

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 4 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ellen Jackson's 90th Birthday</i>
Sunday 5 February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Wilfred Teesdale</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 6 February	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Group at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 7 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jason King</i> 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
Wednesday 8 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Thursday 9 February	10.00 am Mass in St Wilfrid's School: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Saturday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 12 February <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Family Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Jan Sumega & Sumega Family</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Private Intention (B)</i>

Quote

*"You are an exquisite inhabitant of this blue floating planet, therefore you are nothing short of a striking miracle",
- Hiral Nagda*

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5th Sunday of the Year (A)

PRAYER FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

Our Father
who is in us here on earth
Holy is your name
in the hungry who share
their bread and their song.
Your Kingdom come,
a generous land where
confidence and truth reign.
Let us do your will
being a cool breeze for those who sweat.
You are giving us our daily bread
when we manage to get back our lands
or to get a fairer wage.
Forgive us
for keeping silent in the face of injustice
and for burying our dreams.
Don't let us fall into the temptation
of taking up the same arms as the enemy,
but deliver us from evil which disunites us.
And we shall have believed in humanity
and in life
and we shall have known your Kingdom
which is being built for ever and ever.



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by
simple arrangement.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 22 February. January seemed to go by very quickly and Lent will be with us sooner than we think. I suggest each of us begins to ponder on how we'd like to spend the weeks of Lent. It's a time to prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. We need to choose something that brings us closer to the Lord, that improves our lives and relationships. You'll get a lot out of a slow reading of one of the Gospels and our prayer life should be looked at to see if we want to change anything. We may wish to include more thanks and praise alongside any requests we make. Do ask if you need any help. Thanks.

Bishopsgate Lodge - For several years before Covid came along we used to visit Bishopsgate Lodge once per month and hold a short service with some of the residents. They have now invited us back, and the first service will be this Monday 6th February at 2.00pm - we hope to continue on the first Monday of each month at the same time. We've always had a special connection to Bishopsgate Lodge, built as it is on the site of the old St Wilfrid's School, right next to the church - you might like to join us on Monday if you're free

The Journey of Faith - many people do not join the Church because no one ever asks them. Is there anyone in your family or acquaintances to whom you might raise a question about whether they may be interested in learning more about faith, about God, about the Church? You could be a great help in making an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to enter and initiate a journey of faith in an individual's life. I'm always happy to help and to answer any questions.

Churches with warm spaces during winter - The Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches have made arrangements to have safe and warm places where individuals can come to socialize over a cuppa and biscuits.

Woodhouse Close Church, Proudfoot Drive, DL14 6PD - open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to 2.30pm.

The Parish Centre, Middlewood Avenue, St Helen's, DL14 9DJ - the lounge is open on Tuesdays from 10am - 3pm and Thursdays from 11am - 2pm.

The Ark - at the back of St Helen's Church DL14 9DN—open on a Wednesday from 10.30am to 4pm.

Bishop Auckland Baptist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6AH, from week beginning 31st October their Church will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm, Thursdays—Wellbeing Café, from 9.30am including a light lunch from 12.30pm.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
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
Mary Curry
Adam Quarmby
Alan Harrison
Eileen Kelly*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 58: 7-10	Ps 111	1 Corinthians 2: 1-5	Matthew 5: 13-16
Mon	Genesis 1:1-19	Ps 103	Mark 6: 53-56	
Tues	Genesis 1: 20-2:4	Ps 8	Mark 7: 1-13	
Wed	Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-17	Ps 103	Mark 7: 14-23	
Thurs	Genesis 2: 18-25	Ps 127	Mark 7: 24-30	
Fri	Genesis 3: 1-8	Ps 31	Mark 7: 31-37	
Sat	Genesis 3: 9-24	PS 89	Mark 8: 1-10	
Sun	Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20	Ps 118	1 Corinthians 2: 6-10	Matthew 5: 17-37

St Mary's Catholic Church, Vart Road, DL14 6PQ—Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 2 pm.

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6DN, Monday and Fridays 10—3 pm.

Coffee morning/Warm Space - Thursdays and Fridays in St Mary's Meeting Room 11am—2pm. Please see the helpers Rota at the back of church. Any problems ring Zita on 01388 604926 or 07722219173.

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's Will continue on Tuesdays to avoid clashing with the Craft Club. It's a great opportunity to step aside and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - why not join us?

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, pasta sauce, hot dogs and pot noodles . 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.

Quiz - We will be holding a quiz on Wednesday 8 March at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm in St Mary's meeting room. Look forward to seeing you then.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk