb.

The more exact the law, the greater is the temptation to manipulate it to evade its purpose. The Pharisees were as aware of this danger of distortion as is the modern stickler for exact observance.

The Pharisees have a bad press in the gospels because, at the time the gospels were written, hostility between Christians and Pharisaic Judaism was at its height. During Jesus' own lifetime their opposition was not so obvious. For instance, they had no share in the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus. In any case, Jesus' own final saying here, while it may apply to the Jewish ritual Law, has much wider application than the observance of Jewish rules for clean food.

It is more akin to the saying in Matthew: 'A sound tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit. By their fruits you shall know them'. A person's true qualities are seen by that person's actions; their true intentions and character, which comes from the heart, become visible in their words and actions.

What sort of things would manifest a heart centred on Christ?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB



NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

CONFESSION: Saturday 7th September, 11am at St Aidan's.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Thank you to all those who have expressed an interest in supporting our parishes as Eucharistic Ministers. Spaces still available, so if you can partake, please let us know this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2024/25: Communications will start soon to families of children beginning year 4 (8 years old) and wishing to make their First Holy Communion in June 2025. If you know of a child who does not attend St Mary's or St Stephen's primary school but would like to be included in this year's preparation classes please speak to Fr Hall or preferably email parishsecretary@mail.com as soon as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Following the Adoremus 2024 National Eucharistic Congress at St Mary's Oscott on 14th September, this month's Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Sunday 15th September, 6pm** at St. Aidan's. This is part of the nationwide call to organise Eucharistic Adoration across all parishes in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025 announced by Pope Francis. The objective of this Adoration is to fruitfully unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist with a renewed and deepened devotion. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration in October. The Eucharistic Adoration in November will take place on Remembrance Day 11th November at 6pm in St Aidan's Church. All are very welcome.

COLLECTIONS: 18th August 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £346.00 / Envelopes: £109.00 / Hall Hire: £40.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £176.07 / Envelopes: £30.00 / Donations: £40.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £61.00 (People's Kitchen)

25th August 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £203.70 / Envelopes: £62.00 / Candles: £48.00

Papers: £10.50 / Hall Hire: £ 38.00 / Piety: £16.50

Sunday Coffee Morning: £131.30 (Heart NE)

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £341.44 / Envelopes: £ 33.00 / Donations: £110.00

Funeral: £240.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £53.72 (People's Kitchen)

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

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONFERENCE: ADOREMUS 2024

There are still a handful of spaces for St Aidan and St Mary parishioners to attend this national event taking place on Saturday 14th September in Oscott, Birmingham (transport via coach).

If you are interested, please contact Deacon Alison Rebello this weekend via alisonrebello@yahoo.co.uk or 07931 136243.

You can find out more about the event and day's schedule on the website www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus24-programme-resources

NOURISH SOCIAL SUPERMARKET: Appeal for food donations

Based within the Cedarwood Hub in North Shields, this store bridges the gap between a supermarket and a food bank enabling people to supplement their weekly shop when times are financially difficult. The charity is appealing for help in organising local collections of tins and dry food. If you can help, please contact 0330 094 8454 or info@cedarwoodtrust.com

GOOD LUCK MATTHEW!

St Aidan young parishioner Matthew Kingston is taking part in the Junior Great North Run on Sunday 7th September to help fundraise for Heel and Toe - a local charity which is supporting his sister Anna. If you are able to sponsor him, please visit his page or see basket in St Aidan's entrance. www.ajbellgreatnorthrun2024.enthuse.com/pf/anna-kingston

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

VACANCIES

Cleaner, St Cuthbert, Old Elvet, Durham – 10 hours a week.

Closing date: 9th September.

Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk for full details or contact 07789 885 118.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

This annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world uniting to pray and protect our common home begins on 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The theme for 2024 is "To hope and act with Creation" and the symbol is "The first fruits of hope", inspired by Romans 8: 19 – 25. You can learn more and view a recorded message from Pope Francis via www.diocesehn.org.uk