

Summer Holidays - occasionally bring back school day memories when a six week break from the classroom was a time when we did mad things with mates and the weather seemed to be sunny - if the memory can be reliable.

Despite our changing climate, I hope these weeks are kinder to our young people so they can explore the outdoors and not be restricted by more rain. So much importance for people of various ages now seems to depend on looking at a screen. The technology that gives us so much can become the gatekeeper to how we live our personal time and fresh air and outdoor activity seem less important to many than they used to be - and continue to be. I had a full week away recently without television. Frankly, I didn't miss it!

We've arranged another outing - this time to Blanchland and Stanhope, on Tuesday 12th September. We'll set off from St Mary's at 9.45 and there'll be a guided visit to the Abbey followed by time to explore the historic village before we have lunch in the White Monk Tearoom. We'll stop off at the Dales Centre in Stanhope on the way home and should be back by 4.45. The cost including lunch will be £25. Numbers are limited, so if you would like to go, please sign the list and give a deposit of £10 to Jeanette Shaughnessy (St Mary's) or Michael Broadbent (St Wilfrid's). It should be a good day out!

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, pasta sauce, tinned fruit 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. Thank you.

Help with the Foodbank and crisis work is required more in school holidays when children do not have the benefit of school meals. Could we help keep this in mind during the long school summer break please? Thank you.

A warm (and dry!) welcome to our visitors over the holiday weeks. We thank you for joining us for Mass and hope your time in the area will be enjoyable.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
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
Patrick Fogarty*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Ps 96	2 Peter 1: 16-19	Matthew 17: 1-9
Mon	Numbers 11: 4-15	Ps 80	Matthew 14: 13-21	
Tues	Numbers 12: 1-3	Ps 50	Matthew 14: 22-36	
Wed	Hosea 2: 16, 17, 21-22	Ps 44	Matthew 25: 1-13	
Thurs	2 Corinthians 9: 6-10	Ps 111	John 12: 24-26	
Fri	Deuteronomy 4: 32-40	Ps 76	Matthew 16: 24-28	
Sat	Deuteronomy 6: 4-13	Ps 17	Matthew 17: 14-20	
Sun	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13	Ps 84	Romans 9: 1-5	Matthew 14: 22-33at

The Passion Play is scheduled for next Good Friday in the Market Place. If you are interested in being part of the cast or helping in practical ways, please do get in touch. Thank you.

School Governors do an invaluable job helping our schools here. We have vacancies at present, so if you'd love to help in giving back in gratitude for what school gave us, please have a word.

As the year moves on could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

The Big Cafod Walk - This year Cafod has set the 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.

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's - in view of the low attendance there will be no Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's for the rest of the summer. If there is a demand we will start again in the autumn.

The Faith Museum - is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It opens on 7 October. 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.

SVP Raffle Tickets - tickets are available at St Wilfrid's from Catherine Donovan. Catherine can only get to every Mass Sunday. Her contact number is 07790 352023.

KYNREN - has begun the 2023 run. I hope you'll book up to enjoy the amazing spectacle. There are more new things to see each year!

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 5 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 6 August <i>THE TRANSFIGURATION</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Thanks for Mary Curry's recovery</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Brian Hassall</i>
Monday 7 August	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i>
Tuesday 8 August <i>St Dominic</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 9 August <i>ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS</i>	<u>10.30 am</u> Mass @ <i>Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington</i>
Thursday 10 August <i>ST LAURENCE Deacon</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Agnes and Michael Coleman</i>
Friday 11 August <i>St Clare of Assisi</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jim Crozier</i>
Saturday 12 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Mick McKenna</i> 3.00 pm Wedding of NICOLA DANIELS AND CRAIG MASON at St Wilfrid's 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 13 August <i>19th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Victoria and Tommy Loye</i>

Quote:

"My mother is going to have to stop lying about her age because pretty soon I'm going to be older than she is."

- Tripp Evans

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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **6 August, 2023**

THE TRANSFIGURATION

AN IRISH BLESSING

*Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
Count your gains instead of your losses,
Count your joys instead of your woes,
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your courage instead of your fears,
Count your laughs instead of your tears.
Count your full years instead of your lean,
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth,
Count on God instead of yourself.*



Confession Times
St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.