

Fr Tony Cornforth (01325 313611) will be conducting funerals during my holiday and attending to any emergencies. I'm very grateful. Grateful also to Frs Gordon Ryan and Paul Tully for celebrating our weekend Masses for us.

The Second Collection next weekend will be for The Apostleship of the Sea, supporting the Church's work for seafarers, as we do also by contributing suitable clothing regularly. Thank you.

A Listening Exercise - The Diocese has created opportunities for anyone to share thoughts and concerns for the future in our Diocese. There are times and dates for priests, for religious sisters and brothers and for parishioners. The dates for parishioners are:

11 July at St Bede's Church Hall, Bedlington. NE22 5TZ

12 July at St Michael's Church Hall, Houghton le Spring, DH5 8NF

13 July at English Martyrs Church, Stockton. TS19 9BY

The meetings start at 7pm prompt and finish at 8.30pm. Please attend one of these if you would like to contribute or to share in the listening exercise. Thank you.

Marie Curie Group - are holding a Garden Tea Party on Sunday 30 July at Woodside House, Witton Park from 1pm to 5pm. Admission £5. See poster at back of church.

Plant Swap - WOW - what a generous Parish we have. Plants for swapping keep coming - please help yourselves. But please NO MORE PLANT POTS. Storage is overflowing. Thank you all very much.

The Family Contact Centre provides contact with children for separated parents/grand parents. It takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers only attend for 8 Saturdays across the year. This takes place at the Methodist Church Hall. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Joanne Walton on 07887 954943.

As the year moves on could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

The Big Cafod Walk - This year Cafod has set the challenge of

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
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
Patrick Fogarty*

Please pray for
**MARGARET THOMPSON
(76) and
TONY BALDWIN (89)**

**who have died.
May they rest in
peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16	Ps 88	Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11	Matthew 10: 37-42
Mon	Ephesians 2: 19-22	Ps 116	John 20: 24-29	
Tues	Genesis 19: 15-29	Ps 25	Matthew 8: 23-27	
Wed	Genesis 21: 5, 8-20	Ps 33	Matthew 8: 28-34	
Thurs	Genesis 22: 1-19	Ps 114	Matthew 9: 1-8	
Fri	Genesis 23: 1-4, 19, 24: 1-8, 62-67	Ps 105	Matthew 9: 9-13	
Sat	Genesis 27: 1-5, 15-29	Ps 134	Matthew 9: 14-17	
Sun	Zechariah 9: 9-10	Ps 144	Romans 8: 9, 11-13	Matthew 11: 25-30

a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tea, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, pasta sauce and tinned fruit. 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. Thank you.

Quiz Night - Thursday 13 July in St Mary's meeting room. Doors open at 7 pm quiz starts at 7.30 pm.

SVP Summer Raffle - tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle are now on sale. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. Prizes are £5,000, £1000 and 15 prizes of £100, so plenty to be won. Ann Carney will be dealing with this at St Mary's. We hope to have some books to sell at St Wilfrid's. This to be arranged.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 1 July	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 2 July <i>13th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Private Intention</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Dominic Ottewell</i>
Monday 3 July <i>ST THOMAS Apostle</i>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i>
Tuesday 4 July	1.45 pm Requiem Mass at St Mary's for MARGARET THOMPSON 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
Wednesday 5 July	No Mass
Thursday 6 July	No Mass
Friday 7 July	No Mass
Saturday 8 July	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 9 July <i>14th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Thanksgiving (B)</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Fresh start intention</i>

Quote:

"People say I'm into my second childhood. The reality is I never left my first one"
- Spike Milligan

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13th SUNDAY of the YEAR

HE IS HERE

It is easy you say, 'God is present everywhere'. It is much harder to begin to understand what this really means and to become conscious of God's presence. God is present, not simply as the one who made all things, but more importantly as the one who is at the heart of everything. It is though God holds the whole of creation in one great embrace.

There is nothing outside this embrace, and therefore, nothing outside God. Just as the dawn touches, embraces and transforms everything on the face of the earth, so it is with the God who 'visits us like the dawn from on high'.

Included in this embrace of God in a very special way is each and every human person. Deep within the heart of everyone there is an eternal echo of the divine. This is true of all human beings, not just those who are adherents of a particular faith or religion. Many people have a sense of this eternal echo, often without recognizing it as such or being able to name it. For many it will be experienced as a longing for something which transcends reality. Those who have a religious faith may describe it as the presence of God, while people with no attachment to any faith will be conscious of a sense of wonder or beauty or awe.

- Peter Verity



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.