

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 3 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Teresa Geraghty</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>James Halpin</i>
Sunday 4 July 14th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Mary McMahon</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 5 July	No Morning Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 6 July	No Morning Mass: 6.00 pm Mass: <i>For the health of Clare Crossan</i> 7.00 pm: <i>Come as You Are meeting</i>
Wednesday 7 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Thursday 8 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Stephen Ottewell and Family</i>
Friday 9 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Health of Joanne Robinson (Dinsley)</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Saturday 10 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention (P)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 11 July 15th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Deceased of the Walker and Thubron Family</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Holy Souls</i>

Quote:

“You may not always have a comfortable life and you may not always be able to solve all the world’s problems at once, but don’t ever underestimate the importance you can have, because history has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own”.

- *Michelle Obama*

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

A creed for creation

(by Erasmo Valiente, Jesuit Development Service, El Salvador)

I believe in God and in nature as an inheritance which humanity has in common.

I enjoy the smell of the earth and the caress of the sun, the wind and the rain.

I enjoy the song of the birds and the murmur of the breeze that rustles the trees.

I like contemplating the crops, listening to the sigh of the corn fields, seeing the surge of the rice fields and waiting for the smell of the ripe fruit.

I believe in all God’s creatures, large and small.

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.

The Care of our Common Home Group met successfully last Tuesday with reduced numbers - possibly due to the England/Germany match on TV. The next meeting for your diaries is at 7 pm on Tuesday 27 July at St Mary's. You can find a report of the meeting in the CAFOD section of the large green notice board at the back of St Mary's.

ECO progress with the Methodist and Baptist churches in the town, St Mary's and St Wilfrid's were successful in securing a Government grant to have our gas and electric consumption assessed by a consultant to see how we may reduce our carbon footprint. Mike Hardy is our representative in this project. After providing details of our energy bills, we were visited this week by a consultant to look at and assess our buildings. A report will suggest improvements - e.g. solar panels, alternative heat pumps etc., for which we can also apply for grant aid. It's part of a conscientious attempt by our Christian communities to care for the Earth - Our Common home.

One World and our eating habits for those with access to computers, check out the Creature Kind website this week; <https://www.creaturekind.org>

Creature Kind provides information, prompts and discussions, shares stories and offers recommendations for flourishing as human creatures without denying the flourishing of animal creatures. Consider adopting a DefaultVeg diet - where plant based foods are chosen over meat based. Creature Kind says when we begin to rely on plant foods, we drastically reduce our ecological footprint. Decreasing demand for animal products improves food and water security, reduces the problem of growing antibiotic resistance and reduces the risk of diseases such as swine and bird flu.

Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to individuals in their homes can resume their ministry. They will need to have agreement from those they visit and masks and careful distancing are requirements. Can I ask that during this week all who take Communion out from church please let me know who you visit and with what frequency. We need to re-construct our lists. Thank you.

Parish Gathering Would you all give some thought to whether, when and where we might have a general get-together, possibly with simple food, to get a sense of what we've learnt so far and to re-visit what our parish is for? Please do let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

CAFOD Gift Aid forms are available in church for all who can gift aid their CAFOD donations. Sponsor money can be gift aided too. New CAFOD collecting boxes are available.

The Foodbank - is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. The difference it makes helps people get through the week. **Opening hours are 9.00 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday.** The Centre will not be operating on Fridays or across weekends. I keep emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **UNUSUALLY, DUE TO CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUPERMARKETS, A LACK OF STORAGE SPACE AND TEMPORARY LOWER DEMAND, WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD AND DON'T NEED MORE FOR THE MOMENT.** In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be

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
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*

Please pray for
GARY CAMPBELL (58)
who has died.
May he rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ezekiel 2: 2-5	Ps 122	2 Corinthians 12: 7-10	Mark 6: 1-6
Mon	Genesis 28: 10-22	Ps 90	Matthew 9: 18-26	
Tues	Genesis 32: 23-33	Ps 16	Matthew 9: 32-38	
Wed	Genesis 41: 55-57, 42:5-7,17-24	Ps 32	Matthew 10: 1-7	
Thurs	Genesis 44: 18-21, 23-29, 45: 1-5	Ps 104	Matthew 10: 7-15	
Fri	Genesis 46: 1-7, 28-30	Ps 36	Matthew 10: 16-23	
Sat	Matthew 49: 29-33, 50: 15-26	Ps 104	Matthew 10: 24-38	
Sun	Amos 7: 12-15	Ps 84	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Mark 6: 7-13

invaluable. You can put anything in an envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on.

If you wear a hearing aid you'll probably find that also wearing a mask causes complications. There's a helpful sheet you can pick up from the back of church - or take one for another person you know.

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.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php. If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

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Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.