

**Fr David Coxon** will be here next weekend and I know you will make him very welcome. There will be a simple get together on the Monday evening of 9th September with some food as an enjoyable way to facilitate introductions. St Mary's meeting room at 7 pm.

**The Foodbank** - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, small tinned meats, tinned fruit and sugar. 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 showing love and humanity. Funds to help folks with fuel costs 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.

**SVP raffle** we have recently received tickets for the above Annual Raffle and the prizes start at £5000 for first prize and £1000 for second, plus additional prizes with all details on the sheet on the porch notice board. Tickets will be on sale now and during August. The draw date is 26 September. Please give the raffle your usual support.

**Laudato Si** - A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed our annual environmental survey. We had a good response this year. Thank you to Tom Bowman who has again collated the results and put them into a display available in both churches. If anyone has any comments they would like to give us, we would be very happy to receive alongside any suggestions for ways we can help with care of our environment.

Care of Creation will be celebrated in September and we are hoping to have a parish event of displays. Anyone interested would be most welcome to get involved, more information to follow.

**Laudato Si Movement NE** Following the successful Durham Pilgrimage for the Planet last year, Christian Climate Action Northeast and Laudato Si Movement NE are organising another pilgrimage. It will take a similar format to last year, meeting on **Framwellgate Bridge at 10.30am on 21st September**, and walking in easy stages around the Peninsula, with stopping points for meditation, reflection song and prayer, finishing at Durham Cathedral with a short outdoor Season of Creation Service, and picnic. Please spread the word - this is an open event for all who would like to join in. Please open the poster attachment to find out more and/or sign up on **Eventbrite**, which will give us an idea of numbers for safety. Alternatively, you can also email Anne [ccanortheast1@mail.com](mailto:ccanortheast1@mail.com) or phone Karin 07770 898033, but you can also just turn up on the day.

**Our wild flower garden** the Laudato Si wild lawn is flourishing. It's unbelievable what doing nothing to a lawn produces. Have a look and be truly amazed. But also take time to admire the beautiful variety of the front garden. Much praise and thanks to the hard work and expertise of Tommy Nevin.

**Please pray for the health of:**

- Mrs Aitken*
- Joan Lightfoot*
- Michael Nicholson*
- Adam Hudspeth*
- Christopher Browne*
- Tyler Quinn*
- Robin Davis*
- Angela Graham*
- Frank Ridley*
- Jacob Thomas*
- Charlotte Thomas*
- Teresa Brown*
- Christina Marsh*
- Kathy Lloyd*
- Roman Banks*
- Jane Hardy (Kirby)*
- Margaret Pattenden*
- Mary Curry*
- Adam Quarmby*
- Eileen Kelly*
- John Green*
- Lynette Stott*
- Mary Oldfield*
- Brenda Dawes*
- Jayne Littlefair*



**Scripture Readings** for this week's Masses:

Sun	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8	Ps 14	James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon	1 Corinthians 2: 1-5	Ps 118	Luke 4: 16-30	
Tues	2 Corinthians 4: 1-2, 5-7	Ps 95	Luke 4: 22, 24-30	
Wed	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9	Ps 32	Luke 4: 38-44	
Thurs	1 Corinthians 3: 18-23	Ps 23	Luke 5: 1-11	
Fri	1 Corinthians 4: 1-5	Ps 36	Luke 5: 33-39	
Sat	1 Corinthians 4: 6-15	Ps 144	Luke 6: 1-5	
Sun	Isaiah 35: 4-7	Ps 145	James 2: 1-5	Mark 7: 31-37

**AVOID RECYCLING MISTAKES**- Anyone interested in recycling is invited to the Laudato Si group meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 6.30 pm in St. Mary's meeting room when a speaker from Durham County Council waste management will give a short talk and answer questions. Currently about 70% of collections are rejected so obviously we are doing something wrong. This is a great opportunity to clarify the confused and contradictory advice we receive. Everybody very welcome.

**Bible Alive** - September copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

**Pope Francis** recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

**Little Sisters of the Poor** - Used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families help the Sisters and residents of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.

**World Peace** - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

**Seated Exercise Classes - Falls Prevention Exercise Class** every Wednesday at 2.15pm (for one hour) at Coundon and Leeholme Community Centre. Price is £4.50 to include Tea and Coffee. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

**Over 50's Keep Fit class** starting 3 September at the Memorial Hall, West Auckland at 7pm - price is £5. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

**Fr Dennis is moving to St Hugh's Presbytery, 90 Staverton Road, Bilborough, Nottingham. NG8 4EX. Telephone 07508293858 email: [remb34randt@yahoo.com](mailto:remb34randt@yahoo.com). See the thank you note on the back of the Conversations sheet. Thank you always.**

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 31 August</b>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 1 September</b> <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>George and Rose Wallis</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Laura Rea</i>
<b>Monday 2 September</b>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's
<b>Tuesday 3 September</b> <i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</i>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday 4 September</b> <i>The Translation of St Cuthbert</i>	<u>9.00 am</u> Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Thursday 5 September</b> <i>St Teresa of Calcutta</i>	No Mass
<b>Friday 6 September</b>	No Mass
<b>Saturday 7 September</b>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>David George Charles Clough</i>
<b>Sunday 8 September</b> <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Holy Souls</i>

## Quotation

*"We have lost touch with nature, rather foolishly as we are a part of it, not outside it"*  
- David Hockney - artist

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# 22nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## A Message from Pope Francis

"The Lord wants us to belong to a Church that knows how to open her arms and welcome everyone. Not a house for the few, but a house for everyone, where all can be renewed, transformed, sanctified by his love, the strongest and the weakest, sinners, the indifferent, those who feel discouraged or lost.

Are we a church that calls and welcomes sinners with open arms, that gives courage and hope, or are we a Church closed in on herself? Are we a Church where the love of God dwells, where one cares for the other, where one prays for the other?

A final question: what can I, a weak fragile sinner do? God says to you: do not be afraid of holiness, do not be afraid to aim high, to let yourself be loved and purified by God, do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Let us be infected by the holiness of God."

## Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Jeannie Hardy for St Mary's and Fiona Ottewell for St Wilfrid's or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

## Confession Times

### **St Mary's**

**Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.**

### **St Wilfrid's**

**before Sunday Mass**