

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 3 September <i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Lily & Derek Brown</i>
Sunday 4 September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ida Herbert</i>
Monday 5 September <i>St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 6 September	10 am Mass: <i>Paul Mary Chu Sinh</i>
Wednesday 7 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Antony Chu Van Xuan and Cecilia Pham Thi Hong</i>
Thursday 8 September <i>BIRTHDAY of OUR LADY</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Mary Relton</i> 5.00 pm Parish Council Meeting
Friday 9 September	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 11.00 am Requiem Mass at St. Wilfrid's for STEPHEN LAYTON
Saturday 10 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Christine Bestford</i>
Sunday 11 September 24th <i>Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Wilfred Teasdale</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Bridie Clinton</i>

Quote

"The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members".

- Gandhi

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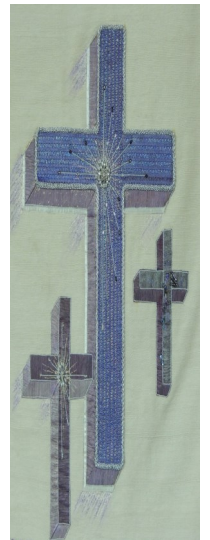
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23rd SUNDAY of the YEAR

Religion can't be clear

I went to the theatre
with the author of a successful play.
He insisted on explaining everything;
Told me to watch;
The details of directions,
the errors of the property man,
the foibles of the star.
He anticipated all my surprises
and ruined the evening.
Never again! And mark you,
the greatest author of all
made no such mistake.

- Christopher Morley



Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by
simple
arrangement.

CAFOD Emergency Pakistan Floods Appeal - as we know over 30 million people have been affected by the flood and 10 million made homeless, they have lost homes, cattle, and livelihoods. Families are in urgent need of safe drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Community (DEC) launching an appeal in response to this emergency. CAFOD specifically is working with the local Pakistani Organisation Community World Service Asia in the Sindh Province, one of the worst affected areas. You can donate at church today or in the following ways:

By post: send a cheque payable to CAFOD to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. **By phone:** card payment call CAFOD on 0303 303 3030. To Gift Aid your donation boosting it by 25% at no extra cost to you, collect a CAFOD Gift Aid Form from church here. To donate by Bank Transfer the account name is CAFOD account number 11769410 sort code 160030 Royal Bank of Scotland. Please send an email to dpd@cafod.org.uk confirming the amount, date of remittance and your details. Thank you very much indeed.

Care for Creation - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

The next meeting of our parish Laudato Si group will be on Wednesday 14 September at 6pm in St Mary's meeting room. Write it on your arm and come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

Do you remember the Craft Group? It used to meet in St Mary's meeting room on a Monday around about 1pm and early afternoon. Covid unfortunately put an end to many gatherings and this was one of the casualties. We're hoping to find out if there's sufficient interest to start this group again. There's no agenda to the meetings—just bring knitting, craftwork, art or anything else and join other creative folks over tea and biscuits and enjoy some company. Please let Fr Dennis know if you're interested. Thanks.

A warm welcome to all who are returning to Mass after careful measures over Covid kept people away. Our churches are safe, we're currently still masked and it'll be great to see you. If you have any questions please ask them. You are part of a living community of faith and continue to be. How we each express that is mainly through Sunday Mass. How can we help?

Government help with the drastic increases in fuel costs are as yet unknown to us until after a new Prime Minister is appointed. This has introduced a caution in many people who may otherwise support the foodbank and the crisis work we do locally. Please do your best to keep our most vulnerable families and individuals in your prayers and concerns as we all strive to help our local people to get by. Thank you.

Bishop Auckland Green Fair - is on Saturday 10 September at the Methodist Church on Cockton Hill Road, 10am to 4pm. It's free entry, there are all age activities, food, stalls, workshops and much, much more. Please look in and stay a while if you can.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned spaghetti, packet soup, sweets and toothpaste. **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 heating 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.

Trip to Hexham Abbey - On Wednesday 21st September - we are all set for what promises to be an enjoyable and interesting day. The cost will be £25, including lunch at the abbey. If you signed the list but now can't go, please let Michael know

Please pray for the health of:

Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Frank Ridley
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden

Please pray for
STEPHEN LAYTON
(90)
who has died.
May he rest in
peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 9: 13-18	Ps 89	Philemon 9-10, 12-17	Luke 14: 25-33
Mon	1 Corinthians 5: 7-8	Ps 5	Luke 6: 6-11	
Tues	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11	Ps 149	Luke 6: 12-19	
Wed	1 Corinthians 7: 25-31	Ps 44	Luke 6: 20-26	
Thurs	1 Micah 5: 1-4	Ps 12	Matthew 1: 1-16, 18-23	
Fri	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-27	Ps 83	Luke 6: 39-42	
Sat	1 Corinthians 10: 14-22	Ps 115	Luke 6: 43-49	
Sun	Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14	Ps 50	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-32

(01388 488569). As things stand, there are a couple of places left - again, please contact Michael if you would like one of them. Money payable to Michael at St Wilfrid's or to Jeanette at St Mary's.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. **Your donations over recent weeks have enabled us to send £626.60 to CAFOD for the Ukraine Appeal.**

FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online - are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form (<https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb>) or email us (adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

We're looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and the return of any of our helpful folks who have served us in these ways previously. Singers, musicians, flower arrangers, CAFOD, SVP members all do great work for us. How can you help? Please have a chat. Thank you.

Holy Hour - is from 2.00 till 3.00 every Monday afternoon in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. It's a valuable chance to spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - silence interspersed with music, prayers and readings. You don't need to come for the whole hour - just look in when you can, for as long as you can. Many of us have busy lives - and it's all the more reason to step aside for a while and 'touch base'.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota - a rota is now on the notice board on the left hand side as you enter church. We will always take more volunteers if anyone else would like to join our small band!

The Passion Play - in the Market Place was professionally filmed. The quality of the film is outstanding, using four different cameras. We are conscious this could be a great resource for local churches. If you would like to purchase a copy of the film this is available as either a download (£10), DVD with a commemorative cover (£15) or Blue Ray DVD with a commemorative cover (£25). If you or anyone in your church would like to purchase a copy, please order using the link: <https://aegies.com/shop/> The Passion Play is to be performed again next year. We're hoping that more Christians will take part. There will be two drop-in sessions in early September where you can attend, ask questions and sign up. The Passion Play will be yet better if more Christians are in the cast. This year's Passion Play had about 60% of the cast and crew from communities with no involvement in church. There is a sign-up link on the Passion Play website. Passionplaybishopauckland.org. DL14 0EZ. **We'll show the film here soon.**

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.