This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 1 December	**9.30 am - Mass -** *Austin Clark* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *People of the parish*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 2 December 2nd Sunday of Advent	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Anne Delaney* **11.00 am - Mass:** *For Anna Bentley's birthday* **4.00 pm - Taizé service at Our Lady and St Thomas Willington**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Monday 3 December *St Francis Xavier*	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **No Mass**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Tuesday 4 December *St Osmund*	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **9.30 am - No Mass** **7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration**	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid** **St Wilfrid**
Wednesday 5 December	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **7.00 pm - Mass -** *Andrew Patrick Donohoe*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Thursday 6 December *St Nicolas*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *May, Jim and John Foster* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** 1.00 pm - Funeral Service for **Charles MacMurray** at Wear Valley Crematorium	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Friday 7 December *St Ambrose*	**8.15 am - Mass in St John's School -** *Private Intention* **2.00 pm - Mass in St Chad's School** **7.30 pm - Marie Curie Service**	 **St Mary**
Saturday 8 December ***IMMACULATE CONCEPTION***	**9.30 am - Mass:** *People of the parish* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *Fr Austin Arthurs and Fr Bill O'Neill*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 9 December *2nd Sunday of Advent*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Chang Khoon Tan* **11.00 am - Mass:** *Jack Moran, Frank Hickey and Holy Souls* **4.00 pm - Advent Service of Light**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**

ST MARY'S

Collection: £645.40

Thank you.

Quote:

"When we are out of sympathy with the young then I think our work in this world is over" - George Macdonald

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £208.66

Thank you.

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Sunday, 2 December 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thoughts of a Zealot around the time of Jesus

The Messiah - not coming? Don't make me laugh!
He's coming, all right, and it wont be much longer, you take it from me, any day now, I shouldn't be surprised.
How do I know? Well, its obvious, isn't it?
Just look around you at the world we're living in - the state of our society, the corruption, greed, self-interest, so much contrary to God's will - do you really think he's going to sit back and let that carry on forever? I can't see it, somehow.

No, he may be taking his time, and the delay may be hard to understand, but sooner rather than later the day of the Lord will be here, and what a day it will be, what a moment for us all! At last we'll be free, that's what God's promised us, isn't it? - a new kingdom, a fresh start, deliverance from slavery - and I can hardly wait for it to begin. Remember, it's God's anointed we're talking about here, the one who will come to establish justice and righteousness, to drive out evil, and finally, when the enemy is defeated, to bring us peace.

I know its not been easy this time of waiting, hoping against hope for some sign of the Messiah, but God has promised that deliverance will come, and what he says we know he will do.

So don't tell me he's not coming. It's just a matter of time, nothing more, the dawn of his kingdom round the corner, here before you know it.

I only hope I'm still around when it arrives, able to see it for myself, for it will have been worth waiting for, no doubt about that - quite simply, out of this world!

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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday morning Masses by request and any other time by simple arrangement

Second collection - our collection this weekend will support the work of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT) in our diocese and the work of St Cuthbert's Care.

Food Bank - many thanks for your support, this week we are short of tinned or packet potatoes, rice pudding, corned beef, tinned mince and steak, fruit, custard, tomatoes, tinned meals, jars of pasta sauces, paste and jam. vegetables, long life milk and pasta snacks. We don't need pasta or rice. May we also ask for any strong carrier bags you may have or get while doing your Christmas shopping. Our supplies are now very diminished.

Day Trip to York - is this Tuesday we will depart St Mary's Bishop Auckland 9.15am for MacArthur Glen and depart there for York Christmas Market 12.45 - this will give people time for a spot of lunch. Departure from Christmas market 4pm. The coach fare will be £10. There will be 60 plus people attending could we please ask for the fare as soon as possible.

Christmas Quiz and Bottle Stall is **on Tuesday 11th December. Y**ou can start to bring in bottles of alcoholic or soft drinks as of now. Pick up a bottle bag from the back of church and out of the goodness of your heart bring it back with a lovely bottle inside. Please can we have a shout out for more alcoholic bottles for our bottle stall for our grand quiz. We require a couple more prizes for our grand raffle if anyone has any donations please see Paula, Jeannie, Marie or Melvyn. Thank you.

CAFOD - If you don't know what to buy someone for Christmas please pick up a World Gifts Catalogue from the back of church. From helping mothers with their babies to teaching someone to read, there is a Christmas CAFOD gift for everyone.

St Mary's Piety - Now has a selection of Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and small novelty items for sale. Why not pop in and take a peep.

Our Christmas Masses - Christmas Eve at 5.30pm at St Mary's and 7.30pm at St Wilfrid's. Christmas Day 9.30am at St Wilfrid's and 11am at St. Mary's.

SVP - St Wilfrid's - the list for SVP Christmas gifts for the elderly/sick parishioners is at the back of church and follows the same practice as in pervious years.

Please pray for the health of:

Betty Shoulder
Irene Welford
Michael Dowson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Monica Fuller
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Kate Johnson
Tyler Quinn
Bill Gillon
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Christopher Dawes
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown

Please pray for

WILLIAM SAVERY (90) And CHARLES MacMURRAY (84) who have died. May they rest in peace

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	Ps 24	1Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2	Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36
Mon	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Ps 121	Matthew 8: 5-11	
Tues	Isaiah 11: 1-10	Ps 71	Luke 10: 21-24	
Wed	Isaiah 25: 6-10	Ps 22	Matthew 15: 29-37	
Thurs	Isaiah 26: 1-6	PS 117	Matthew 7: 21, 24-27	
Fri	Isaiah 29: 17-24	Ps 26	Matthew 9: 27-31	
Sat	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20	Ps 97	Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1: 26-38
Sun	Baruch 5: 1-9	Ps 125	Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11	Luke 3: 1-6

St Wilfrid's Lottery - Prizes for this month are as follows:

1st Prize: £50 (#103) - A Francis
2nd Prize: £30 (#157) - J. Arthurs
3rd Prize: £20 (#59) - J. Carr
4th Prize: £20 (#20) - P. Wager
5th Prize: £15 (#64) - L. Hutchinson
6th Prize: £15 (#38) - L. Vollans
7th Prize: £15 (#92) - M. Oldfield
8th Prize: £15 (#151) - A. Foster

Total £180 - prizes this month £180 Total to church funds £180. Thanks to all who support this fund raising effort.

Red Mission Boxes - please leave at back of church for the December collection. Thank you for September collection of £322.95 from St Wilfrid's and £137.80 from St Mary's.

Our Service of Forgiveness and Reconciliation - will take place on Monday 17 December at 7pm in St Mary's, in addition to the one arranged with individual confessions for the Partnership, taking place at All Saints, Ferryhill on Friday 14 December at 7pm.

Christmas Day Lunch - arranged by local Fellowship of Churches for individuals or couples who would otherwise be on their own, will take place again at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church. If you wish to go, or you may want to encourage others to go, please contact Audrey Dinning on 001388 607907 as soon as possible.

Crisis Fund - please consider helping hard-hit families with gas and electric needs over Christmas. Donations labelled Crisis Fund can be handed in at any time. Thank you.

Service of Light for Advent - do come and join us for a candle-lit service of light at St Wilfrid's at 4pm next Sunday. A gentle way of celebrating Jesus, the Light of the World.