

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 8 April</b> <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	8.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 9 April</b> <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Special Intention</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Monday 10 April</b>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i>
<b>Tuesday 11 April</b>	No Mass
<b>Wednesday 12 April</b>	No Mass
<b>Thursday 13 April</b>	No Mass
<b>Friday 14 April</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Elaine Miller</i>
<b>Saturday 15 April</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Paddy McMahon</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Health of Lorraine Brown</i>
<b>Sunday 16 April</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Ida Herbert</i>

## Quote

*"When people shake their heads because we are living in a restless age, ask them how they would like to live in a stationary one and do without change".*

**- George Bernard Shaw**

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# EASTER SUNDAY

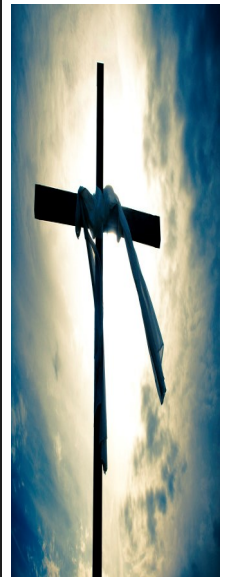
## EASTER HAPPENS WITHIN

*To have a spiritual life is to recognise early on that there is always a similarity and coherence between the one seeing and the one seen, the seekers and what they are capable of finding. You will seek only what you have partially already discovered and seen within yourself as desirable. Spiritual cognition is invariably re-cognition.*

*Call it the "Principle of Likeness", if you will. The enormous breakthrough is that when you honour and accept the divine image within yourself, you cannot help but see it in everybody else, too, and you know it is just as undeserved and unmerited as it is in you. That is why you stop judging, and that is how you start loving unconditionally and without asking whether someone is worthy or not. The breakthrough occurs at once, although the realization deepens and takes on greater conviction over time.*

*If you want to find God, then honour God within you, and you will always see God beyond you. For it is only God in you who knows where and how to look for God.*

**- Fr Richard Rohr**



## Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**A big thank you** to all who keep the parish running. Thanks to Sharon, our Parish Secretary, John Stockton our chairman of the Finance Committee and Tony, Michael and Ann working with him. Thanks to our SVP, Parish Council, Catechists, to our tech wizards who stream our Masses and keep us in step with on-screen information. Thanks to our liturgy people, greeters, Michael our bidding prayer writer, Eucharistic Ministers, readers, tea providers, singers and organists, our piety stall organisers, to our flower ladies, our cleaning teams and those who lead and attend gatherings - Eucharistic Services, Holy Hours, Laudato Si meetings, Craft Club, Social Events, gardeners and a raft of others who see what's needed and get on with things for us all. We're indebted to so many for a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes.

**St Wilfrid's Church** will be re-decorated soon after lots of good work done pre-covid to prepare the walls, thanks to our dedicated band of grafters who put their time and energies into a very physical task to get us to this stage. We are also in discussions about adaptations and future use of the presbytery. Watch this space.

**Thanks to the Laudato Si Group** for the Seed and Bulb planting morning last Saturday - another practical and visible contribution to enabling Mother Nature to charm us through the miracle of growth.

**Please pray for** our young people who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion for the last 5 months. We need to also support their families in their continuing appreciation of their journey of faith. Your prayers can make a difference. Thank you.

**New parishioners** grace our community. After Easter we'll hold a hospitality evening for all who have joined our worshipping community in the last few years. It's always a joy to see new faces amongst our regulars and we hope more will get to know our newer parishioners in the months ahead. New people and visitors may well have messages and suggestions to make to us that improve our ways and community life.

**As the year moves on** could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

**Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's** will not be on this Easter week but will resume on Tuesday 18 April.

**Cost of living** - There's shocking new research about Bishop Auckland. Funded by the 38 Degrees community, it reveals how the cost of living crisis is affecting every single constituency in

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Tyler Quinn  
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  
Mary Curry  
Adam Quarmby  
Alan Harrison  
Eileen Kelly*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 50: 4-7	Ps 21	Philippians 2: 6-11	Luke 22: 23-56
Mon	Acts 2: 14, 22-23	Ps 15	Matthew 28: 8-15	
Tues	Acts 2: 36-41	Ps 32	John 20: 11-18	
Wed	Acts 3: 1-10	Ps 104	Luke 24: 13-35	
Thurs	Acts 3: 11-26	Ps 8	Luke 24: 35-48	
Fri	Acts 4: 1-12	Ps 117	John 21: 1-14	
Sat	Acts 4: 13-21	Ps 117	Mark 16: 9-15	
Sun	Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 117	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31

Britain - including ours. From missing rent payments to being unable to afford heating, it tells a bleak story. **Here's how people are struggling in Bishop Auckland: 36% couldn't afford to turn the heating on when cold in the past month, 17% missed a rent payment in the last six months, 31% are worried about having to use a food bank in the next year and 44% of people's mental health has worsened due to the cost of living crisis. This is us. We must continue to help.**

**Craft Club** - Please note that there will be **no craft club on Monday 10 April.**

**Turkey-Syria Earthquake** - This tragedy adds to an already desperate crisis. If you would like to donate, we'll send on any funds in your name to help with emergency food, water, shelter and winter kits such as blankets and heating materials. Thank you.

**The Journey of Faith** - many people do not join the Church because no one ever asks them. Is there anyone in your family or acquaintances to whom you might raise a question about whether they may be interested in learning more about faith, about God, about the Church? You could be a great help in making an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to enter and initiate a journey of faith in an individual's life. I'm always happy to help and to answer any questions.

**The Big Cafod Walk** - This year Cafod has set the Lent challenge of a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, sugar 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 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.