

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 3rd November 2024

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
Mon 4th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 5th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed 6th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs 7th (St Aidan's)	10.00am	Grace & Joe Abell (10th Wedding Anniversary)
Fri 8th (St Mary's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Sat 9th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 9th (St Mary's)	5.30pm	John Bradford
Sun 10th (St Aidan's)	9.15am	People of the Parish
Sun 10th (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

"So, never mind the darkness. We still can find a way.

'Cause nothin' lasts forever. Even cold November rain." Axl Rose

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

10th November - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Christ's blood, given to us, is the sign and sacrament of the gift of divine life." 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Generous God, help us to share what we have, so that all people may have enough. 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.

KEEP IN TOUCH:

Contact us via NE12Catholic@dioceses.org.uk or 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 3rd November 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Great Commandment (Mark 12:28-34), consider this reflection.

The basic command of Judaism, which should dominate all life, was love of God above all things. Jesus audaciously adds to this another commandment of the Old Testament, the love of neighbour.

This is the only case in the gospels where a scribe positively approves Jesus. Why is this the case? The scribes were the experts in the Law and its interpretation. To stress the importance and the equality of the second commandment of love Jesus uses a technique of interpretation common and approved in Israel. If two passages of scripture have a parallel sentence structure and use similar words they may be closely associated. In these two commandments, and only here in the whole of the Bible, are the words used, 'And you shall love...' with a direct object. This enables Jesus to put the command to love neighbour on the same level as the command to love God – and the lawyer approves his interpretation. The first Letter of John puts it in this way: 'No one who fails to love the brother whom he can see can love God whom he has not seen.' This was, of course, not a new commandment; it was the equality of the two commandments of love which was new.

What sort of person do you find it most difficult to love?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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

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

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.

CONFESSION: Saturday 9th November, 11am at St Mary's

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.

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: 27th October 2024

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £239.50 / Envelopes: £80.00 / Papers: £13.50
Candles: £52.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £251.45 / Envelopes: £48.00 / Donations: £274.20

Friday Coffee Morning: £75.00 (People's Kitchen)

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: All parishioners welcome to attend

St Aidan's - Tuesday 26th November, 7pm

St Mary's - Wednesday 27th November, 7pm

Minutes are available on our websites with hard copies in the hall.

Agenda items can be left in offertory baskets or emailed to

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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 or 0191 243 3301.

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Father John Bagnall Diocesan Director of Priestly Vocations.