

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 6 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Sunday 7 June TRINITY SUNDAY	10.00 am Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>	
Monday 8 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jean Sweeney's birthday</i> 2 pm: Burial Service for ANN FRANCIS at Bishop Auckland Town Cemetery	
Tuesday 9 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i>	
Wednesday 10 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joan Banks</i> 3.30 pm: Cremation Service for THOMAS LITTLE at Wear Valley Crematorium	
Thursday 11 June <i>St Barnabas</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>John and Margaret Oxley</i>	
St Friday 12 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Saturday 13 June <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Sunday 14 June CORPUS CHRISTI	10.00 am Mass: <i>Mary Delve</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"A conference is a gathering of important people who can do nothing singly but together can decide that nothing can be done"
- Fred Allen (1894-1956)

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

In addition to the church collections, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 7 June 2020

TRINITY SUNDAY

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*They that have power to hurt and will do none,
That do not do the thing they most do show,
Who, moving others, are themselves as stone,
Unmoved cold, and to temptation slow;
They rightly do inherit heaven's graces,
And husband nature's riches from expense;
They are the lords and owners of their faces,
Others but stewards of their excellence.
The summer's flower is to the summer sweet,
Though to itself it only live and die;
But if that flower with base infection meet,
The basest weed outbraves his dignity:
For the sweetest things turn sourest by their deeds;
Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds.*

William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

This is a wonderful meditation on power which is as sparkling and as actual as it was the day it was written. It contains a core wisdom about all our human endeavours: the corruption of the best is worst.

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 no longer be open for private prayer. This is an arrangement no one would otherwise welcome but in the unprecedented circumstances we must take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement

Streaming of Mass - takes place from St Mary's each day, including Sunday, at 10 am. To access the streamed Mass via Facebook you'll need to look for The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland.

The Foodbank - is now open each day **Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon** and operates from Woodhouse Close Church Centre as the distribution point for the food you generously bring to St Wilfrid's and St Mary's. A smaller amount is usually kept at St Mary's to help individuals outside of the hours the foodbank is open. **We still need tinned potatoes and tomatoes, rice pudding and spaghetti.** If you are able to donate food or money, these can be taken direct to Woodhouse Close Church Centre during the times above or brought to St Mary's presbytery.

Reopening of Churches - at present, there is no change in the Government regulations which means that all churches and other places of worship remain closed and public acts of worship are forbidden. The Bishops of England and Wales are working with the Government to prepare for the gradual reopening of churches for private prayer, and later for public worship. Bishop Robert and the Diocese have begun planning for the reopening of some of our churches when that is approved by the Government, taking into account:

- The safety of parishioners, volunteers, staff and clergy to be the highest priority
- A very small number of churches will be opened first as a pilot
- A full risk assessment will be carried out on each church by the Diocese to ensure health and safety
- The Diocese will provide the necessary equipment for a deep clean of the churches, and for essential regular cleaning
- Volunteers will be needed for church cleaning, and as stewards to ensure social distancing when the church is open
- Full compliance with Diocesan health and safety regulations and procedures will be required by clergy, employees and volunteers before a church is opened.

The latest information is that five churches, one from each area of the diocese, would open as soon as practicable following all necessary risk assessment and health and safety considerations. Then, hopefully, after a short trial period others would follow. After consultation, the five pilot churches will be: St. Aidan's, Ashington, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, St Patrick's, Consett, St Mary's, Sunderland and St Joseph's, Hartlepool

Church offerings - despite the lockdown and church closure, the parish needs to continue to meet its responsibilities which cover such as light and heat costs, ongoing maintenance and in particular the need to support the number of charity and good causes as determined by the Bishops and which is generally provided for by means of the monthly second collections.

We need to address the hole in our income caused by the closure of our churches which has meant that the influx of funds at regular weekend services has largely ground to a halt.

We know that a number of parishioners have continued to contribute by means of regular bank transfers, but what is missing are the cash contributions received at the weekend Masses. If any parishioner has continued to set aside funds in the weekly envelopes but cannot

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
Kate Johnson
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
Shirley Degan
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)

Please pray for
ANN FRANCIS (85)
THOMAS LITTLE (76)
who have died.
May they rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9	Daniel 3:52-56	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	John 3: 16-18
Mon	1 Kings 17: 1-6	Ps 120	Matthew 5: 1-12	
Tues	1 Kings 17: 7-16	Ps 4	Matthew 5: 13-16	
Wed	1 Kings 18: 20-39	Ps 15	Matthew 5: 17-19	
Thurs	Acts 11: 21-26, 13: 1-3	Ps 64	Matthew 5: 20-26	
Fri	1 Kings 19: 9, 11-16	Ps 26	Matthew 5: 27-32	
Sat	1 Kings 19: 19-21	Ps 15	Matthew 5: 33-37	
Sun	Deuteronomy 8: 2-3,14-16	Ps 147	1 Corinthians 10:16-17	John 6: 51-58

get to church to pass on these funds, it is suggested that you can ring Fr. Dennis who will arrange to get these offerings picked up. Please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. It is suggested that instead of putting your offering in each of the weekly envelopes, that you put your 4 weeks of April contents into one April envelope and one envelope for May. 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 either Fr. Dennis or John Stockton for the necessary bank form.

Loss of Weekly Offerings Envelopes - some parishioners may not have received their boxes of envelopes for the new Tax year starting in April. See John Stockton (St Wilfrid's) or Tony Murphy (St Mary's) or Fr. Dennis. This applies to all, not just those who gift aid.

Northern Cross - is struggling from no back of church sales. This will last for some time but our funds are very limited. It's a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a year's online subscription for £14.40 by bank transfer to **A/C Number 81602292 sort code 40-43-11** using your surname and postcode as a reference (eg Tindall DL14 6PQ). An online standing order would be a lifesaver for us. Or you can send a cheque for £14.40 payable to Northern Cross and post it to 11, The Grove, Hartlepool TS26 9NB (our office in Darlington is currently closed due to the present emergency). Thank you.

CAFOD Appeal Update - as part of Caritas Internationalis CAFOD has a local presence in 165 countries. As one of the largest aid networks in the world, it has substantial knowledge and expertise in WASH - water, hygiene, sanitation and disease control. CAFOD has already used its significant technical expertise in the fight against Ebola and now asks for our help in fighting Covid 19. the effects in refugee camps may be catastrophic for millions already struggling to access healthcare. Please help by donating by post, online or phone - 0303 303 3030.

Today's Second Collection - will support the Day for Life appeal which focusses on moral and human dignity topics and will also support Peter's Pence which contributes to central running of the international church and helps the Pope contribute to world emergencies.

Recipes - no new recipes this week - howay folks - your 3 favourites, please!

Corpus Christi Feast - is next Sunday. Eucharistic Ministers would usually be renewing their commitment. All continues as you'd expect. Thank you.