

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 14th July 2024

Sat 13th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Hanna Curry
Sun 14th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Joyce Devlin
Sun 14th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Fr Graham Williams
Mon 15th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 16th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	End of Term School Mass
Wed 17th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Honey Beth Berami
Thurs 18th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Angela Cowley
Fri 19th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Laurie Guy
Sat. 20th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 20th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intention
Sun 21st (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth Ann Brown & D'cd family
Sun 21st (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

*"Good times never seemed so good. I've been inclined....
to believe they never would." Neil Diamond.*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 21st July - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Christ won salvation for the whole world."

(2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

God of all, you are always there for us. Help us to be there for others when they need us and to treat all people with compassion and respect. 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 14th July 2024

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel,

Instructions for Missionaries (Mark 6:7-13), consider this reflection.

The instructions for missionaries are shaped by the urgency of the Kingdom. The Twelve are to travel light for speed. They should wear sandals rather than go barefoot, also for speed and security.

They are to rely for their provisions on the welcome they receive and, if they are unwelcome, they should not waste time on those who reject them. Did Jesus think that the Kingdom or Kingship of God would finally burst on the world in his own time, that there was so little time to spare?

In one way it did – at his death and Resurrection, which fulfilled God's plan and restored us to friendship with God. In another way the Kingdom is still in the future: the reign of peace and justice is not yet established. There is still sorrow, distress, enmity, fraud, jealousy and plenty of other evils which fracture God's Kingship.

We are still imperfect reflections of the light of Christ, still pilgrim members of a pilgrim Church. Our efforts are often feeble, even when we try to walk in Christ's footsteps. We cannot sit back complacently, any more than the missionaries of Jesus' own time. The task of establishing the Kingdom is still imminent.

How can we missionaries best bring Christ's light and God's joy to the world?



Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

WELCOME BISHOP STEPHEN celebrating Mass with us this Sunday.

END OF TERM THANKS: To all staff and those supporting the schools across our parishes for all you do for our children and their families. We wish you all (and your charges) a relaxing, fun-filled and fair-weathered summer break!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Summer 2024

Both St Aidan's and St Mary's Parish Councils met at the beginning of July. St Mary's minutes are available in the church hall and also to view online via www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk // St Aidan's to follow shortly.

The Councils will meet again in September. If you have any questions, comments or agenda items please email 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. We envisage an afternoon event for all the family with everyone welcome to perhaps bring their own picnic or contribute to catering. If you're interested, please email parishsecretary@mail.com or speak to Fr Hall - thank you for your support.

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS: Tuesday 16th July, 10am

The children from St Mary's Primary will be celebrating their end of year mass in church. All are welcome to attend.

ST STEPHEN'S SUMMER PINIC: Wednesday 17th July, 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Enjoy refreshments, tuck shop, raffle and tombola with all proceeds helping to support the school.

CONFESSION: Saturday 20th July, 11am at St Aidan's

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

The second and fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 5th August, 6pm at St Aidan's
Led by Deacon Alison Rebello. Everyone welcome.

RECEIVED INTO OUR CHURCHES: Additional dates have been added to our Baptism Preparation programme. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) course will start again in Autumn as will preparation for children looking to make their First Holy Communion.

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

COLLECTIONS: 7th July 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £254.00 / Envelopes: £57.00 / Hall Hire: £54.00

Sunday Coffee Morning: £120.00 (Heart NE)

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £231.44 / Envelopes: £77.00 / Donations: £152.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £123.50 (People's Kitchen).

30th June 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £330.00 / Envelopes: £117.00 / Hall Hire: £44.00

Candles: £58.00 / Piety: £29.00 / Peter's Pence: £137.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £305.92 / Envelopes: £37.00 / Donations: £40.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £40.00 (People's Kitchen)

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

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

JOB VACANCIES: Director of Education.

This role is crucial to the development and protection of Catholic Education within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. For details, please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies or contact 0191243 3301.

Closing date for applications: 22 July.

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.

You can read more about the Diocesan Vision on the website www.diocesehn.org.uk