

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, UHT milk, custard and tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat and good quality bags for life. 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 fuel costs 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. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

World Peace—please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

Pope Francis' brilliant document on caring for creation (Laudato Si) is now 8 years old! Not enough has happened over this time so he has written a further document called Laudate Deum (meaning 'Praise God') about the climate crisis. We have some copies at £4.95 at the back of church.

CAFOD - A very Big thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Mass over the weekend 14th/15th October. It wouldn't have been possible without the kind efforts of everyone who either contributed or bought food. We raised £221.60 for CAFOD.

Advent Extra copies are now available at £2.00—great value at a great price.

November Envelopes please take an envelope and put in it your personal list of people who have died and we'll remember them during our November Masses. Place your envelope on the altar. Any money given in the envelopes will be put to offerings for Holy Souls Masses. If you'd like Mass to be offered for particular individuals, please use a different envelope. Thank you.

Samaritans shoe box appeal – please fill a shoe box for a needy child. Drop off point is The Well at West Auckland, by week commencing 13 November. Leaflets and further information at the back of church. Collection tins for donations in lieu/for transport costs available also. We will donate the £150.60 from the Quiz night to assist with these costs. Many thanks.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
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
Eileen Kelly
Senara Wilton
Joan Vasey*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Malachi 1: 14-2:2, 8-10	Ps 130	1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9,13	Matthew 23: 1-12
Mon	Romans 11: 29-36	Ps 68	Luke 14: 12-14	
Tues	Romans 12: 5-16	Ps 130	Luke 14: 15-24	
Wed	Romans 13: 8-10	Ps 111	Luke 14: 25-33	
Thurs	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12	Ps 45	1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17	John 2: 13-22
Fri	Romans 15: 14-21	Ps 97	Luke 16: 1-8	
Sat	Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27	Ps 144	Luke 16: 9-15	
Sun	Wisdom 6: 12-16	Ps 62	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT with a bottle stall on 7 December. Please pencil the date in your diary. Can we also ask if you have any spare bottles for the stall could you bring them to either St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Many thanks.

Bible Alive – November's copies are available at the back of church. Please collect yours if you ordered a monthly copy. Tick against your name on the list for November. £1.50. Thank you.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW—Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. We have some raffle tickets.

The Faith Museum – is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It has opened now. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

SVP200 Club - The winning numbers for October are 55 and 177 - no winners for us!. Many thanks to all.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 4 November	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 5 November <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Lina and Luigi Quagliari</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 6 November	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 7 November <i>St Willibrord</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention</i>
Wednesday 8 November	No Mass: (10 am Mass at Willington)
Thursday 9 November <i>DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Agnes and Michael Coleman</i>
Friday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 6.00 pm: Lourdes Fundraising Quiz at St John's School
Saturday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 12 November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Doris Lowther</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Dave Fleming</i>

Quote:

*"You can't make decisions based on fear and the possibility of what might happen".
- Michelle Obama*

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

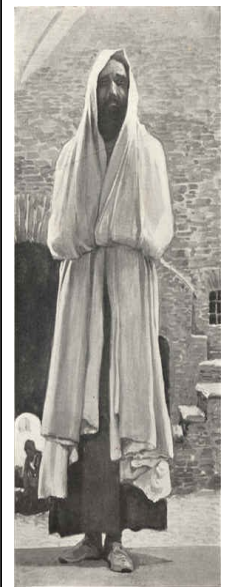
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31st SUNDAY of the YEAR

A blessing for peaceful people

*"Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted.
Support the weak, help the afflicted, show
love to everyone, love and serve the Lord.
And may the blessing of almighty God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit be among us and remain
with us always. Amen*

*(from a memorial service for Stephen Lawrence broadcast as the
Sunday Worship on Radio 4 on Sunday 23 April 2023)*



Confession Times
St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.