

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 7 August	No Morning Mass No Vigil Mass
Sunday 8 August 19th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Mary's
Monday 9 August ST TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 10 August ST LAURENCE Deacon	No Mass
Wednesday 11 August St Claire of Assisi	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Thursday 12 August	10.00 am Mass: Bart Harnett
Friday 13 August	10.00 am Mass: Eric Walsh 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Saturday 14 August St Maximilian Kolbe	10 am Mass: People of the Parish 12.00 Wedding of REBECCA BLENKINSOPP and LIAM HART 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Jim Arthurs (90th birthday)
Sunday 15 August THE ASSUMPTION of OUR LADY	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: The Dinsley Family 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Chris Bartley and Family

Quote:

“Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth”
- *Albert Einstein*

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

Detachment

Detachment is not a popular word today. It seems to imply aloofness and indifference. When we accuse someone of being detached, we usually mean the person lacks feeling or passion for something or somebody. But that is not what the word means in the many spiritual traditions that make use of it.

Detachment, properly understood, means *freedom*, inner freedom. And, although it is not a word Jesus used, detachment expresses very well an important element in his spirituality: the ability to let go. In the Christian tradition this has been spoken of as 'purity of heart' or as the process of becoming 'poor in spirit'.

For Meister Eckhart, one of our great teachers, detachment is more fundamental than love itself, because without freedom from our attachments we cannot love fully and unconditionally. We are not free to love until we are willing to stop clinging to our possessions of one kind or another. Otherwise, like the rich young man, our love and our commitment will always be impeded.

Our egos chain us down with a multitude of attachments. Our egos cling desperately to things, to people, to times and places, to reputation and image, to professions and ministries, to our ideas and practices, to success and to life itself. These are our chains. We need to take a closer look at them.

- *Albert Nolan*

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

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

Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Plastic Free August - You are invited to join millions of people reducing their plastic waste. This is a global movement that helps millions of people to be part of the solution to plastic pollution so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Will you be part of Plastic Free August by choosing to refuse single use plastics?

This movement has inspired an estimated 326 million participants in 177 countries. You making a small change will collectively make a massive difference to our communities. You can choose to refuse single use plastic this August and beyond and this can help you to find great alternatives that can become new habits forever? Think about it. Why would you make something that you are going to use for a few minutes out of a material that you are just going to throw away and that basically can last forever. It's up to us. Please tell someone else as well.

Introducing the Diocesan Environment Group - Bishop Robert has established a Diocesan Environment Group which has been meeting regularly since February. The group has been formed to support the Diocese in taking concerted action to address the climate and ecological emergency recognising the call by Pope Francis in Laudato Si to care for our common home.

The science informs us that we need concerted action at all levels of society, including within our own diocese to avert catastrophic climate change, which threatens the viability of all life on earth. Reducing our carbon footprint, learning to live sustainably in harmony with the whole of creation is an imperative for each and every one of us in our Diocese. We must learn to live our spiritual and physical lives in recognition that the earth is sacred.

The group is currently developing its own web pages and planning a launch event on the theme 'Caring for our Common Home' a one day conference to be held at the Youth Village Emmaus on Saturday September 18. The event will include keynote speakers (Emma Gardner, Project Lead for the Guardians of Creation Project and Christine Allen, CAFOD Director), achieving sustainability within Catholic Dioceses, presentation and feedback on the draft policy, COP26 and advocacy, workshops on sustainable living (buildings/energy, food, travel, plastic/waste) and a Mass for Creation presided over by Bishop Robert. Programme details and booking information to follow.

COVID arrangements in church - You will be alarmed, as we all are, that the virus is increasingly active in our part of the north east and may get worse before it gets better. Even though the Government has removed restrictions, we must continue the arrangements and requirements we had before last weekend. Bishop Robert asks that they remain in place until the end of August at least and then they'll be reviewed. The Government's Health & Safety at Work Act requires organisations to be sensitive to their unique circumstances. Remember we are in a confined space and therefore we will maintain sanitising on entry and exit, wearing masks, keeping social distancing and continuing the cleaning routines we have after each Mass. Choirs are allowed but need to keep the required distance. Congregations are allowed to sing but must wear masks!! We'll leave that one out for a while yet. What a

Please pray for the health of:

*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
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	1 Kings 19: 4-8	Ps 33	Ephesians 4: 30-5:2	John 6: 41-51
Mon	2 Corinthians 6: 4-10	Ps 33	John 15: 18-21	
Tues	2 Corinthians 9: 6-10	Ps 111	John 12: 24-26	
Wed	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12	Ps 65	Matthew 18: 15-20	
Thurs	Joshua 3: 7-11, 13-17	Ps 113	Matthew 18: 21-19:1	
Fri	Joshua 24: 1-13	Ps 135	Matthew 19: 3-12	
Sat	Joshua 24: 14-29	Ps 15	Matthew 19: 13-15	
Sun	Apocalypse 11: 19, 12:1-6, 10	Ps 44	1 Corinthians 15: 20-26	Luke 1: 39-56

mad idea. In time, a number of changes may be feasible and will be phased in gently. Thank you for your patience and for helping to keep yourself and others safe.

CAFOD Gift Aid forms are available in church for all who can gift aid their CAFOD donations. Sponsor money can be gift aided too. New CAFOD collecting boxes are available.

The Foodbank - is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. The difference it makes helps people get through the week.

Opening hours are 9.00 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday. The Centre will not be operating on Fridays or across weekends. I keep emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **UNUSUALLY, DUE TO CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUPERMARKETS, A LACK OF STORAGE SPACE AND TEMPORARY LOWER DEMAND, WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD AND DON'T NEED MORE FOR THE MOMENT. In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be invaluable.** You can put anything in an envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on.

Parish finances - Please remember to use your green envelopes, not forgetting the white second 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 in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Used stamps - can be brought to church for helping the work of the Little Sisters of the poor. Thanks.

Northern Cross July edition is available now at the bargain price of £1.50. Do make sure you get yours to keep informed. Thank you.

2nd collection (white envelope) this month is for Home Mission Sunday that provides parishes with various resources in England and Wales.

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

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.