

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 9th February 2025

Sat 8th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Conway, Ronan, Sherlock Families
Sun 9th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Fr Pat McMahon
Sun 9th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Peg Younger
Mon 10th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 11th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Sir John Onaivi
Wed 12th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	Philip Burke
Thurs 13th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	Priest's Intention
Fri 14th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Priest's Intentions
* Sat 15th Feb (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 15th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 16th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Phil Burke
Sun 16th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	John Bradley

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

"We love because He first loved us." John 4:19

Happy St Valentine's Day

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

16th Feb / 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We will be wrapped in the joy of the presence of God."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

God of all, we give you thanks for your great love. Especially for those who are poor, those who hunger, and those who are sad. 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:- Lyndsey Stowar & Terry Cookson

And those of our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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Weekend mass live on YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary

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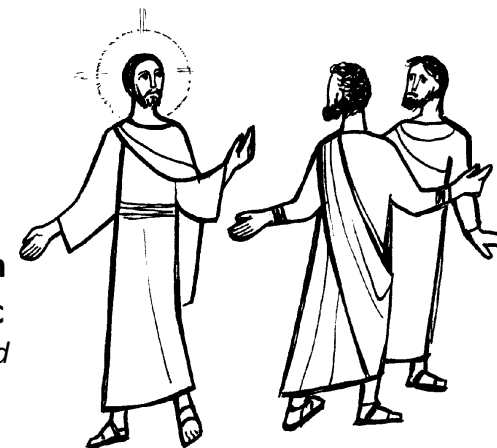
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Sunday 9th February 2025:

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Call of the First Disciples, (Luke 5:1-11), consider this reflection.

There were obviously several different versions of the call of the first disciples circulating in the early Church. In the gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is passing along the shore of the lake when he calls two pairs of disciples. In John it takes place where John the Baptist was preaching. The story in Luke has many similarities to the story at the end of John's gospel after the Resurrection, when the risen Christ commissions Peter: a night of failed fishing is followed by a huge catch as a consequence of obedience to Jesus' instructions, and so the Church has always seen this event as signifying the need for obedience to Christ. Luke's version combines the same play on words as in Mark and Matthew about fishing for people, but Luke sets the story a little later. In Mark the fishermen have never seen Jesus and follow him blindly; in Luke Peter and his friends have already got to know Jesus before they are commissioned. A special feature in Luke is Peter's cry that he is an unworthy sinner. Luke often teaches us that no one can be a disciple of Jesus without first admitting their sinfulness: Zacchaeus the tax-collector (Luke 19:1-10), and the woman who wept at Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50) are other examples.

What is significant about the Lord's call of his disciples according to Luke's account?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

ST AIDAN'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

We look forward to seeing our children and their families in the hall later today - Sunday 9th February at 3pm

ST MARY'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

We welcome back families next Sunday - Sunday 16th February at 10am

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR FIVE - Thursday 13th February

Hear from Fr Shaun O'Neill, who is the Priest in-charge of the diocesan Charis group. He will gently lead you into how one can be Baptised in the Holy Spirit. Lay missionary from Newcastle Alan Sunny will share his testimony. Come and be a living testament to how the Spirit of the Lord could gently strengthen your faith.

CONFESSION: Saturday 15th February, 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

COLLECTIONS: 2nd February 2025

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £264.00 / Envelopes: £47.00 / Hall Hire: £40.00

Donation: £40.00 / Piety: £26.00 / Candles: £45.50 / Papers: £18.50

Racial Justice: £20.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £337.36 / Envelopes: £38.00 / Donations: £130.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £68.00 (Cafod at Blackfriars)

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

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please return your red boxes to church by the end of February so all monies can be counted and cheques sent to Missio before the end of the financial year. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

EMBRACING ALL WEBINAR: Ahead of Racial Justice Sunday on 16th February, the Social Responsibility Committee of the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) invite you to join them for a webinar on 'Racial Justice: Embracing All – Practical Solutions to End Racism in our Communities.'

The Webinar takes place on Wednesday 12 February from 6.30 – 8.00pm online via Zoom. For details, please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on

YOUTH2000 LEEDS RETREAT: Saturday 15th February from 9am-10.30pm

Held at Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Leeds, LS18 5HD

Registration essential via www.youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/td7cjfox

50 FACES OF THE HOLY LAND: This powerful photographic exhibition was curated by Friends of the Holy Land and is designed to highlight the lives of the Christian people in Israel and Palestine. It has been displayed in the Houses of Parliament and cathedrals and churches of different denominations across the UK since it was created in 2017.

It now comes to St Mary's Cathedral where it can be viewed from 1st March until 10th March. The exhibition is free but there will be a charitable appeal at 11.30am mass on Sunday 2nd and Sunday 9th.

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 out more and sign up via www.walk.cafod.org.uk

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP (DEG) Sat 8th March, 11am - 12:30pm

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Stephen and members of DEG in a webinar to find out more about what we can all do to reduce our impact on the environment. Details via www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on

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