This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings	Location
Sat 29 July *St Martha*	**9:30 am - Mass:** *People of the parish* **9:30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5:30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *Deceased of the Arthurs Family*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sun 30 July *17th Sunday of the Year*	**9:30 am - Mass:** *Deceased of the Tague & Grady Families* **11:00 am - Mass:** *The Bartley & Casey Families* **4:00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Mon 31 July *St Ignatius of Loyola*	**8:30 am - Mass:** *Health of William Wake* **9:30 am - Eucharistic Service** **7:00 pm - Bingo Night**	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Tues 1 August *St Alphonsus*	**9:30 am - Mass:** *Deceased of the Oxley Family* **9:30 am - Eucharistic Service** **6:00 pm - Finance Committee** **7:00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Wed 2 August	**9:30 am - Eucharistic Service** **1:00 pm - Hospital Mass**	**St Wilfrid** **B/A Hospital**
Thur 3 August *St Oswald*	**9:30 am - Mass:** *Holy Souls* **9:30 am - Eucharistic Service** **11:30 am - Wedding of:** *REBECCA DAVIS & SIMON GRAYDON*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Fri 4 August *St John Vianney*	**9:30 am - Mass:** *People of the parish*	**St Mary**
Sat 5 August	**9:30 am - Mass:** *Private intention* **9:30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5:30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *Thanksgiving*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sun 6 August *THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD*	**9:30 am - Mass:** *Beatrice & Richie Bland* **11:00 am - Mass:** *Stephen Lowery* **4:00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**

Quote: "Right and justice is not to be sold, or denied, or delayed to anyone." -- Magna Carta (1215)

Collections last Sunday - Thank You

Collection: £472.22 (St Mary); £241.37 (St Wilfrid)

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Sunday, 30 July 2017

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

A Scottish Blessing

May the blessing of light be on you
- light without and light within.
May the blessed sunlight shine on you like a great peat fire,
so that stranger and friend may come and warm himself at it.
And may light shine out of the two eyes of you,
like a candle set in the window of a house,
bidding the wanderer come in out of the storm.
And may the blessing of the rain be on you,
may it beat upon your Spirit and wash it fair and clean,
and leave there a shining pool where the blue of Heaven shines,
and sometimes a star.
And may the blessing of the earth be on you,
soft under your feet as you pass along the roads,
soft under you as you lie out on it, tired at the end of the day;
and may it rest easy over you when, at last, you lie out under it.
May it rest so lightly over you that your soul may be out from under it quickly; up and off and on its way to God.
And now may the Lord bless you, and bless you kindly. Amen.

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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday morning Masses by request and any other time by simple arrangement.

Jonathan Parkin in Concert is on Sunday 20th August at 6pm. Following a series of successful concerts locally, nationally and internationally, St Mary's in Newton Aycliffe are delighted to welcome him back. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information. Tickets are £5 for an hour's performance - we have some available here or you can order direct from the organiser.

Calling all gardeners Does anyone have any suitable foliage in your gardens? You may be able to help with the greenery for our Flower Festival. Trailing ivy would be particularly useful. We will need it for the morning of Tuesday August 8th. Church will be open at 10am or it could be collected from you if you are able to help. A lot of greenery is needed for filling and we would be grateful for any that could be spared. Many thanks.

Wanted We are looking for a model train around OO gauge size that would have been on the tracks before 1968. This is to go onto one of our floral displays. We will take great care of it! If you can help please see Zita at St. Mary's or Ann Clarkson at St. Wilfrid's.

B/A Methodist Church are holding a Project Day on Tuesday 1st August 10am-1pm. There'll be cake stall, summer stall and a raffle, with refreshments served all day. The proceeds are in aid of the Alzheimer's Society and the Methodist Women in Britain Project for Samaritans. All are welcome.

Summer Club Appeal The Fellowship of Churches is having a Summer Club Mon-Friday & Sunday afternoon (7th-11th & 13th August). It is being promoted in all Bishop Auckland Schools including St John's, St Wilfrid's and St Chad's. Auckland Castle Trust is preparing a main meal and dessert for all the young people after each session and we are looking for volunteers to help serve the food from 3.30pm. If you can help, please let Fr. Dennis or Ann Wake know.

Please pray for the health of:

Betty Shoulder
Irene Welford
Winnie Dowson
Michael Dowson
Sarah Moss
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Monica Fuller
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Kate Johnson
Tyler Quinn
Julie Pattenden
Bill Gillon
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Lorna Wood
Frank Ridley
Christopher Dawes

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	1 Kings 3:5,7-12	Ps 118	Romans 8:28-30	Matthew 13:44-52
Mon	Exodus 32:15-24,30-34	Ps 105	Matthew 13:31-35	
Tues	Exodus 33:7-11,34:5-9,28	Ps 102	Matthew 13:36-43	
Wed	Exodus 34:29-35	Ps 98	Matthew 13:44-46	
Thurs	Exodus 40:16-21,34-38	Ps 83	Matthew 13:47-53	
Fri	Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37	Ps 80	Matthew 13:54-58	
Sat	Leviticus 25:1,8-17	Ps 66	Matthew 14:1-12	
Sun	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Ps 96	2 Peter 1:16-19	Matthew 17:1-9

FOODBANK, FOODBANK, FOODBANK Enormous thanks for what you bring in for the foodbank. Contributions have been flagging lately but the need continues to be great. The foodbank currently has plenty of pasta sauce and rice but a broad range of other items would be gratefully received. Thanks again!

Choir Holidays Now listen up folks: St Mary's Choir and our organist John Childs are having a summer break during August and will be back to lead us as usual on the first Sunday in September. We rather take for granted the help that we get from John and from our choir but, as we will experience during August, their presence makes a huge difference to us and on your behalf I want to thank them sincerely for their time and commitment. In the meantime, we'll need everyone to sing up!

The choir at St Wilfrid's shares the same dedication and commitment and in addition to being the Mayor of Bishop Auckland, Adam Zair continues to play for us week in and week out. We are likewise indebted to Adam and the small choir at St Wilfrid's for their dependability and the difference that they make.

To all our choir members, please take a bow, we are all in your debt.

Holidays I hope that as many as possible are able to get a break sometime this summer and we often experience lower Mass attendances because some of our regulars are away. But we do have visitors across the summer, some of whom come to join us for Kynren and others who are holidaying in the area. I'd be very grateful if you make sure that any visitors are looked after when they come to our churches. Ensuring that they have any books & leaflets, etc. that they may need and a word of welcome, a smile, and you introducing yourself to people who you don't know does go a long way.