

MASS INTENTIONS: w/c 12th January 2025

Sat 11th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Keith and Alan Nesbitt
Sun 12th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	People of the Parish
Sun 12th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	D'cd members of Richards Family
* Mon 13th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Philip Burke
Tues 14th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Special Intention (NL)
Wed 15th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Philip Burke
Thurs 16th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	St Stephen's School Mass
Fri 17th (St. Mary's)	10:00am	Betty Davison
* Sat 18th (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat 18th (St. Mary's)	5:30pm	Mazorah & Keith Leighton 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 19th (St. Aidan's)	9:15am	Priest's Intentions
Sun 19th (St. Mary's)	11:00am	Philip Burke

For Mass Intentions, please see envelopes in our churches

*"The January man he comes around again in coat and boots of leather
To take another turn and walk along the icy roads he knows so well
The January man is here the start of each and every year
Along the road forever." Christy Moore.*

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 19th January - 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

"I can rejoice in gifts which God has given to me, but only if simultaneously I think of all the gifts which others have and I lack." (1 Corinthians 12:4-1)

CHILDREN'S PRAYER: God of wonder, we know all things are possible for you. Help us to work together to change the world, so that it becomes a fairer place for all to live. 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 Newsletters & Homilies can be viewed on our Facebook page NE12Catholic

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Sunday 12th January 2025:

The Baptism of the Lord

After listening to today's Gospel, The Coming of the Spirit (Luke 3:15-16. 21-22), consider this reflection.

Luke does not tell us who baptised Jesus. In Luke the story of John the Baptist ends with his promise of one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit - then John is arrested.

At the baptism itself all Luke's concentration is on the coming of the Spirit. Indeed, it is hardly an account of the baptism at all, for the baptism is only a time marker for the coming of the Spirit when "Jesus, after his own baptism, was at prayer".

Jesus' mission begins with the coming of the Spirit. In the same way, Luke's second volume (the Acts of the Apostles) begins with the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. It is as though Luke wants to show the importance of the Spirit from beginning to end of the Christian life. And this is the case: in both books the part played by the Spirit directs all the action. The same is still true in the Christian community today, though sometimes human stubbornness and blindness does its best to impede the leadership and guidance of the Spirit.

Most of us are artists at blocking the Spirit when the Spirit's promptings are inconvenient!

What does Luke's account of Jesus' baptism tell us about the Holy Spirit?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL: There will be a special collection this weekend for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC). Information is available at entrances to our churches. Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: Sunday 12th January
We welcome our St Mary's families back for their next session at 10am.

MON 13th JANUARY: Requiem Mass for Philip Burke, 10am at St Aidan's.

NEWMAN TYNESIDE CIRCLE: 14th January, 2:30pm at Holy Name Jesmond
All invited to hear John Murray speak about Mgr Kevin Nichols; A priest of the diocese for over 50 years, Kevin Nichols was born in Wallsend and studied at Cambridge under the tutorage of CS Lewis. He is best known as the author of several hymns, including 'In Bread We Bring'.

PILGRIMAGE: HEARTS IN SEARCH OF GOD – Webinar
An online Year of Jubilee formation opportunity based on pilgrimage.
DATE: Wednesday 15th January, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Guest speaker Dr Phil McCarthy will share his wisdom and experience based on the history, significance and spirituality of pilgrimage.
Register via adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk or 0191 243 3316

THURSDAY 16th JANUARY: St Stephen's Primary School will be joining us for mass at St Aidan's, 10am. All are very welcome.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR SERIES: January / February 2025
Led by our Deacon, Alison Rebello, the Life in the Spirit seminars are an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit.
All sessions are at St Aidan's from 7.00 - 8.30pm, with special guest speaker.
16th January: God's Love – Andy Drozdziak
Please book your place via <https://bit.ly/LifeInTheSpiritBenton>

FUNERAL INFORMATION: Joanne Bloomfield (RIP)
Former member of staff at St Mary's Comprehensive School died on the 20th December 2024. Her funeral will take place on 16th January at 3pm at Whitley Bay crematorium. Former colleagues and students invited to attend.

CONFESSION: Saturday 18th January, 11am at St. Aidan's.

CAFOD: A Year of Hope

An online session on Saturday 18th January, 10:30am - 12:00pm providing an introduction to the Jubilee Year.
Register via www.cafod.org.uk

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING 2025 - For a Better Future
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)
Wed 22nd Jan at 7pm at St Mary's Comprehensive School, Benton Park Road
BOOKING ESSENTIAL: interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or by calling 0191 243 3316.

SHARING THE ROSAY: 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 the course, please email welcome@holynamesjesmond.co.uk or telephone (0191) 2810940.

MARRIAGE MASS: 8th February 2025

Bishop Stephen will celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral to give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage and Family Life. Anyone celebrating a significant anniversary in 2025 has the opportunity to be presented by Bishop Stephen with a certificate of celebration during the Mass. Please speak to Faith and Mission admin team on 0191 243 3316.

COLLECTIONS: 5th January 2025

St Aidan's - Loose Plate: £38.00 / Envelopes: £77.00

St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £230.96 / Envelopes: £23.00

Fri Coffee Morning: £85.00 (CAFOD at Blackfriars)

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