

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 19th January 2025

Sat 18th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Mazorah & Keith Leighton 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 19th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Philip Burke
Sun 19th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Priest's Intentions
Mon 20th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues 21st (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Benjamin James Willshire
Wed 22nd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs 23rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intentions
Fri 24th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Churches Together Ecumenical Service
* Sat 25th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
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

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself"
(Luke 10:27)

2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity .

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 26th January - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

"Like parts of the body, none is more important than any other."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. 27

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: Loving God, you sent your Son Jesus to share the good news of your love for everyone. May we also share this good news through our words and all that we do. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who have died recently: Eileen Harrison, John Conlon.
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.

KEEP IN TOUCH: NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 268 4222.

Weekend mass live on YouTube, search St Mary of the Rosary Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on our Facebook page NE12Catholic

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Sunday 19th January 2025:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Wedding Feast at Cana, (John 2: 1-11), consider this reflection. Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John which recounts the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people.

Furthermore, in Jewish thought, water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so, the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities: over one hundred gallons of wine!

Then there is Mary's part: Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.

Why did Jesus choose to do this as his first miracle?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

CONGRATULATIONS: To St Mary's parishioners Mazorah and Keith Leighton celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING - Wednesday 22nd January

Guest Speakers Mr David Gold & Mr Smajo Bešo OBE will be marking the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau (1945-2025) and the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide (1995-2025)

St Mary's Comprehensive School, Benton Park Road from 7:00pm

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL: interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or by calling 0191 243 3316.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR TWO - Thursday 23rd January

Diocesan Director of Formation and Mission Development Amy Cameron will speak about Salvation. We will also hear a testimony by Kelechi Dibie, a member of Charis and representative of African-Caribbean community in the diocese. Led by our Deacon, Alison Rebello, this second session takes place at St Aidan's 7pm - 8:30pm. The Life in the Spirit Sessions are all stand-alone so please do come along to hear a topic or speaker which is of particular interest to you. Booking helps facilitate refreshments but is not essential!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN NE12 - Friday 24th January, 11am

St Mary's alongside St Aidan's, is delighted to be hosting an ecumenical service with St John's, St Bartholomew's and St Andrew's churches.

This special service & lunch will mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are very welcome to attend.

CONFESSION: Saturday 25th January, 11am at St. Mary's.

SHARING THE ROSARY: All welcome at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Ave, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer traditions. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and even make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on Saturdays 25th January, 1st February, 8th February and 22nd February 2025. Refreshments available from 2:00 pm, with sessions finishing at 3:30pm. To join, please email welcome@holynamesjessmond.co.uk or telephone (0191) 2810940.

ST AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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: 12th January 2025

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £159.00 / Envelopes: £44.00 / Hall Hire: £32.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £337.59 / Envelopes: £38.00 / Donations: £60.00

White Flower Appeal: £36.00

Fri Coffee Morning: £65.20 (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.*

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

LOUDFENCE CRAFT WORKSHOP - 1st February, St Mary's Cathedral

LOUDfence is a tool to enable and empower faith communities to begin addressing the harm caused by abuse perpetuated by anyone in faith-based settings. On 1 May 2025, Bishop Stephen Wright will attend a liturgy of prayer and reflection at St Paul's Church in Alnwick and afterwards people will be invited to tie messages of support around the outside of the church. To facilitate this, St Mary's Cathedral is holding a craft workshop on Saturday 1 Feb to create the display materials. A free event with no booking required.

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 who will be delivering part of the training programme, "Listening from the Heart" devised by the Parents Circle Families Forum, which brings together bereaved Israeli & Palestinian families. 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

MARRIAGE MASS: 8th February, St Mary's Cathedral

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage & Family Life. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary in 2025 has the opportunity to be presented by Bishop Stephen with a certificate during the Mass. Please speak to Faith and Mission Team on 0191 243 3316.