

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 5 December	10.00 am Mass: <i>For a granddaughter's birthday</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Sunday 6 December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fred Fraser</i>	
Monday 7 December St Ambrose	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 8 December IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of OUR LADY	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jim Arthurs</i>	
Wednesday 9 December	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention (B)</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 10 December	10.00 am Mass: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i>	
Friday 11 December	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased of Carney & Duffy Families</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 12 December	10.00 am Mass: <i>Marie and Joe Robinson</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Kenneth Clarkson</i>	
Sunday 13 December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"Love is not changed by death. And nothing is lost and all in the end is harvest"
- Dame Edith Sitwell (1887-1964)

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Life is precious

*Life is an opportunity, benefit from it
Life is beauty, admire it
Life is bliss, taste it
Life is a dream, realise it
Life is a challenge, meet it
Life is a duty, complete it
Life is a game, play it
Life is a promise, fulfil it
Life is sorrow, overcome it
Life is a song, sing it
Life is a struggle, accept it
Life is a tragedy, confront it
Life is an adventure, dare it
Life is luck, make it
Life is too precious, do not destroy it
Life is life, fight for it*

- Mother Theresa (1910-1997)

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

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

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

Masses

- Church is now open for Mass with a congregation . Saturday Vigil Masses will resume from 5 December. Please ring to book - and book for Sunday Masses also.
- St Mary's is open for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1.00pm. Masks are required.
- We are streaming Mass daily at 10am, except for Mondays, (access via St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube).
- Funeral services can go ahead with 30 people in church and or at the Crematorium or graveside. Any additional attendees at funerals will sadly need to remain outside.

St Mary's SVP Christmas Appeal Every year we provide Christmas hampers/gifts for local families enduring real poverty and your weekly contributions make this possible. This year we have experienced unprecedented circumstances which have increased the needs of many but with Church closure and lockdown we haven't been able to receive any donations. We have five families who are facing huge financial difficulties through no fault of their own and we would like to show that our Parish community values and wishes to support them. If you are financially able, we would like you to put a donation in an envelope with 'SVP Christmas Appeal' written on it and post in in Fr Dennis' letterbox by 6 December 2020. As we are under lockdown restrictions, we are not asking for gifts of food. Members of the SVP will purchase what is needed, depending on the composition of the families and observing lockdown restrictions. We hope that you can help. Thank you.

Advent Extra Copies of the usual booklet to help you through Advent (which begins next week) are now available, price £1.50. You'll find copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep at both churches.

Christmas Market some of you may remember the Sisters from St Elizabeth Convent in Belarus who have visited us a couple of times with their handmade goods. They have established their first online Christmas Market which can be found at catalog.obital-minsk.com/christmas-market. They export all over the world. Have a look. Their goods are great quality. Thank you.

Northern Cross has produced a PRINTED edition for this month available next weekend. Copies at £1.50 are available in the box on the presbytery doorstep. It's smaller in size but we'll get back to the larger copies when we can get enough subscribers. Please help us to increase our readership. Thanks.

The Foodbank - needs you. Big thanks for what you donate and for money donations. Items needed are **sugar, jam, potatoes-tinned or**

Please pray for the health of:

*Betty Shoulder
Irene Welford
Michael Dowson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Monica Fuller
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Ian & Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11	Ps 84	2 Peter 3: 8-14	Mark 1: 1-8
Mon	Isaiah 35: 1-10	Ps 84	Luke 5: 17-26	
Tues	Genesis 3: 9-15, 20	Ps 97	Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12	Luke 1: 26-38
Wed	Isaiah 40: 25-31	Ps 102	Matthew 11: 28-30	
Thurs	Isaiah 41: 13-20	Ps 144	Matthew 11: 11-15	
Fri	Isaiah 48: 17-19		Matthew 11: 16-19	
Sat	Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4, 9-11	Ps 79	Matthew 17: 10-13	
Sun	Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11	Luke 1:46-50, 53-54	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	John1: 6-8, 19-28

packet, rice pudding, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shower gel. At the moment we have plenty of pasta, beans and soup & we now have lots of carrier bags - a sign of your generosity. Lets see what we can do to help. **New opening hours Mon-Thurs 10 - 5 & Fri, 9 - 1.**

Parish Finances - please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white 2nd collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer - any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies of Standing Order forms in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you are new to the Catholic faith and would like to know more, you are invited to join a weekly online programme arranged by the Diocese. It's called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and registration is now open - Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm. The hour long online meetings will enable you to meet others who are also beginning the programme. You can also get in touch, please with Father Dennis. To register or find out more, email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. Thanks.

CAFOD - Cafod's world gifts delight the people who receive them and transform the lives of families in poverty. Phone 08081400014 for a catalogue or view and order online. A Christmas card from Cafod detailing what the gift can achieve, can be sent directly to your loved one or to you so that you can add a personalised message. Gift cards can also be emailed directly from the Cafod website. Thank you.

A sincere thank you from Anita Walsh to all who have sent their love and support, cards, prayers and kind wishes at the sad death of her husband Eric. Your kindness is heartfelt. December's Second Collection - the white envelope for this month will support Youth Work in the diocese and the projects of St Cuthbert's Care (Advent Alms).

Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.

THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE