

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat and good quality bags for life. 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. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

Our Holy Communion preparation sessions will be starting again next month. This will mean attending a monthly Sunday morning session, from October to May. If you have a child who is in year 4 or above and they would like to join the preparation sessions, could you let Fr Dennis have your contact details and child's name.

Copies of Bible Alive are available at the back of church. I have ordered copies for those who signed for them. Please refer to the orange list, take your copy for £1.50 and leave the money in the Northern Cross box. There are a couple of spare copies for each church. Let me know if you want one. Thank you.

CAFOD - We are having a celebration of the Season of Creation by holding a Harvest Mass at St Mary's, on the weekend of 14th /15th October. This is a great opportunity to show our talents in the home and garden. Share any fresh produce you may have grown or made with the parish, raise money for charity and most of all, give thanks and worship to our loving and generous God. Fruit, vegetables, jams, cakes etc. can be brought along before Mass. Any money raised to go to CAFOD.

ALSO - to celebrate the Harvest Weekend we would like to invite parishioners to decorate a windowsill with a 'Creative Harvest' theme. The Theme chosen by LAUDATO SI for this year is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', so this could generate an idea....Please put names on a list at the back of church (St. Mary's) if you would be willing to produce a display. Thank you in advance for your support.

Marie Curie have a fundraiser to help with their great work. Make a date for Sunday 8th October (11am to 2pm) for soup and a bun at the wonderful Open Garden at Hillside Cottage, Low Etherley. Admission is £5. You'll find everyone down the lane opposite No.63. Thanks

The Second Collection - on Sunday will be jointly for CAFOD's autumn Family Fast Day and World Mission Sunday.

St Wilfrid's Social - Covid put a stop to the annual **St Wilfrid's Social** but we think it's time to revive it, so get your tiara from the pawn shop, dust off your tuxedo and head for St Wilfrid's on Friday 13th October at 7.00pm. Tickets now available (only £1) at the back of both churches. Quizzes, bingo and a raffle will definitely feature - offers of raffle prizes and food contributions would be very welcome!

First Steps – Exploring the Catholic Faith online - **Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start?** First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>. First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7 pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.

Cancer Support — No one should have to face cancer alone. Team Solan Cancer Trust will be available at Woodhouse Close Church Centre each Wednesday morning, providing a Drop-In session from 10.00 to 12.00. Their aim is to help improve the quality of life for those living with a cancer diagnosis or a cancer

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
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
Senara Wilton
Joan Vasey*

Please pray for

**VALERY MUNDELL
(70)
who has died.
May she rest in
peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ezekiel 18: 25-28	Ps 24	Philippians 2: 1-11	Matthew 21: 28-32
Mon	Zechariah 8: 1-8	Ps 101	Luke 9: 46-50	
Tues	Zechariah 8: 20-23	Ps 86	Luke 9: 51-56	
Wed	Nehemiah 2: 1-8	Ps 136	Luke 9: 57–62	
Thurs	Nehemiah 8: 1-12	Ps 18	Luke 10: 1-12	
Fri	Baruch 1: 15-22	Ps 78	Luke 10: 13-16	
Sat	Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29	Ps 68	Luke 10: 17-24	
Sun	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Ps 79	Philippians 4: 6-9	Matthew 21: 33-43

bereavement. It's a bespoke support service to adults and children who have been impacted by cancer. If you need support or further information please contact: admin@teamsolan.org.uk or telephone 01388 205294. You'll be welcome to call in to meet the team members during the Drop-In sessions each week.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW—Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting Mary Hughes at significance316@gmail.com

The Faith Museum — is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It opens on 7 October. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

SVP200 Club - September winning numbers are 84 and 93. No winners for us this month.

Holy Island Camp - Holy Island Vinnies Camp is looking for new helpers to help in their kitchens on Holy Island. The Camp runs holidays for many of our Catholic Schools in the North East during the months of April to July and then September to November, but relies on volunteers to do caretaking duties and kitchen helpers to wash up, serve meals and help prepare light meals, salads and sandwiches etc for the groups staying on site. Commitment can be as little as a few days a year or more if you are able to and willing! We are running a camp afternoon tea at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Newcastle airport, on Saturday 7th October from 2.15pm until 4.45pm. People who are interested in volunteering are more than welcome to join us, but would need to email John Flynn on JohnF@svp.org.uk to book a place. Anyone who is thinking they might like to volunteer in 2024 could also contact Barbara Taws via BarbaraT@svp.org.uk to find more information about Camp and the process of becoming a volunteer. We hope to see you soon!

Lourdes Fundraising Quiz - is taking place on **Friday 3 November at 6pm at St John's School**. The cost of the ticket is £5, which includes pie and peas. There will also be a licensed bar. All proceeds will go towards supporting our students attending our pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. Please see poster at the back of church.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Joseph Greero</i>
Sunday 1 October <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Michael Pugh & Jayne Streatfield</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Cec & Frank Johnson</i>
Monday 2 October <i>The Guardian Angels</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 3 October	10.00 am Mass @ Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington: <i>Ann and Joe Tindall</i>
Wednesday 4 October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	No Mass
Thursday 5 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>John Armstrong</i>
Friday 6 October	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Aldred and Johnson Families</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 8 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For a Sick person</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>

Quote:

"I have learnt more from my failures than from my successes"
- **Richard Branson**

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26th SUNDAY of the YEAR

THE OLD MAN IN THE MARKET PLACE

Many years ago, in a land far away, there was an old man making his way slowly through the market place. Just as he was about to leave, a young man stepped out from behind a building and stood in front of him, barring his way. Alarmed, the old man said, 'Please let me pass'. But the young man smiled and shook his head. 'I want something from you, old man', he said.

'Very well' said the old man. And with a flourish he pointed his finger at a chicken that was running across the road in front of them. Immediately the chicken stopped running and, before their eyes, turned into sold gold. The old man picked it up and gave it to the young man, saying, 'Now, will you let me pass?'

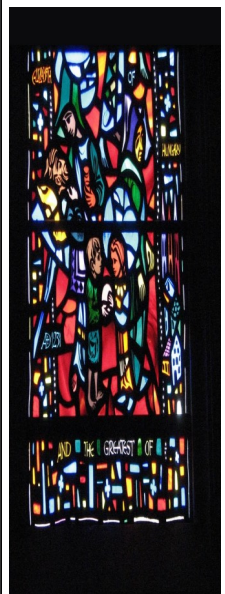
The young man took the golden chicken, but continued to smile and shake his head. 'I want more from you, old man,' he said. This still was not enough for the threatening man. The old man pointed to a dog, to a house and they both turned to gold.

But the young man remained standing just where he was in front of the old man. 'It's still not enough', he said.

Exasperated, the old man cried, 'But what else can I give you? The young man stepped closer and, taking hold of the other's hand, replied, 'I want the finger.'

Moral

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life time.



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.