

Kynren - Many of our parishioners have contributed to putting on the extraordinary Kynren show over the past eight years. Do you know anyone who would like to join the hundreds of volunteers on stage, behind the scenes or greeting audiences? There are countless opportunities and roles – something for everyone.

To find out more come to the Open Call event on Tuesday 9th April 2024, 6.30pm - 8pm, at 11Arches, Flatts Farm, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7SF. Parking available on site. Children aged 5 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult. If you can't attend on Tuesday, see www.11arches.com/join-us for more information.

The CAFOD Lent Appeal Walk - big thanks to Doreen Dinsley for walking three miles each day in Lent and to the loyal band of supporters who raised £350 for CAFOD by their sponsoring. A great and determined achievement. Well done! An example to us all!

CAFOD/Laudato Si group - thank you to all who participated in the Parish walk on 24th March and special thanks to the ladies who prepared and served a very tasty tea afterwards. £100 was raised on the day and will be donated to the CAFOD Lent appeal.

Pope Francis recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

Quiz night - make a note in your diary - Thursday 18 April for our next quiz night.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and UHT milk. 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.

World Peace - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of

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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 4: 32-35	Ps 117	1 John 5: 1-6	John 20: 19-31
Mon	Isaiah 7: 10-14, 8:10	Ps 39	Hebrews 10: 4-10	Luke 1: 26-38
Tues	Acts 4: 32-37	Ps 91	John 3: 7-15	
Wed	Act 5: 17-26	Ps 33	John 3: 16-21	
Thurs	Acts 5: 27-33	Ps 33	John 3: 31-36	
Fri	Acts 5: 34-42	Ps 26	John 6: 1-15	
Sat	Acts 6: 1-6	Ps 32	John 6: 16-21	
Sun	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19	Ps 4	1 John 2: 1-5	Luke 24: 35-48

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.

Environmental Survey - our annual environmental survey has come around again. This is the 3rd year for this. If possible we would like to invite as many people as possible to complete it and return it within 4 weeks. Following last years' survey we provided battery recycling boxes which have proved to be popular. As a parish community we are trying to implement small steps which help care for the earth and our local community. Thank you.

Parish Website - we have had a Parish Website for a number of years now. Here you can find the weekly newsletter and other information. Or if you would like to receive a regular email with the newsletter attached, please send your email address to : office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk

Second Collection - this weekend our second collection will be for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund to help the Diocese to continue to support retired priests and those who can no longer minister because of illness. We have been asked this year to see if this collection can be well supported and that individual donations can also be made to supplement the church collection. There are forms at the back of Church if you wish to make an individual donation and if you would consider Gift Aiding the donation you make. Thank you very much.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 6 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 7 April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Private Intention</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Madeleine, Tony and Dominic Ottewell</i>
Monday 8 April <i>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</i>	No Mass 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 9 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jean Sweeney's recovery</i>
Wednesday 10 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 11 April <i>St Stanislaus</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Gemma Murray's health</i>
Friday 12 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Elaine Miller</i>
Saturday 13 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr John McElhone</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 14 April <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Vasey, Hogg & Cruddace Families</i>

Quotation

"Happiness is not something ready made: it comes from your own actions"

- Dalai Lama

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

KINDNESS

The word 'kindness' has a gentle sound which seems to echo the presence of compassionate goodness. When someone is kind to you, you feel understood and seen. There is no judgement or harsh perception directed towards you. Kindness has gracious eyes; it is not small-minded or competitive; it wants nothing back for itself. Kindness strikes a resonance with the depths of your own heart; it also suggests that your vulnerability though somehow exposed is not taken advantage of; rather, it has become an occasion of dignity and empathy. Kindness casts a different light, an evening light that has the depth of colour and patience to illuminate what is complex and rich in difference.

Despite all the darkness, human hope is based on the instinct that at the deepest level of reality some intimate kindness holds sway. This is the heart of blessing. To believe in blessing is to believe that our being here, our very presence in the world, is itself the first gift, the primal blessing. To be here is immense. Nowhere does the silence of the infinite lean so intensely as around the form of a newly born infant. Once we arrive, we enter into the inheritance of everything that has preceded us; we become heirs to the world. To be born is to be chosen. To be created and come to birth is to be blessed. Some primal kindness chose us, and brought us through the forest of dreaming until we could emerge into the clearance of individuality, with a path of life opening before us through the world.

- John O'Donohue



Confession Times

St Mary's

**Saturdays at
10.45-11.30
and by request.**

St Wilfrid's

**before
Sunday
Mass**