

Fr David Coxon is here! We will make him very welcome. There will be a simple get together on the Monday evening of 9th September with some food as an enjoyable way to facilitate introductions. St Mary's meeting room at 7 pm.

Could we ask that those who have volunteered to bake/bring food they can drop off in either church after Mass on Sunday the 8th or drop off on the evening of the 9th at 5.30pm in St Marys meeting room or bring along on the evening - Thank you to all

Foodbank - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, small tinned meats 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 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.

Quiz - the next quiz will take place on Thursday 3 October at 7pm in St Mary's meeting room. All are very welcome.

The spirituality group has arranged the next opportunity for shared prayer. Our prayer groups are for anyone, of any age, from St Mary's and St Wilfrid's churches. September's meetings will be Taize themed prayer and music in the meeting room at St Mary's. Three weekly sessions will be from 6.15pm - 6:45pm on Tuesdays starting this week 3rd September.

Laudato Si - A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed our annual environmental survey. We had a good response this year. Thank you to Tom Bowman who has again collated the results and put them into a display available in both churches. If anyone has any comments they would like to give us, we would be very happy to receive alongside any suggestions for ways we can help with care of our environment.

Care of Creation will be celebrated in September and we are hoping to have a parish event of displays. Anyone interested would be most welcome to get involved, more information to follow.

Laudato Si Movement NE Following the successful Durham Pilgrimage for the Planet last year, Christian Climate Action Northeast and Laudato Si Movement NE are organising another pilgrimage. It will take a similar format to last year, meeting on **Framwellgate Bridge at 10.30am on 21st September**, and walking in easy stages around the Peninsula, with stopping points for meditation, reflection song and prayer, finishing at Durham Cathedral with a short outdoor Season of Creation Service, and picnic. Please spread the word - this is an open event for all who would like to join in. Please open the poster attachment to find out more and/or sign up on **Eventbrite**, which will give us an idea of numbers for safety. Alternatively, you can

Please pray for the health of:

*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
John Green
Lynette Stott
Mary Oldfield
Brenda Dawes
Jayne Littlefair*

**Please pray for
LYN NEILSON (53)
and
TERESA EGGLESTON
Who have died.
May they rest in
peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 35: 4-7	Ps 145	James 2: 1-5	Mark 7: 31-37
Mon	1 Corinthians 5: 1-8	Ps 5	Luke 6: 6-11	
Tues	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11	Ps 149	Luke 6: 12-19	
Wed	1 Corinthians 7: 25-31	Ps 44	Luke 6: 20-26	
Thurs	1 Corinthians 8: 1-7, 11-13	Ps 138	Luke 6: 27-38	
Fri	1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-27	Ps 83	Luke 6: 39-42	
Sat	Numbers 21: 4-9	Ps 77	Philippians 2: 6-11	John 3: 13-17
Sun	Isaiah 50: 5-9	Ps 114	James 2: 14-18	Mark 8: 27-35

also email Anne ccanortheast1@mail.com or phone Karin 07770 898033, but you can also just turn up on the day.

Our wild flower garden the Laudato Si wild lawn is flourishing. It's unbelievable what doing nothing to a lawn produces. Have a look and be truly amazed. But also take time to admire the beautiful variety of the front garden. Much praise and thanks to the hard work and expertise of Tommy Nevin.

AVOID RECYCLING MISTAKES- Anyone interested in recycling is invited to the Laudato Si group meeting on Wednesday 4th September at 6.30 pm in St. Mary's meeting room when a speaker from Durham County Council waste management will give a short talk and answer questions. Currently about 70% of collections are rejected so obviously we are doing something wrong. This is a great opportunity to clarify the confused and contradictory advice we receive. Everybody very welcome.

Bible Alive - September copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

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

Little Sisters of the Poor - Used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families help the Sisters and residents of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.

World Peace - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

Seated Exercise Classes - Falls Prevention Exercise Class every Wednesday at 2.15pm (for one hour) at Coundon and Leeholme Community Centre. Price is £4.50 to include Tea and Coffee. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

Over 50's Keep Fit class starting 3 September at the Memorial Hall, West Auckland at 7pm - price is £5. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 7 September	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>David George Charles Clough</i>
Sunday 8 September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday 9 September	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's
Tuesday 10 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Terry Carrigan</i>
Wednesday 11 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Blessings on the family</i>
Thursday 12 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
Friday 13 September	10.00 Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i> 11.30 am Funeral Service for Teresa Eggleston at St Wilfrid's
Saturday 14 September <i>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Special Intention (A)</i>
Sunday 15 September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Private Intention</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quotation

"We all know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over!"
- Aneurin Bevan 1897-1960

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23rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

THE GUY IN THE GLASS *by Dale Wimbrow, 1934*

When you get what you want in your struggle for self, and the world makes you King for a day, then go to the mirror and look at yourself, and see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father or Mother or Wife, who judgement upon you must pass.

The feller whose verdict counts most in your life, is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest, for he's with you clear up to the end, and you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test if the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and 'chisel' a plum, and think you're a wonderful guy, but the man in the glass says you're only a bum if you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years, and get pats on the back as you pass, but your final reward will be heartaches and tears if you've cheated the guy in the glass.

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Jeannie Hardy for St Mary's and Fiona Ottewell for St Wilfrid's or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Confession Times

St Mary's

Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.

St Wilfrid's

before Sunday Mass