

**MASS INTENTIONS:** w/c 15th September 2024

Sat 14th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Gillian Jones
Sun 15th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Ellen Devlin
Sun 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Families celebrating baptisms today
* Sun 15th (St. Aidan's)	6.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
* <b>Mon 16th</b>	<b>*** NO MASS ***</b>	
** Tues 17th (St. Mary's)	12.30pm	Requiem Mass for Rita Wooding
Wed 18th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs 19th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Aidan Cowley
Fri 20th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
* Sat. 21st (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 21st (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Emmett and Tierney families
Sun 22nd (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Gerard Lalor
Sun 22nd (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 23rd - Thurs 26th</b>	<b>*** NO MASSES ***</b>	
Fri 27th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eucharistic Service (followed by coffee morning)

*Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th we welcome Fr Emmanuel Mbeh who will be celebrating Masses with us and speaking about the Missio Appeal.*

**For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.**

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:** 22nd Sept - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

True prayer submits in obedience to the Father.

2nd Reading (James 3:16-4:3)

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:** *God of love, help us to recognise the importance of all children no matter where in the world they come from. Amen.*

**WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:** Terry Leech who 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.

**KEEP IN TOUCH:** Contact us [parishsecretary@mail.com](mailto: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](http://www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

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**Sunday 15th September 2024**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, Peter's Declaration of Faith and Jesus' Reply (Mark 8:27-35), consider this reflection.

This is the turning-point of Mark's gospel. Till now the stories we have heard have all spoken about ever-increasing wonder and amazement at Jesus' personality, his goodness and his authority.

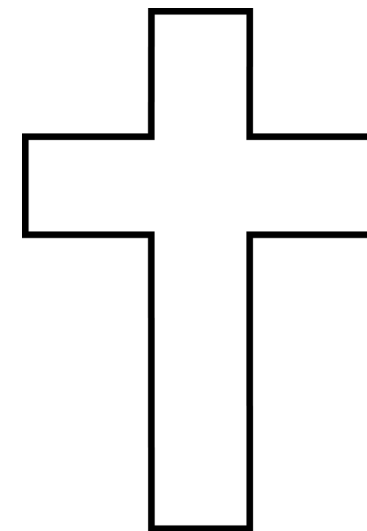
But even his closest disciples do not seem to have seen what this means.

Then suddenly Peter comes to the realisation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed of God, for whom everyone was waiting. However, Peter still does not understand what this implies. Jesus is not a conquering political hero, who will simply wipe out all opposition by overwhelming force, and make every path smooth and gentle. Jesus begins to show his disciples that the road to fulfilment is through suffering.

Jesus repeats this prophecy of his suffering, death and resurrection another two times, and on each occasion the disciples fail to grasp the lesson; first it's Peter, then the disciples who are arguing about precedence, and finally the two sons of Zebedee who want the best places for themselves. So three times Jesus repeats that if you want to follow him you must follow him to the Cross. Nor are we, later followers of Jesus, any quicker than the first disciples to learn this lesson if we greet any suffering that comes our way with indignation and evasion.

***Why does Jesus rebuke Peter so fiercely?***

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**



## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM:** Formerly called Home Mission Sunday, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday is named after Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel. The day offers the Catholic community the opportunity to be joyous in proclaiming the faith – seeking new ways of understanding the faith and reaching out to others.

*“We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face... Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.”* Evangelii Gaudium, §14

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 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. All are very welcome.

**TUESDAY 17th Sept:** No 10am Mass at St Mary's  
12.30pm - Requiem Mass for Rita Wooding

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Autumn 2024**

St Aidan's - was held on Wednesday. Minutes available soon.

St Mary's - Wednesday 18th September at 7pm

New members are always welcome. Agenda items can be left in offertory baskets or emailed to parishsecretary@mail.com

**CONFESSION:** Saturday 21st September, 11am at St Aidan's.  
NO CONFESSION on 28th September

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS!** Several bags of lovely wool have been donated to St Mary's. If you can make good use of it, please help yourself from the bags in the church hall.

**WELL DONE AND THANK YOU!** Matthew, from St Aidan's, completed the Junior Great North Run and would like to thank everyone who supported him. Mum, Laura, said the family are overwhelmed. The money raised means little sister Anna can attend a 6 week course of hippotherapy and a 8 week course of Occupational therapy. Thank you all for your kindness.

**ST AIDAN'S PLANT AND PRODUCE BRING & BUY SALE:** Sunday 29th Sept after Mass in the Hall. Please help those in need by donating spare plants, something homegrown or something home baked or produced. If you can help on a stall on the day please speak to Andrew or Julia or email parishsecretary@mail.com

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to become altar servers are invited to a training session in November. Please speak to Fr Hall or preferably email parishsecretary@mail.com if you would like to attend.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2024/25:** If you know of a child (starting year 4) 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.

### **COLLECTIONS: 8th September 2024**

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £181.00 / Envelopes: £47.00 / Hall Hire: £52.00  
Donation: £30.00 / Catholic Education: £40.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £249.04 / Envelopes: £34.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £77.00 (People's Kitchen)

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

### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: Pie and Pea Supper**

Wednesday 25th September from 7pm at St Joseph's Home with bingo and raffle. Tickets are £7, available via 0191 273 1279

### **FUNDRAISING FOR OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS:** Asda Cashpot for Schools

Both St Mary's Primary (NE12 7AB) and St Stephen's (NE12 8FA) are taking part and can be selected on the app using their postcodes. Please take a look if you shop at Asda and thank you for your support.

### **FROM THE DIOCESE**

#### **VACANCIES: Info via [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) / 0191 243 3301**

Deputy Director of Education – Full-time, term-time. Closing date: 1st Oct.

Property Surveyor – Full-time, maternity cover. Closing date: 23 September.

Youth Safeguarding Adviser – Full-time, 2-year fixed-term contract.