

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 30 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>First Holy Communion Mass (1 of 4)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>
Sunday 1 May <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Sarah Powell</i>
Monday 2 May <i>St. Athanasius</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 3 May <i>SS PHILIP AND JAMES Apostles</i>	09.30 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 am Funeral Service for DONNA HOPPER at Darlington Crematorium
Wednesday 4 May <i>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Intentions of Susan Lundrigan</i>
Thursday 5 May	12.00 Mass: <i>Fr Kevin Daly</i> 5.30 pm Parish Council
Friday 6 May	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 7 May <i>St John of Beverley</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>First Holy Communion Mass 2</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Paul Brown</i>
Sunday 8 May <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Brooke Hirst</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quote:

"The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and re-learn".
- Alvin Toffler

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

A prayer for now

Lord,

We live in a world in which nothing seems to change and yet in which nothing remains the same. We look around us, and we see the same old mistakes being made as those which have littered the course of history. We look at ourselves, and though the appearance may have altered a little, we see the same old person staring back at us, beset still by familiar faults and weakness.

For all our hopes of progress, all our efforts at improvement, human nature seldom varies. It is a depressing and frustrating thought. And yet it is only half the story, for in Christ you died and rose again, and in so doing transformed the world.

Though the old lives on, the new is here, at work in the world, at work in our lives, taking what is and shaping it into what shall be. Through him we have forgiveness, the invitation to put our former selves behind us and to be born again, life truly different.

Lord, though all else may change, we know that you will not. What you have done for us is done forever!

Thanks be to God!

Amen

- Nick Fawcett

Church is open for Mass and each Monday for private prayer 11.00 to 1.00 pm. See this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts are available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.

Eastertide - Continues until Pentecost. It's a time when we continue to develop our friendship with the risen Lord. Every Sunday is an echo of Easter Sunday. It's why our Sabbath is on a Sunday and not Saturday like our friends in the Jewish faith. I hope we can spread the message now that we invite everyone to re-connect with coming back to church - it expresses our community of faith and we continue learning about the Lord and ourselves. Welcome home!

The Second Collection - this weekend is for World Communications Sunday and the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor. Thank you.

The Northern Brethren Fund - Has for its objects the relief and maintenance of secular Priests belonging to the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, who, from sickness, age or infirmity, have become temporarily or permanently incapable of continuing their missionary labours. It is supported partly by the subscriptions of its members, the Clergy, and partly by Benefactors. Each member celebrates one Mass monthly for its living and deceased Members and Benefactors, so that upwards of 4000 Masses are offered each year for this intention. People may become Benefactors by a donation or bequest free of Legacy duty of £100 or more. Remember your loved ones and support sick and retired priests who have given their lives in service to you. In addition to the 4000 Masses celebrated each year, 10 Masses will be offered especially for the donor on his or her decease. Benefactions may also be made on behalf of deceased. Those wishing to become Benefactors should apply to their Parish priest. Forms are available at the back of church should you wish to be a Benefactor.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. CAFOD is a member of the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC), a joint agency arrangement that is coordinating funding to provide food, water, healthcare, shelter and clothing for the Ukrainian people in towns and for those fleeing from the warzone. We're also being asked to pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. We don't need to be asked twice to pray for the people and their worried relatives. We don't have the logistics to handle donations of material items. Money is the persistent and most useful requirement. You have donated over £4500 via CAFOD. Thank you big time!

CAFOD's Lent Walk - Has raised over £400 so far.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, shower gel/ toothpaste and brushes/ soap and tinned or packet custard.

The cheapest toothpaste and brushes can be found in Sainsbury's near the pharmacy. Own brand about 50p and packs of two brushes for a pound **No tinned beans, soup or dried pasta required. Help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs.** Anything you can do to help people with food, heating and lighting is a most practical way of

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Frank Ridley
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*

Please pray for

DONNA HOPPER (51)
*who has died.
May she rest in peace.*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41	Ps 29	Apocalypse 5: 11-14	John 21: 1-19
Mon	Acts 6: 8-15	Ps 118	John 6:22 -29	
Tues	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8	Ps 18	John 14: 6-14	
Wed	Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 30	Matthew 10: 17-20	
Thurs	Acts 8: 26-40	Ps 65	John 6: 44-51	
Fri	Acts 9: 1-20	Ps 116	John 6: 52-59	
Sat	Acts 9: 31-42	Ps 115	John 6: 60-69	
Sun	Acts 13: 14, 43-52	Ps 99	Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17	John 10: 27-30

showing love and humanity. Funds to help folks with heating are already urgent. Your help is invaluable. No one should be living in a house with no heating or be unable to put a light on, boil a kettle or warm up food. Thank you.

Care of our Common Home - Environmental questionnaire - Please could all parishioners complete and return the questionnaire that was included in a recent bulletin. If you did not get a questionnaire you can pick one up at the back of the church. Please note that the next meeting of Care of our Common Home will take place on **Wednesday 11 May at 6pm.**

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk.

Stella Maris - Is holding a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on **Saturday 4th June 2022**, led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. The pilgrimage starts at 12 noon. All are invited. Please check tide times. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplain Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).

SeaFarers - As a parish we regularly donate clothing to the "Mission to Sea Farers". Henry Agnew has for many years taken the clothing to our contact point in Sedgefield. As Henry is leaving the parish we are looking for a volunteer driver to take over this run usually every couple of months. Could you help us out and take over this vital task? We have a very small core of people doing such tasks within the parish and in our outreach projects. We would be very grateful for any extra help - please speak to Fr. Dennis if you think this would be something you could do. Many thanks.

Bishop Auckland Choral Society - Invite you to 'The Gift of Music', a selection of sacred and secular music to be performed at Bishop Auckland Town Hall on Friday 13 May at 7pm. Tickets are £10 for adults (concession £8), children £5 (under 12 years free). Tickets are available from Sophie Hassall on telephone 01388 834359 or pay at the door.

SMILE!