

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 7 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Mary and Bill Delve</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Sunday 8 November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>For those who lost their lives in the world's wars</i>	
Monday 9 November <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>No Mass</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention</i>	
Wednesday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 12 November <i>St Josaphat</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Sr Eileen and Sr Anne</i>	
Friday 13 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>George and Rose Wallis</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 14 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Mary and Jim Foster</i>	
Sunday 15 November <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"Eighty per cent of success is showing up" - **Woody Allen**

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

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Sunday, 8 November 2020

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY of the YEAR - Remembrance Sunday

Wisdom from the Book of Wisdom

*The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.
In the eyes if the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.
If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be.
God has put them to the test and proved them worthy
to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them.
They who trust in him will understand the truth, those
who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.*

- Wisdom 3: 1-6,9

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 be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

Patience and Support - with the new lockdown it's important we not only comply with the rules but do all we can to give encouragement and support to one another. Make phone/video contact, keep as positive as you are able and don't let this second time of further restrictions defeat your own strengths or humour. If this world and local crisis doesn't have a place in your prayers, now's the time to bring it into your conversations with the Lord. Thanks.

New Covid arrangements

- We are not able to have Mass with a congregation during this current second lockdown
- We can and will open St Mary's for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1.00pm. Masks are required.
- We will be streaming Mass daily, except for Mondays, at 10 am (access via St Mary's, Bishop Auckland, You Tube).
- Funeral services can go ahead with 30 people in church and or at the Crematorium or graveside. Any additional attendees at funerals will sadly need to remain outside.

Norther Cross has produced a PRINTED edition for this month. Copies at £1.50 are available from the box on the presbytery doorstep. It's smaller in size but we'll get back to the larger copies when we can get enough subscribers. Please help us to increase our readership. Thanks.

The Foodbank - needs you. Big thanks for what you donate and for money donations. At present we'd be helped by jam, packet potatoes, coffee, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and any nutritious foodstuffs you are able to give. At the moment we have plenty of pasta, beans and soup and we now have lots of carrier bags - a sign of your generosity. Lets see what we can do to help. **Please note the hours for the food bank are now 10am - 2.30pm Monday to Thursday.**

We Remember all who have died through the year. The church gives us November as the month when we emphasise, pray and pay special tribute to those who have died. Next Sunday 8 November, is Remembrance Sunday. You may wish to use the envelope with this week's bulletin to make an offering for Masses to be said for the Holy Souls throughout the year. Should you want a Mass for a specific intention, would you please use a different envelope. May thanks.

Stewards - as you know, when you come into church, we have a couple of people at the back to welcome you, see that you've logged in, answer any questions and they sanitise the benches when you leave. We could do with a few more to help swell the rota, so if you can help, please let us know. Thank you.

The Shoebox Appeal - is not happening this year. It would be unsafe in the present situation to provide items as we've done previously. You can help the scheme by putting any money donation in the single shoebox provided at the back of church.

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
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
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Ian & Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 6: 12-16	Ps 62	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
Mon	Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9 12	Ps 45	1 Corinthians 3;9-11,16-17	John2: 13-22
Tues	Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14	Ps 36	Luke 17: 7-10	
Wed	Titus 3: 1-7	Ps 22	Luke 17: 11-19	
Thurs	Philemon 7-20	Ps 145	Luke 17: 20-25	
Fri	2 John 4-9	Ps 118	Luke 17: 26-37	
Sat	3 John 5-8	Ps 111	Luke 18: 1-8	
Sun	Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31	Ps 127	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6	Matthew 25:14-30

This will help with next years transporting arrangements. Thank you.

Current Financial Situation - church collections after 6 months of this financial year end are running at 76% of the previous year. This is a reduction of just over £5000. In addition, other income i.e. papers, piety and candles show reductions, this is only to be expected, of approximately £2000 over previous years. Our financial accounts to end of September show a deficit of £9574. This compares with our budget forecast of a deficit of £11596. Costs this year include capital costs of £6076, being costs of CCTV instalment at both church properties and streaming equipment at St Mary's. There will be further streaming costs of approximately £3000 in the 3rd quarter. Many thanks to our parishioners who continue to support the parish with your offerings.

Parish Finances - please remember to use your yellow 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 of Standing Order forms in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Are you or anyone you know, **thinking of becoming a Catholic?** If you are new to the Catholic faith and would like to know more, you are invited to join a weekly online programme arranged by the Diocese. It's called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and registration is now open - Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm. The hour long online meetings will enable you to meet others who are also beginning the programme. You can also get in touch, please with Father Dennis. To register or find out more, email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. Thanks.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - is a free online course of 8 sessions on Monday evenings 7.30 to 8.30pm on 2, 9 16 and 23rd November 2020 and 1, 8, 15 and 22nd February 2021. To register of for more information email the address above.

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