

**Today's Second Collection** - will be taken to support the work of the Catholic Education Service, the Church's national body that works with and negotiates with the Government on behalf of our schools.

**New School Term** - our schools do an amazing job and carry out a great Gospel ministry. I believe they preach the Gospel in hundreds of ways and carry out far more invaluable lessons than the classroom curriculum requires. With families they are forming individuals for life. Please keep them all in your prayers. Thank you.

**Northern Cross** on sale today. Bargain price, still at £1.50. Enjoy!

**The Bible Alive** free copy you received the week before last may have interested you enough to want to purchase a copy each month. If we can sell more than 10 copies we can let you have your monthly copy for £1.50 rather than £3.00. Please sign the orange sheet at the back of church so that we can know how many are interested. I recommend it very highly. Thank you.

**Bishop Stephen** our new Bishop will be visiting us on 2nd and 3rd December, the First Sunday of Advent. I know you'll make him very welcome. Make a note. This is a great opportunity to meet our Bishop.

**Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries** - Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat 8-10 Sept, 2023 held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham. The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details.

**Outing to Blanchland, September 12th** – there are just a couple of places left on the coach. Please have a word with Michael (St Wilfrid's) or Jeanette (St Mary's) if you would like to go – we need to finalise numbers this Sunday. If you have any dietary requirements for lunch (eg gluten free) please also let us know today so that we can pass the request on to the tearoom.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, sugar, rice pudding, jam, bars of soap 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

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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Jeremiah 20: 7-9	Ps 62	Romans 12: 12	Matthew 16: 21-27
Mon	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Ps 95	Luke 4: 16-30	
Tues	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11	Ps 26	Luke 4: 31-37	
Wed	Colossians 1: 1-8	Ps 51	Luke 4: 38-44	
Thurs	Micah 5: 1-4	Ps 12	Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23	
Fri	Colossians 1: 15-20	Ps 99	Luke 5: 33-39	
Sat	Colossians 1: 21-23	Ps 53	Luke 6: 1-5	
Sun	Ezekiel 33: 7-9	Ps 94	Romans 13: 8-10	Matthew 18: 15-20

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.

**A warm (and dry!) welcome** to our visitors over the holiday weeks. We thank you for joining us for Mass and hope your time in the area will be enjoyable.

**The Passion Play** is scheduled for next Good Friday in the Market Place. If you are interested in being part of the cast or helping in practical ways, please do get in touch. Thank you.

**School Governors** do an invaluable job helping our schools here. We have vacancies at present, so if you'd love to help in giving back in gratitude for what school gave us, please have a word.

**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!

**Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's** - in view of the low attendance there will be no Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's for the rest of the summer. If there is a demand we will start again in the autumn.

**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.

**SVP Raffle Tickets** - tickets are available at St Wilfrid's from Catherine Donovan. Catherine can only get to every Mass Sunday. Her contact number is 07790 352023.

**KYNREN** - I hope you'll book up to enjoy the amazing spectacle. There are more new things to see each year!

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 2 September</b>	<b>11.00 am Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Antony Chu Van Xuan and Cecilia Pham Thi Hong</i>
<b>Sunday 3 September</b> <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>World Peace</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Laura Rea</i>
<b>Monday 4 September</b> <i>Translation of St Cuthbert</i>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 5 September</b> <i>St (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Health of a son</i>
<b>Wednesday 6 September</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass @ Our Lady &amp; St Thomas, Willington</b> <b>6.30 pm</b> <i>Laudato Si Meeting</i>
<b>Thursday 7 September</b>	<b>9.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 8 September</b> <i>BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Maureen and John Nicholson</i>
<b>Saturday 9 September</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Ian Lloyd</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 10 September</b> <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>For a sick person</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Bridie Clinton</i>

**Quote:**

*"Be curious, not judgemental"*  
- **Walt Witman (American poet and writer)**

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# 22nd SUNDAY of the YEAR

### ***The Silent Monk***

*A man enters a strict monastery. On his first day the abbot says, "You'll be able to speak only two words every five years. Do you understand?" The novice nods and goes away.*

*Five years later the abbot calls him into his office, "Brother," he says, "You've done well these last five years. What would you like to say?" And the monk says "Food cold!"*

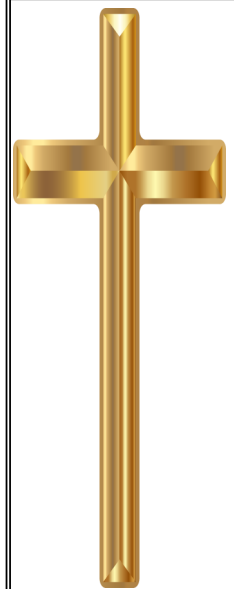
*"Oh I'm sorry," says the abbot. "We'll fix that immediately."*

*Five years later the monk returns to the abbot. "Welcome, Brother," says the abbot. "What would you like to tell me after ten years?" And the monk says "Bed hard!" And the abbot says, "Oh, I'm sorry. We'll fix that right away."*

*Then after another five years the two meet. The abbot says, "Well Brother you've been here fifteen years. What two words would you like to say?"*

*"I'm leaving," he says.*

*And the abbot says, "Well, I'm not surprised. You've done nothing but complain since you got here!"*



### **Confession Times** St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.