

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 6th October 2024

Sat 5th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Priest's Intention
Sun 6th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Elizabeth Ann Brown and Freya Elizabeth Amis
Sun 6th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 7th	*** NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ***	
Tues 8th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Elizabeth and Robert Scott
Wed 9th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	George Candlish
Thurs 10th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Terry Leech
Fri 11th (St Mary's)	10.00am	Luis Cardozo
Sat 12th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 12th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Tony Ward
Sun 13th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	O Joseph
Sun 13th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Bernard Faller

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

"Fasting is feasting on fellowship with God." Anon

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

13th Oct - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We need to read the Scriptures to come to know the ways of God."

2nd Reading (Hebrews 4:12-13).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of light, show us how we can answer your call.

Inspire us to share all that we have with others, so that all people around the world may live free from poverty. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who have died recently:- Ida De Michelle.

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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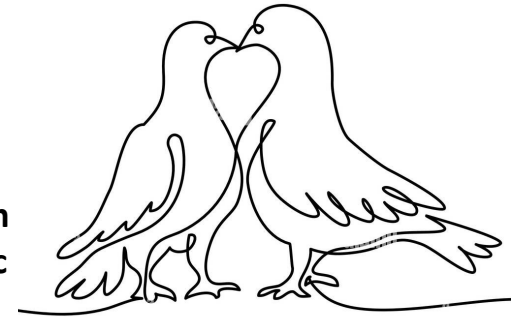
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Sunday 6th October 2024 // 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Two Become One Flesh (Mark 10:2-16), consider this reflection.

The Pharisees are putting a trick question to Jesus, as is clear in Matthew's fuller account in his gospel. They knew the Law, which permitted divorce, and they will quote this Law to Jesus. The Law allowed divorce for 'indecency', but teachers were divided about what this meant: did it mean adultery or a lesser fault? Their real question is: what does Jesus consider grounds for divorce? As so frequently in his discussions with the legal experts, Jesus' response goes beyond and much deeper than a simple answer to the question: God made man and woman such that they should bond together permanently and become one thinking, living being. The word used for one 'body', or one 'flesh', really means one entity, not a hunk of meat, but a single, vibrant personality. God's intention was not that the two should be separable again. So Jesus does not answer the question about grounds for divorce at all. It is striking that here, and on other occasions, Jesus' authority is such that he feels able to alter the sacred Law of Moses. For the Jews the Law of Moses was God's own gift, sacred and unalterable by any human authority. By altering it, by annulling the permission for divorce under certain circumstances, Jesus is implicitly claiming divine authority.

What does Jesus teach about marriage? And what does his welcoming of the children have to say about God's kingdom?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Friday 4th October

Please leave any donations in the baskets at the entrances to our churches.

ST AIDAN'S PLANT & PRODUCE SALE: Today! Please visit the hall after Mass and enjoy the wonderful selection.

NEXT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 11th November, 6pm at St Aidan's, led by Deacon Alison Rebello. All are very welcome.

CONFESSION: Saturday 12th October, 11am at St Mary'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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION AT ST MARY'S: Sessions will take place once a month in the hall on a Sunday morning before Mass. They begin on Sunday 13th October - please note the car park will be busier than usual.

COLLECTIONS: 22nd September 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £178.00 / Envelopes: £62.00 / Hall Hire: £40.00
Candles: £66.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £251.92 / Envelopes: £25.00 / Donations: £55.00
Funeral: £230.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £86.00 (People's Kitchen)

29th September

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £254.00 / Envelopes: £72.00 / Hall Hire: £94.00
Northern Cross: £15.00 / Donations: £10.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £347.95 / Envelopes: £43.00 / Donations: £20.00
Friday Coffee Morning: £65.00 / Missio Appeal: £522.32

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

MISSIO & RED BOXES: Thank you to all who donated last week after listening to Fr Emmanuel's appeal. If you would like a Red Box please take one, fill with spare coins and then return to church once full. We will count the change and donate directly to Missio.

LOOSE COINS: Remember we can't accept foreign money in any collection, so please check your coins before placing in baskets or boxes. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 15th November 2024

A Day of Spirituality for parishioners across our partnership—led by Jesuits and taking place at St Mary's Comprehensive School on Benton Road. Further details to follow shortly.

ST AIDAN JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP: Thank you to everyone who has organised, attended and supported the various fundraising events led by the parish of St Aidan's. They continue to be a great success. In a recent meeting, it was agreed that the following charitable donations be made:-

- i) £300.00 to CAFOD World Gift's - Water for Families
- ii) £300.00 to The People's Kitchen, Bath Lane, Newcastle
- iii) £300.00 to SVP Society, Blackfriars, Newcastle.

"We exist to encourage commitment to action for Justice and Peace in light of the Gospel message and teaching of the Catholic Church."

ST MARY'S PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2024: Updated and agreed at the Sept council meeting. Available to view on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk also hard copies in the church hall.

THANKS FROM LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: Donations of stamps, currency and old jewellery from churches across Newcastle have, to date, raised an incredible £22,203 for St Joseph's Home. Thank you all for your very kind and generous support. Items can be left in our church halls for collection.

VOLUNTEERING IS A GRACE FROM GOD: The Diocese is currently carrying out a volunteer census to ensure we offer support and appropriate training and recognition for the important part all play in the life of our parish, giving their time freely and regularly to assist within the Parish, School, or Diocese. During weekend of 20th of October the census will be explained in more details and there will be forms for volunteers to complete.
Volunteering is a grace from God...Volunteers are the strength of the Church.

MARY'S PLACE: Mary's Place offers free meals to the homeless and socially disadvantaged. We do this in a cafe environment, every Monday from 09:00-13:00 (cafe opens at 10:00) in the Conference Centre at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. We would love more people to join us in this exceptionally rewarding ministry, if you are interested or would just like to find out more about Mary's Place, please contact: Lynn Thompson, via lynn.thompson@sky.com; or mobile: 0791 6615 173.