

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 6 August THE TRANSFIGURATION of THE LORD	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Fr Dermott Donnelly</i>
Sunday 7 August <i>19th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Antony Chu Van Xuan & Cecilia Pham Thi Hong</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Jim & Dot Donlan</i>
Monday 8 August <i>St Dominic</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 2.00 pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 9 August ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 10 August ST LAWRENCE Deacon	No Mass
Thursday 11 August <i>St Clare of Assisi</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
Friday 12 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>Newsam Finley</i>
Saturday 13 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 14 August THE ASSUMPTION of OUR LADY	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Stephen Gregory</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Vasey, Hogg and Cruddace families</i>

Quote

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle, the other is as though everything is a miracle".

- Albert Einstein

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19th SUNDAY of the YEAR

Possibility

Everything in front of us is defined by possibility. We are never inside the future. We are outside the door. We have our hand on the handle. We are turning the handle. But we never know what is on the other side of the door. It may be a room similar to the one we are standing in, or it might be a room we have never seen before. It might not be a room at all. It might be an orchard bearing all the ripe fruits of our labour. It might be wasteland. But we can never be sure. And even if we end up somewhere we don't want to be, we can be thankful for the knowledge that another door exists. And another beautiful handle, waiting to be turned.

- Source unknown

Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Trip to Hexham Abbey - our outing to Hexham will be on Wednesday 21 September. We will have lunch and then a guided tour, and there will be time to explore Hexham's other attractions as well. The cost will be £25, including lunch. The bus at present is full. In St Wilfrid's final years he was Bishop of Hexham but was living at the Ripon monastery also.

We're looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and the return of any of our helpful folks who have served us in these ways previously. Singers, musicians, flower arrangers, CAFOD, SVP members all do great work for us. How can you help? Please have a chat. Thank you.

Relics of St Bernadette - will be touring England, Scotland and Wales during September and October this year. They will be coming to St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle on Sunday 1 October at 11am and leaving at 11am the next day. Please let me know today or certainly this week if there is any interest in a group from the parish going to the cathedral. We're asked to register attendance so we can have a timeslot to secure the safety and comfort of pilgrims.

A RELIC IS A PART OF THE PHYSICAL REMAINS OF A SAINT AFTER THEIR DEATH, OR AN OBJECT WHICH HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THEM. The veneration of relics is rooted in the natural human instinct to treat anything connected with those we love, who have died, with care and reverence. From the earliest days of the Church, the bodies of saints were held in special veneration, and in Rome, prayers were said and Masses celebrated in the catacombs, the burial places of saints and martyrs. Simply put, relics help us feel close to a holy person, making the communion of saints more real and fostering in each of us a desire to be like them - to be holy.

The Passion Play - in the Market Place was professionally filmed. The quality of the film is outstanding, using four different cameras. We are conscious this could be a great resource for local churches. If you would like to purchase a copy of the film this is available as either a download (£10), DVD with a commemorative cover (£15) or Blue Ray DVD with a commemorative cover (£25). If you or anyone in your church would like to purchase a copy, please order using the link: <https://aegies.com/shop/> The Passion Play is to be performed again next year. We're hoping that more Christians will take part. There will be two drop-in sessions in early September where you can attend, ask questions and sign up. The Passion Play will be yet better if more Christians are in the cast. This year's Passion Play had about 60% of the cast and crew from communities with no involvement in church. There is a sign-up link on the Passion Play website. Passionplaybishopauckland.org. DL14 0EZ

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
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*

Please pray for
BARRY FAIRLESS (76)
who has died.

May he rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 18: 6-9	Ps 32	Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19	Luke 12: 32-48
Mon	Ezekiel 1: 2-5, 24-28	Ps 148	Matthew 17: 22-27	
Tues	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15	Ps 38	John 15: 18-21	
Wed	2 Corinthians 9: 6-10	Ps 111	John 12: 24-26	
Thurs	Ezekiel 12: 1-12	Ps 77	Matthew 18: 21-19:1	
Fri	Ezekiel 16: 1-15, 60,63	Isaiah 12: 2-6	Matthew 19: 3-12	
Sat	Ezekiel 18: 1-10, 13, 30-32	Ps 50	Matthew 19: 13-15	
Sun	Apocalypse 11: 19, 12:1-6,10	Ps 44	1 Corinthians 15: 20-26	Luke 1: 39-56

Old Spectacles - please consider donating old/unwanted spectacles to Vision Express (Tindale Crescent branch) who will recycle by sending them to those in need abroad.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned spaghetti, packet soup, sweets and toothpaste. **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.

Holiday Club - We couldn't do this during the last two years but from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 August there'll be activities at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church for school years 1-6 (as at September 2022) from 2pm to 5pm each afternoon. Booking is £3 per child (or £5 per family). Please contact bacircuitoffice@gmail.com or 07783 946968. The theme is Wonder and the fun of discovery. We need adult helpers and if you have a science background you'll be especially welcome.

Holy Island Children's Vinnies Camp 2022 - There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year please email christinej@svp.org.uk for further information.

Holy Hour - is from 2.00 till 3.00 every Monday afternoon in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. It's a valuable chance to spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - silence interspersed with music, prayers and readings. You don't need to come for the whole hour - just look in when you can, for as long as you can. Many of us have busy lives - and it's all the more reason to step aside for a while and 'touch base'.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota - a rota is now on the notice board on the left hand side as you enter church. We will always take more volunteers if anyone else would like to join our small band! Our first cleaning session will be Monday 15th August - if you can not make it just let me know. Many thanks. Zita