

ST ELIZABETH'S



Mass Today

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself."

Response to the Psalm

"For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God."

Ministers Today

8.30 mass

Meet & Greet: Eileen & Susan

Reader: Graeme

Eucharistic Minister: Susan

Coffee: The Orange Family

10.30 mass

Meet & Greet: Alan & Frank

Reader: Lorraine

Eucharistic Minister: Jim

Coffee: Judith, Michael & Lorraine

Passionist Pastoral

"The divine will alone sustains me: I am here because God has wanted this from all eternity. Blessed be his holy Name. This is my only strength."

Encountering difficulties in his mission in England, Blessed Dominic could not see the future, but trusted that God was at work.

We may not understand why this chapter is ending, yet the faith shared here does not disappear when our church doors close. We place our memories and future in God's hands, trusting that his purposes are greater than we can yet see.



St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne

This week we celebrate St Aidan, the great missionary bishop of Lindisfarne and one of the saints who helped shape the Christian faith of our own Northumberland. In 635, at the invitation of King Oswald, Aidan came from Iona and established his monastery on Lindisfarne. From that small island community, the Gospel spread throughout Northumbria.

Aidan's greatness was not found in power or grandeur. He was remembered for his gentleness, humility, simplicity and particular care for those who were poor and vulnerable. Around him grew a community of monks and missionaries, and Lindisfarne became a centre of prayer, learning and evangelisation. Saints such as Finan, Colman and Cuthbert would continue that work, while others, including Chad and Cedd, carried the faith they had received at Lindisfarne into other parts of England.

There is something especially moving about celebrating Aidan this year, given this this will be the last Sunday on which our parish community gathers for Mass in our church.

We cannot know what lies ahead, but perhaps Aidan gives us an important perspective. The first Christian communities of Northumbria were not large or wealthy. They were people who gathered to pray, learned to live the Gospel together and carried the faith they had received into the places where they lived.

Our church has been a place of prayer and worship for generations. The Masses celebrated here, the baptisms, weddings and funerals, the quiet prayers, friendships and acts of kindness have all become part of the living history of this place.

As we say goodbye to regular Mass here, we can entrust our parish, our memories and our future to the saints of this land. May St Aidan pray for us, and may the faith which has been kept alive here continue to live in the hearts of all who have worshipped in this church.

A Word of Thanks

Since this is our last Parish Sunday newsletter it would be remiss not to thank all those past and present who have contributed over the years to St Elizabeths

In no particular order... To the Cleaning teams; Flower ladies Newsletter contributors, writers and editors; Meeters and Greeters; Altar Servers; Readers; Offertory procession; Organists, Choir and Singers; Catachists, Children's Liturgists and Busy Church; Eucharistic Ministers; Altar Linen washers; Coffee makers; Social committee; Finance committee, gift aid organisers and money counters; candle stockists; Justice and Peace group; Supporters of the Refugee Centre; Cemetery committee; Safeguarding officers; Authorised Persons; Parish Council; Mission Group; Clergy and anyone we might have missed - **Thank You**

Lost Property

There are a number of items of "Lost Property" at the back of the church.

Flowers

The flowers today are for all St Elizabeth's parishioners, past and present; they are also in memory of Eliana Lucía Coria Port (7 January 2026) and her great grandmother Marion Cecily Port (12 March 2026). May they rest in peace

Prayers Please

Please pray for our Parish Community as we come to the end of this era..

The Week Ahead

Mon 31st: St Aidan, Bishop and Missionary and the saints of Lindisfarne

Thur 3rd: Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor - Feast

Sun 6th: 23rd Sunday in OT year A

Blessed Dominic CP - Pilgrimage Mass

Monday 31st August: At 12:00 noon at St. Anne and Blessed Dominic Church at 40 Monastery Rd, Saint Helens WA9 3ZD

Woodland Activity Day - Emmaus Village

Saturday 5th September at the Emmaus Village Allensford:

From 10.00am - Bushcraft, archery, tomahawk throwing, nature walks, rosary walk and expert talks including talk on care of creation. Everyone is welcome!

The Future - A reminder

Please be aware that after today, 30th August, the provision of regular Sunday Mass will cease here at St Elizabeth's.

We have been told, however, that we can publicise occasions when a visiting priest is offering Mass associated with the retreat centre. If you currently don't receive the newsletter electronically but would like to be informed when these Masses are taking place, please add your email address to the list at the back.

The Mission Group are meeting to develop plans for how the spiritual life of the community here can continue, and hopefully social events might continue too. These activities will typically be promoted by email.

Live Simply in September - Season of Creation

Live Simply - Praise the Creator

Pray with a psalm of creation or words from Laudato Si'.

Live Sustainably with Creation - Act Together

Join a parish eco-action or local environmental effort.

Live in Solidarity with the Poor - Share the Harvest

Support CAFOD's Harvest Appeal.

Prayer: Creator God, thank you for the fruits of the earth. Help us to care for our common home and to share its gifts fairly. Amen.

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