

# This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 1 January <i>MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD</i>	No Morning Mass: 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>For all who died in 2021</i>
Sunday 2 January <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Anne Foster</i>
Monday 3 January	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 11 am - 1 pm <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Tuesday 4 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 5 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Agnes and Michael Coleman</i> 6.00 pm Care for Our Common Home Meeting 7.00 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Thursday 6 January <i>THE EPIPHANY of the LORD</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Friday 7 January	8.15 am Mass in St John's School 10.00 am Mass: - <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
Saturday 8 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Peter Smith</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 9 January <i>THE BAPTISM of the LORD</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Stockton</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ida Herbert</i>

Quote:

"You cannot defeat hate by hate"

- Judea Pearl

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## SECOND SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS

### RESOLUTIONS

1. Give thanks - once a day feel gratitude for what you have
2. Praise - catch someone doing something right and say so
3. Spend time with your family - eat together at least once a week
4. Discover meaning - take time out now and then to ask 'Why am I here?'
5. Love your values. Create habits to live high ideals
6. Forgive. Life's too short to bear grudges. Let them go. Move on.
7. Keep learning. You're never too old to learn something new
8. Learn to listen - one of the greatest gifts to give to others
9. Create times of silence. Enjoy just being - without technology.
10. Transform suffering. It can sensitise you to the pain of others. Life's full of blessings if we want to see them.

- **Rabbi Jonathan Sacks**

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.

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

**A big thank you** to everyone who has helped us in the parish during this strange year. Thanks to all who do many routine tasks that are unknown to most in our community, but essential to how we function. I'm very grateful to those who prepare our churches for Christmas and all who clean our benches each day, keeping us safe. Enormous thanks also for the cards and gifts I've received from so many. Your kindness is amazing and it means such a lot. Thank you.

**Few will be aware** of the volume of work done by our foodbank team. In order to give needed help to those who come to us, great thought and a lot of organising, packing and distributing has to happen. Their work with the goods and money you provide is invaluable. Their time, skill and practical humanity is a real ministry among us.

**It is never possible** to thank everyone individually. With the best planning in the world, people will be missed. I hope, however, that in an all-embracing, collective 'thank you' that you will recognise yourselves. I mean it wholeheartedly.

**Thank You** - to all who have sent in suggestions and ideas to help in our Care for our Common Home - the Earth. Please continue to send in any suggestions you may have for looking after our ecology and reducing our carbon footprint. Others may be helped by your suggestions. Many thanks.

**The Foodbank** now has an urgent need for food of all kinds mainly tinned vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, tomatoes , dried rice, carrier bags and for help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs. In this winter weather anything you can do to help people with food, heating and lighting is a most practical way of showing love and humanity. You may never have been in critical need, or you may have been helped by someone at a difficult time. As followers of our God who came to us at

Please pray for the health of:

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



Sun	Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12	Ps 147	Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18	John 1: 1-18
Mon	1 John 2: 29-3:6	Ps 97	John 1: 29-34	
Tues	1 John 3: 7-10	Ps 97	John 1: 35-42	
Wed	1 John 3: 11-21	Ps 99	John 1: 43-51	
Thurs	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Ps 71	Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2: 1-12
Fri	1 John 3: 22-4:6	Ps 2	Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25	
Sat	1 John 4: 7-10	Ps 71	Mark 6: 34-44	
Sun	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7	Ps 28	Acts 10: 34-38	Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

this time and didn't ask but commanded us to love one another, we can't just do nothing. I thank God for our generous people. Please help now to help some of our neighbours. We do have plenty of tinned beans, spaghetti, soup and dried pasta. Help us make a nutritious balance in the food we give. Thank you.

**The Foodbank and crisis work** done jointly by ourselves and Woodhouse Close Church Centre are saying a big thank you to all who have supported this work by giving in food and other necessities and money to help with gas and electricity emergencies. You have donated over £9000 this last year. It's hugely appreciated.

**The Northern Cross Calendar** is the Directory and reference book for our Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Copies are available at the back of church, price £3. it's a great mine of valuable information.

**Used postage stamps** and foreign money can be brought in to church and we'll pass them onto provide funds for the work of the Little Sister of the Poor who care for elderly people.

**The Woman's Refuge Centre** will not be taking any more items of clothing for the moment. Thanks to all who have helped. Your thoughtfulness is wonderful.

**LOVE TO ALL OUR FAMILIES**  
*Thank you for the difference you make*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!**