

**MASS INTENTIONS:** w/c 2nd March 2025

Sat 1st March (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	John Hannon
Sun 2nd (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	People of the Parish
Sun 2nd (St. Mary's)	11:00am	People of the Parish
Mon 3rd (St. Aidan's)	6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
Tues 4th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Priest's Intention
(St. Aidan's)	12.15pm	Requiem Mass John Feeney
Wed 5th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Ash Wednesday
(St. Aidan's)	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday
Thurs 6th (St Aidan's)	10:00am	Phil Burke
Fri 7th (St Mary's)	9:30am	People of the Parish
* Sat 8th (St Mary's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 8th (St Mary's)	5:30pm	Maria Poszywak
Sun 9th (St Aidan's)	9:15am	People of the Parish
Sun 9th (St Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

**For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches**

*"All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return."*

*Ecclesiastes 3:20*

**PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:** 9th March / First Sunday of Lent

"The Lord God raised Jesus from the dead, and raised him to the status of Lord." 2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

**CHILDREN'S PRAYER:**

God of life, your Son Jesus went out into the desert to spend time in prayer and be closer to you. Help us to draw closer to you this Lent, in our prayers and in our actions. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Those who have died recently: Terry Cookson.

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 2nd March 2025:**

**The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

After listening to today's Gospel, Judging Others (Luke 6:39-45), consider this reflection.

Matthew gathered together the teaching of Jesus on the basic requirements of Christian morality into the Sermon on the Mount; that formed a sort of manifesto for the Kingdom of Heaven, starting with the eight Beatitudes. Luke gathers many of the same teachings into his 'Sermon on the Plain', starting with four Beatitudes. This has provided the gospel readings for the last three Sundays. Matthew, writing for Christians of Jewish origin, stressed Jesus' teaching on law, and how Jesus made it more interior and often more demanding. Luke, always aware of the needs of the poor, stresses more our social obligations. As he draws to a conclusion, he gives us two of Jesus' warnings, expressed in the vivid language and with the fierce exaggeration and wit that is so characteristic of Jesus' teachings. The first, the splinter and the log, warns us to use the same standards in judging ourselves as we use in judging others. The second, the sound and rotten fruit, is perhaps a double warning. You can judge people only by their actions. More profoundly, it is also a challenge: don't flatter yourself on your achievements until you are good through and through, until the store of goodness in your heart is really overflowing. *Is it ever helpful to point out people's faults?*



**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

## **NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Mon 3rd March, 6pm at St Aidan's. All welcome.

**TUESDAY 4TH MARCH:** Requiem Mass John Feeney, 12.15pm at St Aidan's.

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** (5th March)

We will celebrate mass 10am at St Mary's and 7pm at St Aidan's.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday during Lent

All welcome to join Deacon Alison Rebello at St Aidan's from 6:30pm

**ST AIDAN'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** During Lent, lists will be available at the entrance to church for names of loved ones to be entered into our Book of Remembrance. Please PRINT clearly the names and details clearly.

**FRIDAY 7TH MARCH:** Morning Mass will be at 9:30am to allow for those wishing to attend the service for World Day of Prayer to travel to St Bartholomew's.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Fri 7th March, 10:30am St Bartholomew's Church  
The Service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands so we're told to expect displays of beautiful flowers & exotic fruits. This Service is for everyone and will be followed by refreshments from the Mothers Union.

**SUN 9TH MARCH:** St Aidan's First Holy Communion Preparation Classes  
We look forward to seeing our families in the church hall at 3pm

**MON 10TH MARCH:** Requiem Mass Dennis Nicholson, 1:30pm at St Mary's.

**COLLECTIONS:** 23rd February

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £210.00 / Envelopes: £82.00 / Hall Hire: £44.00

Candles: £37.50 / Papers: £14.50 / Piety: £57.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £285.62 / Envelopes: £28.00 / Fri Coffee: £50.00

**16th February**

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £231.00 / Envelopes: £72.00 / Hall Hire: £42.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £349.75 / Envelopes: £48.00 / Donations: £60.00

Friday Coffee Morning: £79.00

Fundraising at St Mary's Friday Coffee morning (Jan—March) is in aid of SVP at Blackfriars not CAFOD as previously stated, apologies for any confusion. For details about Gift Aid or donating via standing order, please email [NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk) Thank you for your continued support.

## **NE12CATHOLICS TAKE ON THE BIG LENT WALK!**

Fr Hall has signed up to CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and is aiming to complete 200K in 40 days. Why not join in and double the collective miles!

If you would like to sponsor Fr Hall or if you would also like to take part, please visit [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com) and search NE12Catholic Paper sponsorship forms will be in our church halls from next week.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** We are looking for musicians, singers & accompaniment to help lead our songs of praise across all our weekend mass. Support for those less experienced and for younger parishioners is available.

Please speak to Fr Hall or email [NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk)

**RED MISSION BOXES:** Thank you to all who have returned their boxes. So far £275.01 has been collected by generous St Mary's parishioners.

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE**

**50 FACES OF THE HOLY LAND:** A powerful photographic exhibition at St Mary's Cathedral from 1st March until 10th March. The exhibition is free.

**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](http://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](mailto:NE12Catholic@diocesehn.org.uk)

**IRISH NIGHT FUNDRAISER:** Sat 29th March, 7pm

Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to St Joseph's Home to dance the night away to the Ceilidh Band, enjoy the Irish Dancers whilst feasting on Irish stew, soda bread and a dessert (alternative choice for vegetarians).

Tickets are £10.00 each and available from St Joseph's or via 0191 273 1279.

All very welcome to attend.