

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 4th August 2024

Sat 10th Aug (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Carol Roberts & D'cd family
Sun 11th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 11th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
* Mon 12th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 13th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Marian Carter
Wed 14th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
* Thurs 15th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
* Thurs 15th (St. Aidan's)	7.00pm	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 16th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
* Sat. 17th (St Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 17th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 18th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Derek Savin
Sun 18th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches.

"I'm here to show solidarity....wherever we're born, it's about where we are and the one thing we've all got in common is we're living in Newcastle, so we're all Geordies." BBC News

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 18th Aug - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sing hymns to Christ. (2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

"The summertime offers many people an occasion for rest. It's also a favourable time to take care of our relationships." Pope Francis.

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 11th August 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Belief as Eternal Life (John 6:41-51), consider this reflection.

We always think of this Bread of Life discourse as centred on the Eucharist, but the first part of it is centred on the bread of life as the revelation of God. In a similar way, the Liturgy of the Word which proclaims the revelation of God through Scripture is the first part of the Mass. As we said last week, in this discourse Jesus is following the pattern of Jewish sermons with a detailed commentary upon the text from Exodus: 'Bread from heaven he gave them to eat'. Then halfway through the sermon comes a quotation from the prophets, a sort of half-time booster quote. This quotation from Isaiah appears in today's gospel reading: 'They will all be taught by God'. In context this quote occurs in a passage exploring the personal relationship of each believer to the Lord. The Lord will sow in our hearts individually the knowledge of himself, so that each of us has a personal bond with God which is cultivated by prayer. If we listen to the Father and learn from him, we come to Jesus, who has seen the Father. So in this reading the emphasis is on listening, seeing, believing the revelation of the Father.

Faith is no abstract set of truths but a personal knowing, just as we know those we love on earth. Only at the end of today's reading do we move on to the topic of eating the Bread of Life. *How and where do you listen to what God has to say to you?*

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: Thursday 15th August

We will celebrate Mass - 10am at St Mary's and 7pm at St Aidan's

"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians" (CCC 966). This means that Mary's Assumption is not just a special event in her own life, but it also points toward the resurrection that awaits all faithful Christians.

CONFESSION: Saturday 17th August, 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

MASS BOOKS: St Mary's

If you wish to take home a full set of mass books, please see table in the church hall. This Advent, we will start using a new lectionary and while there are some slight changes to language and phrasing, all readings for the year remain the same. We will continue to present the mass text above the altar but should you wish to use the books for reflection or preparation before mass, they are free to a good home.

CLOTHING DONATIONS: Can you help?

Charities supported by both our parishes have a continuous need for donations of clothing that is distributed to those with nothing. Items can be left at either church and are most gratefully received.

COLLECTIONS: 4th August 2024

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £215.00 / Envelopes: £62.00 / Hall Hire: £38.00

Funeral: £228.00 / Donation: £500.00

St Mary's - Loose Plate: £281.74 / Envelopes: £43.00

Donations: £60.00 / Friday Coffee Morning: £74.00 (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.

RECEIVED INTO OUR CHURCHES: 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

SHAPING OUR BOROUGH: North Tyneside Council wants to be an age friendly borough and is seeking opinions and experiences from residents to help to make North Tyneside a better place to live. If you are interested in taking part in a short online survey, please contact Healthwatch North Tyneside on 0191 263 5321 or email info@hwnt.co.uk

STATEMENT FROM CEO OF CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

(shortened version - full statement can be read on www.csan.org.uk)

"..we have been shocked and disturbed at the violent scenes of public disorder in many parts of the UK in recent days and the levels of racism, Islamophobia and hatred against those seeking sanctuary in our country. We grieve with the families of the three young girls tragically killed in Southport whose lives were so brutally cut short and we remember their families in our prayers at this unimaginably difficult time."

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has commented, "Today, and always, we need to continue to pray, work and stand together for peace in our country. The actions of the few involved in violence stands in stark contrast to the work of charities, church groups and volunteers who tirelessly extend the hand of welcome to migrants in acts of solidarity. We hope and pray that they will re-double their efforts so that we can rebuild communities after the terrible events of the last few days." Raymond Friel OBE (06/08/24)

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: St Aloysius, Hebburn

The Diocese will be delivering courses for those who wish to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in the Autumn.

Session 1: Mon 30th Sept 7pm - 9pm / Session 2: Mon 7th Oct 7pm - 9pm

Session 3: Saturday 19 October 10.30am – 4.00pm

Those interested please speak to Fr Hall or email parishsecretary@mail.com

VACANCIES: www.diocesehn.org.uk/job-vacancies or 0191 243 3301.

Parish Finance Officer, full-time, on a two-year fixed-term contract.

Closing date for applications: 13th August.

Cleaner, St Charles, Gosforth – 5 hours a week. Closing date: 16th August.

Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Mercy, Sunderland – 20 hours a week.

Closing date: 21st August.