

MASS INTENTIONS WEEKS BEGINNING: 5th September 2021

Sat. 4th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Jim Purcell
Sun. 5th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Joan & Jim Byrne
Sun. 5th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish
Mon. 6th	** NO MASS **	
Tues. 7th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Wed. 8th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Paddy and Nan Hayes
Thurs. 9th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Fri. 10th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Special Intention Nicholson Family
Sat. 11th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 12th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Ellen Devlin
Sun. 12th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Decd. of Cardoza Family

We continue to ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches. You must also continue to sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather in groups inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please pray for those who are sick and those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Francis McNally, Francis Farnell, Thomas Oxley, Charles Holohan, John McDonald, John Sweeney, Matthew Zymon, Margaret King, Angela Dawson, Catherine Walker, John Bamborough, James Gallagher, Patrick Malia, Mary Jane Stewart, John Nolan, Lawrence Lynch, Elsie Bamborough, John Mullankey, Molly Gibson, Cora Outerside, Peter Thompson, Catherine Brecken, Patrick Whelan, Frederick Fall, Olive Byrne, Yvonne Dickson, Ted Adamson, Walter Kennedy, Maureen Wilson, Sarah Logan, James Kelly, Kathleen Pattison

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Access live mass streaming via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.
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Sunday 5th September 2021

The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Cures a Deaf Man (Mark 7:31-37), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This Sunday's first reading prepares us to understand the true meaning of this incident, for in his wonderful cures Jesus is fulfilling that prophecy of Isaiah.

Jesus' activity, as he goes around 'doing all things well', manifests the coming of God into the world, that Day of the Lord when the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. Jesus is the sacrament of God. In him God is active in the world, bringing peace, healing and joy. In him people met and experienced God. His gestures (of putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle) are affectionate ways of showing that God is physically at work in him.

In a modern hygiene-conscious world such actions might be frowned upon. But if we are truly acting as the members of Christ's body in the world, we cannot hold back, and from time to time we will be involved physically and totally in helping others.

One such famous, courageous gesture was Princess Diana's handshake with an AIDS-sufferer when it was still thought that the condition was physically contagious. We too can bring Christ's healing in countless simple (but often costly and courageous) ways.

What do we learn about God from the gestures and words of Jesus in today's Gospel?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

SEPTEMBER 2021

Good luck to all involved in the start of a new school year, a new challenge or a return to the old routine! Stay safe and God Bless.

PARISH SECRETARY REQUIRED

To support the Parish Priests with administration across the Parishes of St Mary's, St. Aidan's, St Lawrence's (Byker), St Teresa's (Heaton) and St Vincent's (Walker).

Part-time, 12 hours per week. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 4 hours per day. Flexible working may be available

Closing date: 8 September 2021

For full job description and how to apply, please visit www.rcdhn.org.uk or telephone 0191 243 3301.

BREAKING THE WORD

A day of Reflection for Readers at Ushaw College in Durham on Saturday 9th October, 10.30am – 3.30pm.

Registration & refreshments from 10.00am.

A light lunch and tea and coffee will be provided.

The cost of the day is £15 per person and is payable by your parish.

PLEASE BOOK NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER through your parish or via adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk / 07375 934713.

SVP/REFUGEE CENTRE

Please help support the work of the SVP Refugee Centre with donations of non-perishable food (no pork please) and in addition, **any spare trainers, hoodies, T-shirts, jeans and backpacks for young men** will be greatly appreciated. Collected from St Mary's after Sunday Mass. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS W/C 29th August

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £98.00 // Gift Aid: £42.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £114.30 // Envelopes: £104.20

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Plans are well ahead for the launch event of the newly formed Diocesan Environmental Group: *'Caring for Our Common Home - Hearing the Cry of the Earth and the Poor'*.

This will be at the Youth Village on Sat 18 September, 10.00am – 4.00pm.

The event will include Mass presided by Bishop Robert, workshops and stalls on sustainable development.

There will also be two keynote speakers:

Christine Allen – National Director of CAFOD

Emma Gardner – Director of the Salford Diocesan Guardians of Creation Project.

The event is to encourage participants to go back to their parish communities to encourage their parishes to take action that will promote caring for our Common Home as called for by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* and promoting 'Social Friendship' as stated in his last encyclical *'Fratelli Tutti'*.

There is no charge since the event is being kindly sponsored by the Diocesan Vicariate for Caritas. A booking form is now available on the Diocesan Website www.rcdhn.org.uk

PROUD CATHOLICS (Tuesday 21st September 2021 - 7:30pm)

Returning to meeting in person with a celebratory Mass at St Andrew's (9 Worswick St, Newcastle upon Tyne), pending restrictions and guidance at the time. There will be the possibility to connect through Zoom for those who are not able or don't feel safe to come to the church.

More details via www.proud catholics.co.uk

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

To be launched during Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sun 17 October.

The Year of the Eucharist will be celebrated in Episcopal Areas, Partnerships, Parishes and Schools and will provide a framework of prayer for the Diocese's participation in the first stage of the Synod.