

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 2 October</b> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	<b>10am Mass: Mike Tobin</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Marjorie Lundrigan</b>
<b>Sunday 3 October</b> <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: People of the Parish</b> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Ann and Joe Tindall</b>
<b>Monday 4 October</b> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</b> <b>11 am - 1.00 St Mary's open for private prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 5 October</b>	<b>10am Mass: Monica Girling</b>
<b>Wednesday 6 October</b>	<b>10am Mass: Thanksgiving (P)</b> <b>7.00 pm : Care for our Common Home Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 7 October</b> <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	<b>10am Mass: Holy Souls</b>
<b>Friday 8 October</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass: Holy Souls</b> <b>11.00 am Funeral Service at St Wilfrid's for JOHN ROBSON</b>
<b>Saturday 9 October</b> <i>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</i>	<b>10am Mass: Special Intention</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Birthday Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Sunday 10 October</b> <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale</b> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish</b> <b>2.00 pm: Creation Walk, starting from St Wilfrid's</b>

## Quote:

"One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present".

- *Golda Meir, 4th Prime Minister of the State of Israel*

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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube [3 October 2021](#)

## TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

### Free us, Lord

Lord Jesus, you first touched our ears and tongues on the day of our baptism.

May we live each day faithful to what you have begun in us. Open our ears, Lord, to hear your word in the Scriptures, to heed your guidance in the commandments, and to listen with you in quiet reflection.

Clear away the deafness of our selfish preoccupation so that we might listen to what others need to say, draw out what is locked away in their darkness, and respect each person's unique history.

Open up the doors of our hearts in sensitivity to pain, in concern for injustice, in compassion with all suffering.

Release our tongues of their impediments so that we might gladly sing your praises, gratefully proclaim your kindness, and confidently witness to your presence.

Remove all vestiges of envy, comparison or vindictiveness from our speech, so that we might be quick to affirm but slow to blame, ready to thank and slow to begrudge, open to forgive and loathe to condemn.

Release our tongues from scandal and free them for goodness; cleanse them of obscenity and brighten them with joy; rid them of vulgarity and prepare them to bless.

Lord Jesus, you do all things well.

You make the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

- *Silvester O'Flynn, O.F.M. Cap.*

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.

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.

**Sign the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition** - Please join the Caring for our Common Home Group in signing the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition so that the political leaders participating in COP15 and COP26, take action for all members of creation this year.

We have an opportunity like no other. At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation. In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement. Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now.

Please join us and take action. Click here: <https://thecatholicpetition.org/?source=email&>

Fiona Ottewell will also be at the back of church, at the three weekend services over the two weekends, with hard copies of the petition for those who haven't got easy access to the internet!

**Caring for our Common Home** - next Sunday, starting from St Wilfrid's at 2 pm, Melvyn will lead a Creation Walk to help us connect with nature and appreciate what we have all over again. Refreshments at St Wilfrid's afterwards. Make a note of the dates please folks. Thanks.

**Latest news on COVID arrangements** - We've received news from the Bishop that we maintain the practice of sanitising on entering and leaving church and cleaning the church after use. Masks should continue to be worn.

We can now operate at one metre distance rather than two, which gives us more space to accommodate some extra people in our church buildings. We can also now use books and will make Parish Mass Books available at St Wilfrid's and at St Mary's we'll continue to use the overhead screen for the Mass texts. If attending at St Mary's you need a book, please ask. Thank you.

**Marie Curie** provide brilliant care and support. They are hosting an Open Garden and Soup and a Bun event to raise funds. Come to Hillside Cottage at Low Etherley next Sunday, 12 noon to 3pm. Adults £5 and children £1. Look out for signs and for Peter Daniels wearing an eye-catching outfit as you come through on the main road. It's down the lane opposite No. 63. Let's see how we can help. Thank you.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Michael Dowson  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Monica Fuller  
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*

Please pray for

**JOHN ROBSON (72) and  
VINCENT BROWN (87)  
who have died.**

**May they rest in peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Genesis 2: 18-24	Ps 127	Hebrews 2: 9-11	Mark 10: 2-16
Mon	Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11	Jonah 2:3-5,8	Luke 10: 25-37	
Tues	Jonah 3: 1-10	Ps 129	Luke 10: 38-42	
Wed	Jonah 4: 1-11	Ps 85	Luke 11: 1-4	
Thurs	Malachi 3: 13-20	Ps 1	Luke 11: 5-13	
Fri	Joel 1: 13-15, 2: 1-2	Ps 9	Luke 11: 15-26	
Sat	Exodus 32: 7-14	Ps 105	Luke 5: 1-11	
Sun	Wisdom 7: 7-11	Ps 89	Hebrews 4: 12-13	Mark 10: 17-30

**Sunday Mass obligation** - Our Bishops intend to restore the Sunday Mass obligation from this coming Advent - the end of November onwards.

Many have got out of our Sunday (or Saturday vigil) Mass habit, and, sadly many no longer give it the seriousness which it has never lost. To give God an hour or so of worship once a week is not asking much for most people and should be considered as a basic requirement.

Streaming of Masses has been a great help for many and will continue, but it's no substitute for expressing Communion with the Lord and communion with the living community of the Church and the parish.

I mention the restart of the obligation now so that we can begin to prepare for attending Mass again. Vaccinations have helped greatly but have not dismissed the possibility of infection. The layout of our churches may change again and we'll let you know. I'll give you more information when we have it. In the meantime, let's give thought to what Communion and community means as we prepare carefully to celebrate more together again - as safely as possible. Covid has affected us all and we'll have to live with it wisely and carefully from here onwards. I'll keep you posted.

**Foodbank** - Your help is urgently needed. We'd love you to help with: **tinned rice pudding, long life milk, shampoo, tinned vegetables, small tins of meat and toothpaste. No tinned beans, spaghetti or dried pasta required at this time.** Food can still be handed in at St Mary's and St Wilfrid's. As always, money to help with gas and electricity need is a godsend. The ending of furlough and the end of the £20 addition to Universal Credit will cause severe problems. Enormous thanks. Please help us.

**Parish finances** - Please remember to use your green envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

**Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer** - Any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

**Used stamps** - can be brought to church for helping the work of the Little Sisters of the poor. Thanks.