

**MASS INTENTIONS:** w/c 27th October 2024

Sat 26th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 27th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Noel and Monica Bogie
Sun 27th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Priscila Permejo
Mon 28th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 29th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Sir John Onaivi
Wed 30th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs 31st (St Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri 1st Nov (St Mary's)	10.00am	At Abraham
Fri 1st Nov (St Aidan's)	7pm	All Saints Day
Sat 2nd (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 2nd (St Mary's)	5.30pm	Margaret Bradford
Sun 3rd (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 3rd (St Mary's)	11.00am	Matthew Bradley

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*"Bless the saints in heaven, gathered in that special place.*

*May we tell their stories and remember all the ways  
they lived their faith and spent their days."*

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:**

3rd November - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The offering of his life in loving obedience."*

2nd Reading (Hebrews 7:23-28).

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** Christ Jesus, show us how to share your love with our neighbours, both here and around the world, as you ask us to. 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.

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**Sunday 27th October 2024 // 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, Blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), consider this reflection.

There are several remarkable things about this story. Firstly, the scene is just when Jesus is leaving Jericho. Jericho is about three hours' walk from Jerusalem, up a great, rocky canyon. When you leave Jericho you know you are just about coming to Jerusalem. It is the last village on the way, and (as we heard in last week's gospel) the excitement of what is to happen in Jerusalem (the great revelation of Jesus' glory at the Passion) is already upon those who are journeying with him; the cured beggar dances on the way with them.

Secondly, the beggar is the only person in Mark to call Jesus 'Son of David', drawing attention to Jesus' messianic ancestry and preparing for his messianic entry into Jerusalem.

Thirdly, in Mark Jesus says 'Your faith has cured you' only twice. The first time was to the woman with a haemorrhage, who had shown her faith with great courage by daring to touch Jesus' garment in the crowd. Now Bartimaeus shows the same stubborn courage in carrying on shouting despite the attempts to silence him. So both these people show with their courage that they really do put their trust in Jesus and are confident that he will help them. If our faith is to save us, it needs to be real, courageous and stubborn. Lukewarm, tentative faith is not enough. *How do we show our faith and trust in the Lord Jesus?*

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

### **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:** a new way to get in touch!

Please use [NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk) for any parish enquiries. To contact Fr Hall privately, please use [sean.hall@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:sean.hall@diocesehn.org.uk). The telephone number remains the same: - 0191 268 4222.

### **ALL SAINTS DAY: Friday 1st November.**

Mass 10am at St Mary's and 7pm at St Aidan's.

### **CONFESSION:** Saturday 2nd November, 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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** Our second session takes place at St Mary's on Sunday 3rd November at 10am.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 11th November**

Led by Deacon Alison Rebello at St Aidan's from 6pm. All are very welcome.

### **PARTNERSHIP CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025**

This year the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be done on a partnership-wide basis with sessions taking place at St Teresa's on a Tuesday evening (6.45-8.15pm). If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming year, please speak to Fr Hall or collect a form from St Mary's High School. The first session of the programme will take place on Tuesday 3rd December. At that meeting a list of the sessions dates will be made available, with sessions taking place every month. The Confirmation Mass will take place on Thursday 26th June 2025.

### **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.

### **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.

### **CAROLS AROUND THE TREE:** Tues 17th December, from 6.30pm

An invitation from the West Moor Residents Association to attend their annual Christmas event outside West Moor shops with Santa in attendance and a collection for St Oswald's Hospice.

### **COLLECTIONS: 20th October 2024**

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £173.00 / Envelopes: £82.00 / Hall Hire: £76.00  
World Mission Sunday: £35.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £299.90 / Envelopes: £51.10 / Donations: £50.00  
Friday Coffee Morning: £62.40 (People's Kitchen)

*For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto: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](mailto:parishsecretary@mail.com). Council members will be inviting parishioners to attend our November meetings. If you are interested please let us know.

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

### **VACANCIES** (both roles based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle)

Deputy Director of Education – Full-time, term-time.

Closing date: 6 November.

Finance Manager – Full-time. Closing date: 8 November.

Full details via [www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies) or 0191 243 3301.

**NEW TRUSTEE:** Bishop Stephen has appointed Mr Mike Shorten as a Trustee of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Mr Shorten has a wealth of experience in Education, Safeguarding; and Business Management, including HR and has served in leadership roles across our Diocese for many years.