

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 4 March	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Princey Senadhira</i>
Sunday 5 March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Stockton</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 6 March	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 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jason King</i> 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
Wednesday 8 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the health of Joan Vasey</i> 7.30 pm <i>Quiz Night at St Mary's</i>
Thursday 9 March	<u>9.30 am Mass</u> : <i>Special Intention</i> 11.30 am <i>Funeral Service for MICHAEL ATKINSON at St Joseph's Coundon</i>
Friday 10 March	8.15 Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Rita Desai & her brothers Fr Joe and Fr Terry</i> 6.30 pm <i>Stations of the Cross at St Helen's Church</i>
Saturday 11 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>For our young people</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Paul Mary Chu Sinh</i>
Sunday 12 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Mary Curry's recovery</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quote

"The future isn't what it used to be"
- Arthur C Clarke (1917-2008)

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

A HYMN FOR LENT

Creator of the earth and skies, to whom the words of life belong, grant us thy truth to make us wise; Grant us thy power to make us strong.

Like theirs of old, our life is death, our light is darkness, till we see the eternal Word made flesh and breath, the God who walked by Galilee.

We have not known thee: to the skies our monuments of folly soar, and all our self-wrought miseries have made us trust ourselves the more.

We have not loved thee: far and wide the wreckage of our hatred spreads, and evils wrought by human pride recoil on unrepentant heads.

For this, our foolish confidence, our pride of knowledge and our sin, we come to thee in penitence; In us the work of grace begin.



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Grateful thanks to Fr Paul Tully for looking after our Vigil Mass this weekend. I will be in London with some 40 plus young people from St John's School. We're attending the Flame Meeting of 8000 young Catholics at Wembley Arena. It's always a good (and noisy!) meeting. We'll be back around 10pm.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake - We're all shocked by the devastation and loss of life, homes and livelihoods in Turkey and Syria through the earthquakes. The issues and needs are enormous and CAFOD's Emergency Response Teams are there assessing needs on the ground. CAFOD has already been working in Syria for years providing humanitarian support to the millions of needy people caught up in the conflict there for the last 12 years. This tragedy adds to an already desperate crisis. If you would like to donate, we'll send on any funds in your name to help with emergency food, water, shelter and winter kits such as blankets and heating materials. Thank you.

Let's get together for lunch - come and enjoy a simple meal, in the company of friends, every Wednesday 12 - 1.30 on:

Wednesday 8 March at Bishop Auckland Baptist Church, DL14 6AH

Wednesday 15 March at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church DL4 6EN

Wednesday 22 March at Dene Valley Methodist Church DL14 8UB

Wednesday 29 March at St Anne's Anglican Church DL14 7NJ

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.

The Big Cafod Walk - This year Cafod has set the Lent challenge of a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

Easter Eggs - Along with St Wilfrid's we will be selling "The Real Easter Egg" made by The Meaningful Chocolate Company. Supermarkets are not allowing this egg to be sold in any stores this year, so as not to offer other competition to their main suppliers. Around 80 million eggs will be sold in this part of the world - yet this is the only egg that tells the Easter Story. By using Fairtrade chocolate they ensure producers get a fair price allowing them to improve their communities. The chocolate is palm oil free and no plastic used in the packaging. They are more expensive than many you can buy in a supermarket at £3.99 each - but in buying them we help others. Stock is limited so if you would like one please ask. Many thanks.

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*

Please pray for
MICHAEL ATKINSON
(51)
who has died.
May he rest in
peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Genesis 12: 1-4	Ps 32	2 Timothy 1:8-10	Matthew 17: 1-9
Mon	Daniel 9: 4-10	Ps 78	Luke 6: 36-38	
Tues	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20	Ps 49	Matthew 23: 1-12	
Wed	Jeremiah 18: 18-20	Ps 30	Matthew 20: 17-28	
Thurs	Jeremiah 17: 5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16: 19-31	
Fri	Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Ps 104	Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46	
Sat	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20	PS 102	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	
Sun	Exodus 17: 3-7	Ps 94	Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8	John 4: 5-42

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.

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, UHT milk, 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.