

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 2nd February 2025

Sat 1st (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Emmett & Tierney Families
Sun 2nd (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Frank & Freya Amis
Sun 2nd (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Thomas Hodgson (ill)
Mon 3rd	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 4th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Julie George
Wed 5th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	Phil Burke
Thurs 6th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	Priest's Intention
Fri 7th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	John McDonnell
* Sat 8th Feb (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 8th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Conway, Ronan, Sherlock Families
Sun 9th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Fr Pat McMahan
Sun 9th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Peg Younger

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

*"I don't make a particular distinction between 'high art' and 'low art.'
Music is there for everybody. It's a river we can all put our cups into and
drink it and be sustained by it."*

John Williams, composer & conductor, born 8th February 1932

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 9th Feb: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is the primary task to witness to the resurrection of Christ, not merely by our words, but by the way we behave."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. 11

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of love, give us the strength and courage to follow your Son Jesus in all that we say and do. May our words and actions spread your message of love for all people. 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.

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Sunday 2nd February 2025:

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

After listening to today's Gospel, The Child destined for the rise and fall of many, (Luke 2:22-40), consider this reflection.

The story of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple is dominated by Simeon's welcome, 'a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel', and by his warning to Mary, 'a sword will pierce your heart'.

Simeon reiterates the angel's promise that the child would fulfil the destiny of Israel and Israel's mission to the nations. Much like any family life, the promised future included the delights of the growing, developing child, and the background fear that the great destiny of each child may include sorrow and even heart-break. How much did Mary and Joseph know about the precious child they were nurturing? As he grew to independence did he become more loving and supportive? How did his contemporaries find him? Was he a leader?

Did he stand out from the pack? Each of us has a private picture of the child, the boy, the adolescent, the young man. If he was fully human, he had the same frustrations and worries as every child growing in youth and through puberty. All we know for sure is that 'the child grew to maturity' and that Mary 'pondered all these things in her heart' - with Simeon's welcome and warning before her mind.

Imagine Jesus' first serious conversation as an enquiring child with Mary.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

CANDLEMASS: Today we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. It is also known as Candlemas, as the blessing & procession of candles is included in the liturgy. It is known as a “Christmas feast” as it reflects the Solemnity of Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: TODAY (Sunday 2nd February)

We will be taking down the cribs in both our churches following mass. If you can stay to help, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

TAIZE STYLE SERVICE: TODAY (Sunday 2nd February)

St Gabriel’s Church on Heaton Road from 5:30-6:00pm. Enjoy a simple contemplative service of song, silence, prayer and readings. All are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 3rd February, 6pm at St Aidan’s.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FOUR - Thursday 6th February

Emmanuel Charismatic Community leader and coordinator Pat Kennedy will speak on Receiving God's Gifts this Thursday, starting at 7pm at St Aidan's. Co-leader of New Wine Prayer Group Christine Dixon will be sharing her testimony. Come listen to these Talks and you will be enriched as pilgrims of hope in this jubilee year. Also enjoy the accompanying the music worship led by David & Christine Newton and take part in friendly group discussions.

CONFESSION: Saturday 8th February, 11am at St. Mary’s.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: New members encouraged to come along!

St. Aidan’s - Tuesday 11th February at 7pm

St. Mary’s - Wednesday 12th February at 7pm

Agenda items can be emailed to NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk, left in offertory baskets or passed onto Fr Hall or a member of the council.

COLLECTIONS: 26th January 2025

St Aidan’s - Loose Plate: £363.70 / Envelopes: £77.00 / Hall Hire: £38.00

Donation: £20.00 / Racial Justice: £25.00

Sunday Coffee Morning: £75.30 (Heart NE)

St. Mary’s - Loose Plate: £280.90 / Envelopes: £18.00 / Donations: £120.00

For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk Thank you for your continued support.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

ASSOCIATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Day of Reflection. All welcome! All are cordially invited to join the Association of the Eucharist for their Day of Reflection taking place on Saturday 1 February 2025.

Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Location: St Andrew’s Church, Worswick Street, NE1 6UW

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

This Day of Reflection will begin with Mass, followed by a talk then a time for lunch and fellowship. As part of the day of reflection, all will gather for a Holy Hour, spending time with the Lord before the day ends.

For further information and to book your place, please email:

adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk

MARRIAGE MASS: Saturday 8th February

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral at 12.00pm to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NETWORK JUBILEE 2025 WEBINAR

To learn more about Human Trafficking in the UK and how you, as a ‘Pilgrim of Hope’, can play your part in shining a light on this serious crime, join the National Justice & Peace Network webinar, titled ‘Opening the Doors to Freedom from Trafficking & Exploitation.’ Thurs 6th February, 7pm – 8.30pm. Visit www.diocesehn.org.uk to register your place.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK

Challenge yourself to walk 200km over the 40 days of Lent and get sponsored to raise money to help people fighting extreme poverty globally.

You can walk alone, with friends or your school-friends.

Find our more and sign up via www.walk.cafod.org.uk

LITURGICAL DAY OF REFLECTION FOR LITURGICAL LEADERS OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION.

Date: Saturday 15 March 2025.

Time: 10.30am – 3.00pm (registration & refreshments from 10.00am).

Venue: St Hilda’s Diocesan Resource Centre, West Road, NE15 7PY.

Catering: Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

If you would like to attend, please speak to Fr Hall or email NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk