MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 1st May 2022

Sat. 30th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 1st May (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Teresa Ball
Sun. 1st May (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Raymond Henderson (Ill)
Mon. 2nd	*** NO MASS	***
Tues. 3rd	*** NO MASS	***
Wed. 4th	*** NO MASS	***
Thurs. 5th	*** NO MASS	***
Fri. 6th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Sat. 7th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	John Bradford
Sun. 8th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Fr. John Devine
Sun. 8th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Ernest Humble
Mon. 9th	*** NO MASS	***
Tues. 10th	*** NO MASS	***
Wed. 11th	*** NO MASS	***
Thurs. 12th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Veronica Bews
Fri. 13th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	John Duffy
Sat. 14th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 15th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Edith Latimer
Sun. 15th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Una Byrne

We ask that you continue to wear a face mask while in our Churches.

WE ASK YOU PRAY FOR

Please pray for all those who are sick, and all those whose anniversary occurs about this time: Miriam Wynn, Mary Brown, Norah Rutherford, Robert Hutchins, Henry Gordon, James Malone, John Lloyd, John Conway, Joyce Green, Annie Wraith, Kenneth Henry, Eliza Denwood, Catherine Atkinson, Michelle Stowar, Margaret Quinn, James Earley, Tommy Hunter, Jimmy Graham, Joseph Parker, Agnes Kennedy, Cecelia Habberjam, Neville Peppiatt, Margaret Burn, Harry Gent, Ernest Humble, Lesley Rae, Patricia Welsh, George Hadfield.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com
Access weekend mass live via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.
Homilies can be viewed on here

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Sunday 1st May 2022
The Third Sunday of Easter

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Meets his Disciples at the Lake (John 21:1-19), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.
This epilogue to the Gospel of John shows an extraordinary link with Luke's version of the Call of the Disciples: the same unsuccessful fishing all night transformed into success at Jesus' command, and then the commission to proclaim the Gospel.

As in so many encounters with the risen Christ, he is an awesome figure, the same person but mysteriously changed, so that the disciples have difficulty recognising him. In addition, here in John's Gospel, we have the touching scene of Peter's restoration: a triple declaration of love and loyalty is extorted from Peter to compensate for his triple denial, and a triple commission is given to him, concluding with the repeat of his call, 'Follow me' – as the prophecy of his martyrdom still echoes in his ears.

While Matthew's Gospel concludes with a promise that the risen Christ will be always with his Church, this Gospel illustrates what this will look like in practice: Jesus feeds his followers at the picnic breakfast.
Why the 153 fish? For the Venerable Bede it is too obvious:
put together the numbers from 1 to 16, to this add 10 for the commandments and 7 for the days of creation, and you get 153.
There may be more to it than that!
Is Peter's protestation of love after his denial an example to us (to turn back to the Lord and away from sin)? How can I become more aware of Christ's presence – particularly in the Eucharist, and so in each other?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

CHANGES TO MASSES

Please check the back page of this newsletter for changes to masses this coming fortnight.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

Matthew Burtenshaw was received into the Church last Sunday. Please remember him in your prayers. Welcome Matthew and congratulations!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are looking into the feasibility of creating a children's Sunday choir at St Mary's and would like to initially gauge interest. Singers and musicians required. Please let us know by emailing trishatindall@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH REFUGE PROJECT

This month another 52 clients have been registered through the Justice & Peace Refugee Project coming from 14 different countries. The largest numbers come from Iraq, Syria, Eritrea, El Salvador, Sudan and Iran with others from Afghanistan, Libya, Congo, Somalia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal and Chad. You can read all about the ongoing work of the project here

ST MARY'S SECOND HAND BOOK STALL

A variety of pre-loved books available once again in the church hall.
40p per book or £1 for 3, please leave your donation in the box provided.
All monies raised support church running costs.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS

Every week in the Church Hall after 10am Mass. All are welcome and donations for our charitable raffle are always much appreciated.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTUES

St Mary of the Rosary joint Parish Council & Finance Committee met on 6th April. Minutes can be viewed here

ST. AIDAN'S COLLECTIONS

W/C 10th APRIL
Loose plate: £385.00 / Envelopes: £80.00 / Funerals: £406.00
Holy Places: £10.00
W/C 24th APRIL
Loose Plate: £456.00 / Envelopes: £79.00 / Stole fees (Funeral): £206.00
Hall Hire: £98.00 / Candles: £22.00 / Piety Stall: £10.00
ST. MARY'S COFFEE MORNING (29th April)
Help for Ukraine: £51.83
Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE:

HOLY ISLAND CAMP SOCIAL - Saturday 28th May

Holy Island Vinnies Camp is hosting a Ceilidh from 7:30pm til 11.30pm at Blackfriars @The Ouseburn. All are welcome. Please contact BarbaraT@svp.org.uk for tickets as numbers are limited.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St Joseph's Home in Newcastle are finding the current economic climate increasingly more difficult. The emergency lockdown measures they have had to implement to aid efforts to fight the COVID-19 pandemic and keep their residents safe have had a massive impact on their fundraising activities and the charitable donations they rely on to meet the ever increasing daily running costs of the Home. They are appealing for urgent donations to help continue their work of caring for the Elderly. In these uncertain times, small acts of kindness can make a huge difference in helping the Home.
"Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We are extremely grateful to you for the kindness shown to us."

Cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' can be sent to:
St Joseph's Home, Westmoreland Road, Newcastle, NE4 7QA.
Alternatively, secure, online donations can be made here