

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 5 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Peter Freeman</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Deceased of the Tucker and Kellett Families</i>
<b>Sunday 6 March</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>World Peace</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Vasey and Hogg Families</i>
<b>Monday 7 March</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>11.00 am - 1 pm</b> <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i> <b>2 pm</b> <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
<b>Tuesday 8 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Ronnie and Joan Banks</i>
<b>Wednesday 9 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Grandchildren worldwide</i>
<b>Thursday 10 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Sick parishioners</i>
<b>Friday 11 March</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Newsam Finley</i> <b>6.30 pm Stations of the Cross @ St Wilfrid's</b>
<b>Saturday 12 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Fr Harry Ryan</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Agnes and Lenny Strong</i>
<b>Sunday 13 March</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Eric Walsh</i>

**Quote:**

*"Philosophy begins in wonder"*  
- **Plato, Greek Philosopher (429-347 BC)**

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## A PRAYER FOR PEACE

*WE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AROUND THE WORLD IN COUNTRIES WHERE THERE IS WAR AND VIOLENCE.*

*GOD SENT HIS SON, SO THAT ALL MIGHT HAVE LIFE IN ABUNDANCE.  
**LORD, GIVE PEACE TO YOUR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.***

*THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THERE WILL BE NO MORE CRYING, NOR PAIN, NOR WAR.  
**LORD, GIVE PEACE TO YOUR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.***

*JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE, WILL STAND BESIDE US.  
**LORD, GIVE PEACE TO YOUR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.***

*WE PRAY TOGETHER FOR THE COMING OF GOD'S KINGDOM OF LOVE, JUSTICE AND PEACE.*

*OUR FATHER.....*

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.

**Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** - CAFOD is a member of the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC), a joint agency arrangement that is coordinating funding to provide food, water, healthcare, shelter and clothing for the Ukrainian people in towns and for those fleeing from the warzone. Any donations handed in to us we'll send on via CAFOD who have the relevant contacts to make the most of any help. We're also being asked to pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. We don't need to be asked twice to pray for the people and their worried relatives. We don't have the logistics to handle donations of material items. Money is the persistent and most useful requirement, but please see the enclosed request from the Newcastle Polish Centre. You may wish to contact them directly.

**Please pray for Fr Harry Ryan** - who has died. Fr Harry served the St Helen's community at St Paulinus before his retirement. Many of you will know him well and we thank God for his ministry here and also in earlier years at Newton Aycliffe. May he rest in peace.

**Lent Lunches** are on again this year. The dates are all Wednesdays and the time is 12.00 noon. Here are the details:

**9 March: Woodhouse Close Church, 16 March: BA Baptist Church, 23 March: St Wilfrid's, 30 March: St Anne's Church, 13 April: BA Methodist Church.** All are welcome.

**Daily Lenten reflections** can be found in Lent Extra and on the diocesan website at <https://diocesahn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>

**CAFOD's Lent Walk** - you may recall that last year - when many folks were doing daily walks during Covid's more restricted times, CAFOD had a Walk for Water appeal. As a parish we raised over £4000 through individuals being sponsored for their walks. This year CAFOD have asked for a Walk Against Hunger appeal. Can we support this please for some of the most deprived children and families in the world? I know times are getting difficult locally. Let's see what we can do. Why not walk regularly with family or friends? Sponsor forms available today.

**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.

Many thanks.

**The Foodbank** a huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, UHT milk and custard 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. Thank you.

**The Second Collection today** is for St Cuthbert's Care Lentern Alms and CAFOD. The annual Family Fast Day is 11 March this year.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Michael Dawson  
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*

**Please pray for  
BRIAN GILPATRICK  
Who has died.  
May he rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Deuteronomy 26: 4-10	Ps 90	Romans 10: 8-13	Luke 4: 1-13
Mon	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18	Ps 18	Matthew 25: 31-46	
Tues	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Ps 33	Matthew 6: 7-15	
Wed	Jonah 3: 1-10	Ps 50	Luke 11: 29-32	
Thurs	Esther 4: 17	Ps 137	Matthew 7: 7-12	
Fri	Ezekiel 18: 21-28	Ps 129	Matthew 5: 20-26	
Sat	Deuteronomy 26: 16-19	Ps 118	Matthew 5: 43-48	
Sun	Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18	Ps 26	Philippians 3: 17 - 4:1	Luke 9: 28-36

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

**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.

**St Mary's Piety Shop** will re-open this weekend. Please pop in and take a look. If we can help you with something, please do ask.

**St Mary's Easter Window Sills** - would you like to decorate a window sill? Could you make a display showing a part of the Easter story. There are lots of ideas online to get you started and give you ideas. Could you use some of your recycling? Collect items from your walks - small pieces of branches to make crosses? We have sixteen "Sills To Fill" Would you like to do this as a family project? Or maybe you are a crafter? Book your window sill by leaving your name on the sheet at the back of church near the signing in book. We will hopefully be able to arrange the displays on Easter Saturday morning - in preparation for Easter Sunday.

**Passover Meal** - We've had no Passover Meal these last two years for reasons we all understand - but we plan to have one this year, for a smaller number of people. It will be at St Wilfrid's on Thursday 7th April - more details later!

**Care of our Common Home** - on Saturday 19th March after Morning Mass, there will be a social/morning bulb planting session by the Care of our Common home group. Everyone is welcome, bulbs and paper plant pots will be provided. Suitable for everyone.

**Bishop Auckland Passion Play - Good Friday - 15th April**

Thank you for your interest in contributing to our outdoor production of the Easter story in Bishop Auckland town centre - at 12 noon and 3pm on Good Friday. If you have already volunteered but not yet been contacted by one of the 'Don't Panic - All will be Revealed' team, then please come along to No. 42 Market Place, Bishop Auckland, any Saturday from 10am if you are interested in being part of acting or crowd, or 11.30am if you can offer to help with other roles, such as sewing costumes, making props, helping backstage or being a steward on the day.

Please contact Fiona Ewing (email: [fiona@conkertree.co.uk](mailto:fiona@conkertree.co.uk)), or Linda Gabriele (phone: 07841 681689) (or Catherine Donovan on 07790352023 for further info. See website for more information: [passionplaybishopauckland.org/](http://passionplaybishopauckland.org/))

Tickets are now available to reserve through the website and Father Dennis has some or add your name to a list at the back of church if you can't reserve tickets online, and we'll see if we