

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 5 February St Agatha	10.00 am Mass: Frs Ciaran, Ged and Michael 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish
Sunday 6 February 5th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Jack Moran and family 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Agnes and Michael Coleman
Monday 7 February	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11 am - 1 pm St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 8 February St Josephine Bakhita	DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING 10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls
Wednesday 9 February	10.00 am Mass: Devlin Spensley
Thursday 10 February St Scholastica	10 am Mass: Paddy Cosgrove
Friday 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK <u>9.45 am Mass:</u> In thanksgiving 11.30 am Funeral Service for LILIAS LONGSTAFF
Saturday 12 February	10.00 am Mass: People of the parish 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Anne Foster
Sunday 13 February 6th Sunday of the Year	RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Monica Robinson 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: For the health of the Donkin & Lee Families

Quote:

"We turn not older with years but newer every day".

- Emily Dickinson

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FIFTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

Discovery

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old by the lakeside he came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us the same word 'Follow me!' and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfil for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience Who he is.

- Albert Schweitzer

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

Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

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

Covid Safety - face masks and our usual sanitising procedures and safe distancing of at least one metre will still be a requirement in our churches here. We are in an enclosed space and cannot reduce our safety arrangements. The virus is still strong and active in the north east and every one of us needs to feel we can protect ourselves and each other.

Priesthood vocations the Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood. **Date:** Friday 25 February 2022 5pm to Saturday 26 February (after lunch). **Place:** Ministeracres Retreat Centre, Ministeracres, Consett, DH8 9RT. **Cost:** £50 (including meals and accommodation). Spaces are limited. Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk or 01670 812 200. Bookings to be made by Thursday 10 February. Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested. Thank you.

Would you like to change the world? If you're re-cycling, cutting back on waste, avoiding excess and not spending on unnecessary clothing and other goods, then you're changing the world. If you pick up litter, use less water and use water wisely, if you avoid plastic and re-use shopping bags, switch lights off when not needed and walk short distances rather than drive, you're protecting the Earth - God's gift entrusted to us. Please do something rather than nothing to reduce your and our carbon footprint. And thank you many times over.

Thank You - to all who have sent in suggestions and ideas to help in our Care for our Common Home - the Earth. Please continue to send in any suggestions you may have for looking after

Please pray for the health of:

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

Please pray for

MONICA ROBINSON (79)
and
LILIAS LONGSTAFF (68)
who have died.
May they rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Ps 137	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
Mon	1 Kings 8: 1-7,9-13	Ps 131	Mark 6: 53-56	
Tues	1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30	Ps 83	Mark 7: 1-13	
Wed	1 Kings 10: 1-10	Ps 36	Mark 7: 14-23	
Thurs	1 Kings 11: 4-13	PS 105	Mark 7: 24-30	
Fri	1 Kings 11: 29-32, 12:19	Ps 80	Mark 7: 31-37	
Sat	1 Kings 12: 26-32, 13: 33-34	Ps 105	Mark 8: 1-10	
Sun	Jeremiah 17: 1-8	Ps 1	1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20	Luke 6: 17, 20-26

our ecology and reducing our carbon footprint. Others may be helped by your suggestions. Many thanks.

The Foodbank a huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, UHT milk and toothpaste and help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs. In this winter weather 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. Any help you can give is invaluable. No one should be living in a house with no heating in this weather.

You may never have been in critical need, or you may have been helped by someone at a difficult time. As followers of our God who came to us at this time and didn't ask but commanded us to love one another, we can't just do nothing. I thank God for our generous people. Please help now to help some of our neighbours. We do have plenty of tinned beans, spaghetti, soup, and dried pasta. Please help us. Thank you.

Blankets thank you so much for those who have brought in blankets. We have passed them on for you. We've been asked to mention that they have enough at present and storage is a current problem. There may be a new request later. Many thanks.

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