

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 6 May</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>The Kennett Family</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Wilfrid McIntyre</i>
<b>Sunday 7 May</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>Brooke Hirst</i> 11.00 am Mass <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Monday 8 May</b>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i>
<b>Tuesday 9 May</b>	No Mass 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
<b>Wednesday 10 May</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 11 May</b>	No Mass 7.00 pm <i>New Parishioners Meeting at St Mary's</i>
<b>Friday 12 May</b>	8.15 am Mass in <i>St John's School chapel</i> No Mass in church
<b>Saturday 13 May</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>1st Communion Mass (2)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
<b>Sunday 14 May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>Holy Souls</i>

**Quote:**

*"Hope is believing in spite of the evidence and watching the evidence change".*  
- **Jim Wallace (USA Theologian)**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THE LIMITLESS LOVE OF GOD

*The love that God most high has for our soul is so great that it surpasses understanding.*

*No created being can comprehend how much, and how sweetly, and how tenderly our maker loves us.*

*Our in-born will is to have God, and the goodwill of God is to have us.*

*There is no end to our willing and longing until we know God in the fullness of joy. Then our desire is filled.*

*He wills that our occupation shall be in striving to know and love him until we are made whole in heaven.*

*Our life is grounded in faith, with hope and love besides.*

- **Julian of Norwich**



### **Confession Times** St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**First Holy Communion Masses:** Masses will be on Saturday 13th May and Saturday 20th May. Please pray for our young people who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion for the last 5 months. We need to also support their families in their continuing appreciation of their journey of faith. Your prayers can make a difference. Thank you.

**Laudato Si** - Thank you all for the recipes received. For wider interest, has anyone a favourite recipe from another country? Please leave a copy at the back of the church - thank you.

**Wild Life Garden**.- Fr. Dennis has kindly offered a section of the back lawn to be planted to enhance nature. Anyone wishing to be involved in planning or planting contact Jeannie on 07708108119 or Ernie 07864807529. All ages are welcome.

All you need is enthusiasm for nature. Our next meeting is Wednesday 24th May 6.30 pm at St. Mary's

**Plant Swap** - Now is the time for splitting overgrown plants, dividing clumps of bulbs and taking cuttings. Anyone with plants to spare please leave on the stone bench outside St. Mary's meeting room to share for free with parishioners. Plant pots always needed please 3" to 10" - simply leave on the bench-thank you.

**Thank you** from the Little Sisters of the Poor for used postage stamps and foreign currency. These all help to raise much needed funds for the Home and contribute in very practical ways to the care of the elderly residents. One of our much loved neighbours Fr Brian Murphy, is now living in the Home and being cared for by the wonderful Community and staff. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

**This weekend's Second Collection** is for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

**An invitation** Bishop Auckland warmly invites you to join a PRAYER WALK OR DRIVE AROUND BISHOP AUCKLAND (inc. ST HELEN'S & WEST AUCKLAND) THIS ROGATIONTIDE – that is SUNDAY 14th MAY. Christians from all the town's churches are invited to recreate the ancient Rogationtide tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' of a place to pray for God's blessing to come down on it. Those walking will split into two groups, one walking clockwise and the other anticlockwise, for about six miles each, starting from The Batts and ending together at Broom Mill Farm. For a shorter walk, you can join one group at Bracks Farm. A third group will follow our prayer route for drivers around the town. Ideally it would be good if you can let us know in advance if you're going to participate. Contact Catherine Knights: email wegotoutoftheboat@gmail.com or phone 07434 833888. Please say if you will be driving or walking and at what point in the route you hope to join us. Our aim is to provide lifts back to the start point as we finish. But you can simply join us on the day itself. Remember to wear appropriate footwear, especially if wet.

12 noon: Bring a picnic to The Batts car park.

12.30pm: Most participants start at The Batts car park – 6 miles walking/12 miles driving.

1.30pm: Or you can join one group at the Bracks Farm Auckland Way car

Please pray for the health of:

Irene Welford  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Tyler Quinn  
Norah Hutchinson  
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

Please pray for  
**ALAN HARRISON**  
(69)  
who has died.  
May he rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 2: 14, 36-41	Ps 22	1 Peter 2: 20-25	John 10: 1-10
Mon	Acts 14: 5-18	Ps 113	John 14: 21-26	
Tues	Acts 14: 19-28	Ps 144	John 14: 27-31	
Wed	Acts 15: 1-6	Ps 121	John 15: 1-8	
Thurs	Acts 15: 7-21	Ps 95	John 15: 9-11	
Fri	Acts 15: 21-31	Ps 56	John 15: 12-17	
Sat	Acts 16: 1-10	Ps 99	John 15: 18-21	
Sun	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17	Ps 65	1 Peter 3: 15-18	John 14: 15-21

park - 3.5 miles walking.

3-3.30pm: We end together at Broom Mill Farm, where refreshments can be purchased

**Change of date for new parishioners meeting** I'm now unable to be available for the proposed new parishioners meeting earlier scheduled for this week. Can I suggest a new date - **Thursday 11 May at 7pm in St Mary's** meeting room. We'll hold a hospitality evening for all who have joined our worshipping community in the last few years. It's always a joy to see new faces amongst our regulars and we hope more will get to know our newer parishioners in the months ahead. New people and visitors may well have messages and suggestions to make to us that improve our ways and community life. All are welcome.

**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!

**Cost of living** - There's shocking new research about Bishop Auckland. Funded by the 38 Degrees community, it reveals how the cost of living crisis is affecting every single constituency in Britain - including ours. From missing rent payments to being unable to afford heating, it tells a bleak story. **Here's how people are struggling in Bishop Auckland: 36% couldn't afford to turn the heating on when cold in the past month, 17% missed a rent payment in the last six months, 31% are worried about having to use a food bank in the next year and 44% of people's mental health has worsened due to the cost of living crisis. This is us. We must continue to help.**

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

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, rice pudding, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, hot dogs and tinned tomatoes. 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 heating 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.