

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 31 July	No Morning Mass No Vigil Mass
Sunday 1 August 18th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Mary's
Monday 2 August	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Tuesday 3 August <i>St Oswald</i>	1.30 pm Requiem Mass for SHEILA CAMPBELL at St. Wilfrid's
Wednesday 4 August St John Vianney	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Thursday 5 August	No Mass
Friday 6 August THE TRANSFIGURATION	10.00 No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Saturday 7 August	No Morning Mass No Vigil Mass
Sunday 8 August 19th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Mary's

Quote:

“It always seems impossible until it's done”.
- Nelson Mandela

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

SUFFERING

The mystery of God's love is not that our pain is taken away, but that God first wants to share that pain with us.

Out of this divine solidarity comes new life. Jesus' being moved in the centre of his being by human pain is indeed a movement toward new life.

God is our God, the God of the living. In the divine womb of God, life is always born again The truly good news is that God is not a distant God, a God to be feared and avoided, a God of revenge, but a God who is moved by our pains and participates in the fullness of the human struggle.

- Henri Nouwen

Following government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer and for Mass. 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.

Plastic Free August - You are invited to join millions of people reducing their plastic waste. This is a global movement that helps millions of people to be part of the solution to plastic pollution so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you be part of Plastic Free August by choosing to refuse single use plastics?

This movement has inspired an estimated 326 million participants in 177 countries. You making a small change will collectively make a massive difference to our communities. You can choose to refuse single use plastic this August and beyond and this can help you to find great alternatives that can become new habits forever? Think about it. Why would you make something that you are going to use for a few minutes out of a material that you are just going to throw away and that basically can last forever. It's up to us. Please tell someone else as well.

Introducing the Diocesan Environment Group - Bishop Robert has established a Diocesan Environment Group which has been meeting regularly since February. The group has been formed to support the Diocese in taking concerted action to address the climate and ecological emergency recognising the call by Pope Francis in Laudato Si to care for our common home.

The science informs us that we need concerted action at all levels of society, including within our own diocese to avert catastrophic climate change, which threatens the viability of all life on earth. Reducing our carbon footprint, learning to live sustainably in harmony with the whole of creation is an imperative for each and every one of us in our Diocese. We must learn to live our spiritual and physical lives in recognition that the earth is sacred.

The group is currently developing its own web pages and planning a launch event on the theme 'Caring for our Common Home' a one day conference to be held at the Youth Village Emmaus on Saturday September 18. The event will include keynote speakers (Emma Gardner, Project Lead for the Guardians of Creation Project and Christine Allen, CAFOD Director), achieving sustainability within Catholic Dioceses, presentation and feedback on the draft policy, COP26 and advocacy, workshops on sustainable living (buildings/energy, food, travel, plastic/waste) and a Mass for Creation presided over by Bishop Robert. Programme details and booking information to follow.

COVID arrangements in church - You will be alarmed, as we all are, that the virus is increasingly active in our part of the north east and may get worse before it gets better. Even though the Government has removed restrictions, we must continue the arrangements and requirements we had before last weekend. Bishop Robert asks that they remain in place until the end of August at least and then they'll be reviewed. The Government's Health & Safety at Work Act requires organisations to be sensitive to their unique circumstances. Remember we are in a confined space and therefore we will maintain sanitising on entry and exit, wearing masks, keeping social distancing and continuing the cleaning routines we have after each Mass. Choirs are allowed but need to keep the required distance. Congregations are allowed to sing but must wear masks!! We'll leave that one out for a while yet. What a

Please pray for the health of:

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

Please pray for
SHEILA CAMPBELL (83)

who has died.
May she rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15	Ps 77	Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24	John 6: 24-35
Mon	Numbers 11: 4-15	Ps 80	Matthew 14: 13-21	
Tues	Numbers 12: 1-13	Ps 50	Matthew 14: 2-36	
Wed	Numbers 13: 1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29, 34-35	Ps 105	Matthew 15: 21-28	
Thurs	Numbers 20: 1-13	Ps 94	Matthew 16: 13-23	
Fri	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Ps 96	2 Peter 1: 16-19	Mark 9:2-10
Sat	Deuteronomy 6: 4-13	Ps 17	Matthew 17: 14-20	
Sun	1 Kings 19: 4-8	Ps 33	Ephesians 4: 30-5:2	John 6: 41-51

mad idea. In time, a number of changes may be feasible and will be phased in gently. Thank you for your patience and for helping to keep yourself and others safe.

CAFOD Gift Aid forms are available in church for all who can gift aid their CAFOD donations. Sponsor money can be gift aided too. New CAFOD collecting boxes are available.

The Foodbank - is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. The difference it makes helps people get through the week.

Opening hours are 9.00 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday. The Centre will not be operating on Fridays or across weekends. I keep emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **UNUSUALLY, DUE TO CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUPERMARKETS, A LACK OF STORAGE SPACE AND TEMPORARY LOWER DEMAND, WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD AND DON'T NEED MORE FOR THE MOMENT. In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be invaluable.** You can put anything in an envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on.

Parish finances - Please remember to use your green envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer - Any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Used stamps - can be brought to church for helping the work of the Little Sisters of the poor. Thanks.

Northern Cross July edition is available now at the bargain price of £1.50. Do make sure you get yours to keep informed. Thank you.

2nd collection (white envelope) this month is for Home Mission Sunday that provides parishes with various resources in England and Wales.

Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.