

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 25th January 2025

Sat 25th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Joseleo 'Jing' Vicaldo
Sun 26th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Jean Sharp
Sun 26th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Philip Burke
Mon 27th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 28th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Pat Curry
Wed 29th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	Requiem Mass for John Conlon
Thurs 30th (St. Aidan's)	10:00am	Priest's Intention
Fri 31st (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Tony Ward (ill)
* Sat 1st Feb (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
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)

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

"If January is the month of change, February is the month of lasting change. January is for dreamers... February is for doers."

Marc Parent

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 2nd February: Presentation of the Lord

"Jesus' loving obedience to the Father will save the human race."

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of all, you love and care for each one of us.

Help us to see how important each person is to you and to treat all people with respect and kindness. 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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Weekend mass live on YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary

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Sunday 25th January 2025:

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, Jesus Proclaims His Message, (Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21), consider this reflection.

Today's gospel passage starts the series of readings from Luke which will continue throughout the ordinary Sundays of the Year.

It is composed of two separate passages: first it gives Luke's introduction to his gospel, in which he explains how and why he wrote it.

Then, jumping over the preparatory stories of Jesus' infancy, baptism and testing in the desert, it comes directly to his programmatic manifesto in the synagogue at Nazareth.

The gospel is offered to Theophilus – a Greek name – and is written for gentile communities. So Luke stresses that Jesus' message is not just for Jews but for the peoples of the whole world. Twice in the second passage (Jesus' manifesto in Nazareth) Luke stresses that Jesus is moved by the Spirit of the Lord. As we see in the second reading, the Spirit was obviously at work in the early Christian communities. This was no more than a continuation of the Spirit's activity from the very beginning of the Christian movement.

In Luke's stories of the annunciation, birth and infancy of Jesus the presence of the Spirit is constantly noted. In the earliest stories of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles the same guidance by the Spirit directs every move.

Why did Jesus choose to read this passage from the scriptures?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Requiem Mass: John Conlon

St Aidan's at 10am on Wednesday 29th January.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR THREE - Thursday 30th January

Diocesan Charis Coordinator John Wheeler will speak on The New Life during the third talk on Life in the Spirit seminar this Thursday 30th January.

Testimony will be shared by Filipino community Youth for Christ Coordinator Cheryl Lucero. Please come, listen and get a flavour of these talks as you journey through the jubilee year as pilgrims of hope. See you at St Aidan's from 7pm-8.30pm.

SCHOOL MASS: Friday 31st January

Children from St Mary's Primary will be celebrating mass with us this Friday - all parishioners and families welcome to join us.

CONFESSION: Saturday 1st 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Sunday 2nd February

We will be taking down the cribs in both our churches following next Sunday masses. If you can stay to help put our holy families safely away for another year, we would be very grateful.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Monday 3rd February

St Aidan's at 6pm. All are very welcome.

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.

Previous Minutes are on our websites.

ST AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Check your tickets!

Thank you to all who took part, there are still a number of prizes to be claimed. Winning tickets are: 32, 47, 87, 179, 181, 193, 203, 213, 219, 224, 245, 408, 458, 493, 501, 530, 553, 558 and 664.

COLLECTIONS: 19th January 2025

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £386.00 / Envelopes: £92.00 / Hall Hire: £32.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £205.83 / Envelopes: £58.00 / Donations: £30.00

Fri Coffee Morning: £84.00 (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.*

CANDLEMASS: 2nd February

Next Sunday, 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 day, as the blessing and procession of candles is included in the liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, is today referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Like many others, our parishes practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity Crib until this feast.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

"Our Message of Hope for this Jubilee Year is we hope and pray for true and lasting peace for all our brothers and sisters of all faiths and none.

In today's diverse world, the Catholic Church recognises the profound importance of fostering positive interreligious relations.

Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Church embraces dialogue and collaboration with people of all faiths, seeking to build bridges of understanding and peace.

The Catholic Church believes that every person is created in the image of God, deserving of respect and dignity." Fr Mariadass

You can watch the diocesan full 'Message of Hope' video on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX3NOUIJFnI

JUSTICE AND PEACE AGM - 8th Feb, St Mary's Cathedral (Conference Room)

This year's theme is: Living in Hope, Working for Peace

The morning will be facilitated by Pat Devlin.

In the afternoon, reports from the Co-ordinating Council will be shared, and officers and council members elected for 2025.

A light vegetarian lunch will be provided and all are welcome to attend.

For more details, please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk/whats-on