

# Prayer Diary August 2025

## 1 Friday

- Anglican Communion:
   Diocese of Niger Delta North (Nigeria)
   Abp Wisdom Budu Ihunwo
- Newcastle West Deanery:
   Area Dean: James McGowan

#### 2 Saturday

- Anglican Communion:
   Diocese of Niger Delta West (Nigeria)
   Bp Emmanuel O Oko-Jaja
- Newcastle West Deanery:
   Lay Chair: Meg Fisher

## **3** SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

1859

• Porvoo Communion:

Diocese of Bristol Diocese of Helsinki (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland)

• Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Prime Bishop: Most Revd Nestor Dagas Poltic

• Newcastle West Deanery:

Deanery Secretary: vacant Finance Officer: vacant

#### 4 Monday

Jean-Baptiste Vianney, cure d'Ars, spiritual guide

- Diocese of Niger West (Nigeria)
   Bp Johnson N Ekwe
- Newcastle West Deanery:
   Benwell and Scotswood Benefice

Team Rector: vacant

Team Vicar: Christopher Minchin Reader: Kathleen Germain

# 5 Tuesday

Oswald, king of Northumbria, martyr, 642 [CNS \*]

• Anglican Communion:
Diocese of Nike (Nigeria) Bp Christian Onyia

- Newcastle West Deanery: St James' Church, Benwell
- \* vacant canonry

#### 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

- Anglican Communion:
   Diocese of Nimule (South Sudan)
   Bp Martin Abule
- Newcastle West Deanery: St John's Church, Benwell

#### 7 Thursday

John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer, 1866

- Anglican Communion:
   Diocese of Nnewi (Nigeria)
   Most Revd Godwin Izundu Nmezinwa Okpala
- Newcastle West Deanery:
   The Church of the Venerable Bede, Benwell
- The Mothers' Union:
   Pray for families who benefit from Mothers'
   Union Away From It All holidays over the summer.

# 8 Friday

Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

- Anglican Communion:
   Diocese of Northern Izon (Nigeria)
   Bp Funkuro Godrules Victor Amgbare
- Newcastle West Deanery: Cornerstone Benwell

# 9 Saturday

Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

- Anglican Communion:
   Diocese of the Northern Territory
   (Australia) Bp Greg Anderson
- Newcastle West Deanery
   Benefice of Chapel House
   Prior in Charge: Waldemar Nice

Priest in Charge: Waldemar Nion

#### **10** EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

• Porvoo Communion:

Diocese of Portsmouth
Diocese of Stockholm (Church of Sweden)

Anglican Communion:
 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
 Primate: Abp Laurent Mbanda

Newcastle West Deanery:
 Benefice of Cowgate

Vicar: Ruth Harley

Reader (PTO): Susan Smith

## 11 Monday

Clare of Assisi, founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253

John Henry Newman, priest, Tractarian, 1890

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Norwich
 Bp Graham Usher

 Newcastle West Deanery: Benefice of Denton

Vicar: Neil Heslop

#### 12 Tuesday

George Stephenson, engineer, 1848 [CNS \*]

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Nolva Scotia and Prince Edward
 Island (Canada)
 Bp Sandra Fyfe

 Newcastle West Deanery: Benefice of Elswick

Priest in Charge: George Curry

- Newcastle St Paul's C of E Primary School
- \* Canon Simon Harper

#### 13 Wednesday

Jeremy Taylor, bishop of Down and Connor, teacher of the faith, 1667 Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910 Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Nsukka (Nigeria)
 Bp Aloysius E Agbo

Newcastle West Deanery:
 Benefice of Fenham St James and St Basil

Vicar: James McGowan

Assistant Curate: Ryan McKeon

Reader: Andy Lie

 Dame Allan's Schools in Fenham and Spital Tongues Chaplain: James McGowan

#### **14** Thursday

Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Nyahururu (Kenya)
 Bp Samson Mburu Gachathi

Newcastle West Deanery:
 Benefice of Newbiggin Hall
 Priest in Charge: Ruth Harley

• **Praying for Unity:**All ecumenical holiday clubs and events

#### 15 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Nyamlel (South Sudan)
 Bp Peter Garang Akuei

 Newcastle West Deanery: Benefice of Newburn

Vicar: vacant

# **16** Saturday

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Nyang (South Sudan)
 Bp Paul Tokmach Luai

Newcastle West Deanery:
 Church of St Michael and All Angels,
 Newburn

#### **17** NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

• Porvoo Communion:

Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (Church of Ireland) Diocese of Aarhus (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)

Anglican Communion:
 The Scottish Episcopal Church
 Primus: Most Revd Mark Strange

Newcastle West Deanery:
 Church of St Mary the Virgin, Throckley

# 18 Monday

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Southern Nyanza (Kenya)
 Bp Simon Onyango

Newcastle West Deanery:
 Benefice of Newcastle Holy Cross
 Priest in charge: vacant

## 19 Tuesday

Oswin, king of Deira, 651 [CNS \*]

- **Anglican Communion: Diocese of Nzara** (South Sudan) Bp Richard Bbikoyesu Aquilla
- **Newcastle West Deanery:** Benefice of Newcastle St Philip & St Augustine & St Matthew with St Mary Vicar: Richard Deadman
- \* Canon Sue McCormack, Team Rector of the Willington Team Ministry

#### **20** Wednesday

Bernard, abbot of Clairvaux, teacher of the faith,

William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890

- Anglican Communion: **Diocese of Del Occidental** (Mexico) Bp vacant
- **Newcastle West Deanery:** All from the churches and wider community who are involved in the Newcastle West End Foodbank

#### **21** Thursday

• Anglican Communion: Diocese of Offa (Nigeria) Bp Solomon Olusola Akanbi

• Newcastle West Deanery: **Benefice of Sugley** 

Vicar: Neil Heslop • Praying for Unity

> For the leaders and members of the United Reformed Church in our region

# 22 Friday

• Anglican Communion: **Diocese of Ogbaru** (Nigeria) Bp Prospect Amah

**Newcastle West Deanery: Benefice of Ponteland** 

Vicar: Paul Allinson

Associate Priest: Rosemary Harrison

• Richard Coates C of E School, Ponteland

# 23 Saturday

**Anglican Communion:** Diocese of Ogbia (Nigeria) **Bp Matthew Ogaze** 

**Newcastle West Deanery:** Church of the Holy Saviour, Milbourne

#### **24** BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

• Porvoo Communion:

Diocese of Edinburgh (Scottish Episcopal Church) Diocese of Espoo (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland)

- Anglican Communion: Church of the Province of South East Asia Primate: Bp Titus Chung Khiam Boon
- **Newcastle West Deanery:** Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ponteland

#### 25 Monday

- Ebba of Coldingham, abbess, 683 [CNS \*]
- **Anglican Communion: Diocese of Ogbomoso** (Nigeria) Bp Matthew Osunade
- **Newcastle West Deanery:** St Margaret's Church, Scotswood (in the Benwell and Scotswood Benefice)
- \* Canon Rae Caro

# 26 Tuesday

• Anglican Communion: Diocese of Ogoni (Nigeria) Bp Solomon S Gberegbara

• Newcastle West Deanery: **Benefice of Sugley** Priest in Charge: Neil Heslop

## **27** Wednesday

Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

**Anglican Communion:** Diocese of Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria) Bp Festus O O Davies

**Newcastle West Deanery Benefice: Whorlton** Priest in Charge: vacant

Reader (PTO): Anne Morris

## 28 Thursday

Augustine, bishop of Hippo, teacher of the faith, 430

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Ohaji / Egbema (Nigeria)
 Bp Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku

Newcastle West Deanery:
 For all involved in the Deanery Planning process

• Praying for Unity:

For the leaders and members of the many independent charismatic/evangelical churches in our country

## 29 Friday

The Beheading of John the Baptist

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Ohio (ECUSA)
 Bp Anne B Jolly

• Newcastle Diocese:

Our ministry to tourists and pilgrims, and for all who work in tourism and the hospitality industry

## **30** Saturday

John Bunyan, spiritual writer, 1688

Anglican Communion:
 Diocese of Southern Ohio (ECUSA)
 Bp Kristin Uffelman White

#### • Diocese of Newcastle:

The strengthening of our links with Botswana and Møre Dioceses

#### **31** ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Aidan, bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 651 [CNS \*]

## • Porvoo Communion:

Diocese of Turku (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland) Diocese of York

#### • Anglican Communion:

The Church of South India (United)

Moderator: vacant

#### • Newcastle Diocese:

All staff and governors preparing for the new academic year, especially in our Church Schools

 \* Catherine Sourbut Groves, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne

## **About this Prayer Diary**

We continue to include in the Prayer Diary all those commemorated in **Celebrating the Northern Saints**, [CNS] and to remember our lay, residentiary and honorary canons on the day of the saints and influential people who have given their canonry its designation and/or stall in the Cathedral.

**Each week**, there is normally a short stimulus to prayer, normally based on the Sunday Gospel, to guide our next steps in *Seeking, Sharing, Sending*. We are grateful to Bishop Mark for these reflections, which will resume in September.

#### **ON SUNDAYS**, we follow a well-established pattern:

- First are intercessions for the Porvoo Communion (https://www.ireland.anglican.org/resources/493/porvoo-prayer-diary-2025). The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it to "share a common life" and "to pray for and with one another."
- Second are intercessions from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available at www.anglicancommunion.org. Prayers on Sundays are for a Province of the Communion.
- Thirdly, we pray for our own Diocese of Newcastle, especially the Newcastle West Deanery, its churches, people and organisations, including Church Schools.

**ON WEEKDAYS**, the pattern is similar on weekdays, but without the Porvoo Communion:

- Firstly, dioceses from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer
- Secondly, our own Diocese, and the people, parishes, churches and schools in Newcastle West Deanery
- On the first Thursday, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese. On subsequent Thursdays we pray for Christian Unity.

We pray for our **Link Dioceses** as follows:

Botswana during January, April and October. Møre during March, June and September.

The **Deaneries** are incorporated in the Prayer Diary in such a way as to include the **Benefices** (with names of ordained and lay ministers) and also, for benefices with more than one church, the constituent **churches**, in order that every congregation – and the local community in which it is set can be remembered at least once during the year.

January	Morpeth (cont.) and Norham	July	Newcastle East
February	Bedlington	August	Newcastle West
March	Bellingham	September	Tynemouth
April	Corbridge	October	Alnwick
May	Hexham	November	Bamburgh & Glendale
June	Newcastle Central	December	Morpeth

I try to mark important days in the life of the Diocese (e.g. Diocesan Synods, Institutions and Licensings, ecumenical occasions) with a special note, but can only do so if I have the information early in the previous month. Please don't hesitate to send me information and prompts in good time.

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