

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 3 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ann and Joe Tindall</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Shirley Degnan</i>	
Sunday 4 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Monday 5 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>No Mass</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 6 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased of the Munnelly Family</i> 12.45 pm Funeral Service for DOREEN CARROLL	
Wednesday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joan and Ronnie Banks</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 8 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>Thanks to St Anthony</i>	
Friday 9 October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Austin Arthurs & Fr Bill O'Neill</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 10 October <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Tommy Francis</i>	
Sunday 11 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Diamond Wedding Thanksgiving for Ian and Kathy Lloyd</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"They spend their time mostly looking forward to the past"
- **John Osborne (1929-1994)**

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

In addition to the church collections, we also now receive on average £883 per month from standing orders. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 4 October 2020

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

For the sake of it

There are good deeds done for their own sake and not as steps towards the Kingdom. They are not means to an end or part of a political programme. They are not the result of useful calculations. The most beautiful response to meaningless acts of violence is apparently pointless acts of love. We trust that somehow in ways that we cannot imagine or will ever know, they will bear fruit in the Lord's hands. We do them because they are to be done. The Lord will give them fruit as he wishes. He is, as St Oscar Romero liked to say, 'the protagonist of history'.

The monk Thomas Merton wrote to a friend who was discouraged by the failure of their peace campaign to produce any results:

Do not depend on the hope of results. When you are doing the sort of work you have taken on.... you may have to face the fact that your work will be apparently worthless and even achieve no results at all.... As you get used to this idea you start more and more to concentrate not on the results but on the value, the rightness, the truth of the work itself.

If we believe that the victory over evil has ultimately been won by Jesus, every loving act is on the winning side. Whether we struggle for justice or against our own destructive impulses, the tide is flowing with us. Even if we seem to get nowhere, still the future victory shines its light on our world.

- Timothy Radcliffe

Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts will be available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

First Holy Communion and Confirmations had to be cancelled this year. We are discussing arrangements to catch up with those who would have received these sacraments and will contact families when we have firmed up our plans. We were scheduled to have a joint Confirmation Mass for the parishes of our local Escomb Partnership with Bishop Robert on 24 March at St Charles church at Tudhoe. So that those who were preparing for Confirmation can receive the Sacrament, the Bishop has given special permission for each parish priest to confirm their own candidates. We'll be getting in touch with our own young people who had been preparing for Confirmations and will make our own local arrangements. The Mass will take place at St Mary's. We will also be working out plans for next year's First Holy Communion. In the present upheaval we'll let you know what may be safely manageable.

Cafod - thank you so much for your generous response to the Beirut disaster. Parishioners have donated by post, phone and on-line. Also £775 donated at church, has been sent off via our Cafod group. Our parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid has also given £1220 to support Cafod's work in the fight against coronavirus. Please continue to bring your loose change and any donations to St Mary's. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of church. Your generosity is saving lives.

Emails please - to bring us into the 21st century we would appreciate having email addresses and phone numbers of our parishioners. Sometimes it involves considerable time and work to find people when needed. Would everyone be good enough please to email us at office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk so that we have your details. This information will be kept safe and secure in accordance with GDPR requirements. Many thanks. We can email you the bulletin and Partnership Note and other information each week.

Church opening - where we are

- As of now, facemasks are required in church
- We are open at St Mary's on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1pm for private prayer
- Tune into our streamed daily Mass at 10am on YouTube. To access this, go to St Marys Bishop Auckland YouTube or [HTTP://bit.ly/St Mary YouTube](http://bit.ly/StMaryYouTube)
- Mass with a congregation will currently only take place on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and booking in advance with a contact number is essential. Places are limited to 50 with social distancing. **Please book in for each time**
- Arrangements can now be made to use St Mary's for funerals, baptisms and weddings, limited to 30 people. Contact should be made with Fr Dennis as a first requirement

The Foodbank - has been increasingly busy over the last few months and as work prospects change, we foresee greater demand when redundancies become more likely. If you can help at all, we'd love your support. **At present the Foodbank would be helped by corned beef, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and any other nutritious foodstuffs you are able to offer, also carrier bags - the stronger kind if you have any to donate.** Donations of money have been generous and we hope that will continue. Bringing the actual goods is a direct help as it saves a further task of

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
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Ian & Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale*

**Please pray for
MAUREEN BLACKETT (89)
and DOREEN CARROLL (88)
who have died.
May they rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Ps 79	Philippians 4: 6-9	Matthew 21: 33-43
Mon	Galatians 1: 6-12	Ps 110	Luke 10: 25-37	
Tues	Galatians 1: 13-24	Ps 138	Luke 10: 38-42	
Wed	Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14	Ps 116	Luke 11: 1-4	
Thurs	Galatians 3: 1-5	Luke 1: 69-75	Luke 11: 5-13	
Fri	Galatians 3: 7-14	Ps 110	Luke 11: 15-26	
Sat	Galatians 3: 22-29	Ps 104	Luke 11: 27-28	
Sun	Isaiah 25: 6-10	Ps 22	Philippians 4: 12-14,19-20	Matthew 22: 1-14

someone having to go and source the items needed. Thank you in advance. **Please note the hours for the food bank are now 10am - 2.30pm Monday to Thursday.**

Parish finances - Please remember to use your yellow 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.

Gift aid - We would usually produce Gift Aid Donation Statements around this time to confirm for parish Gift Aiders the amount they donated during the last tax year and the amount of tax reclaimed for the parish in their name as a result. The letters can be used by parishioners when completing their tax returns if necessary, and also form an important part of our diocese's audit process. However, due to churches not yet being fully re-opened as a result of Covid-19, this year we will only provide this information where specifically requested by an individual. This is because it would be unfair to expect our Gift Aid Organisers to distribute the letters when most parishioners are not able to attend Mass as normal. If anyone does specifically request confirmation of their donation details however, please contact either the Gift Aid office (gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk) or Michelle Dixon (michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk) or Andrea Emson (andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk) and confirmation will be provided for them on an individual basis.

Loss of Weekly Offerings Envelopes - Some parishioners may not have received their boxes of envelopes for the new Tax year starting in April. See John Stockton (St Wilfrid's) or Tony Murphy (St Mary's) or Fr. Dennis. This applies to all, not just those who gift aid.

Northern Cross - is struggling from no back of church sales. This will last for some time but our funds are very limited. It's a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a year's online subscription or postal subscription by bank transfer to **A/C Number 81602292 sort code 40-43-11** using your surname and postcode as a reference (eg Tindall DL14 6PQ). An online standing order would be a lifesaver for us. Please check out the blue form with your bulletin. Thanks.

THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE