

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 9 February	9.30 am - No morning Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 10 February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Margaret Jane McIntyre</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Maureen Graham</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	8.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 1.00 pm - Craft Group	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Tuesday 12 February	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 2.00 pm - Film Club 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary St Wilfrid
Wednesday 13 February	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>John Arthurs</i> 12.15 pm - Funeral Service for YVONNE TURNER 7.00 pm - Social Committee	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary St Mary
Thursday 14 February <i>SS Cyril & Methodius</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 15 February	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.15 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 10.30 am - Funeral Service for ALAN RAILTON	St Mary St Mary
Saturday 16 February	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 17 February <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Tommy and Mary Rea</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £409.19
2nd collection: £241.81
Thank you.

Quote:

"If you want to make enemies, try to change something" - **Woodrow Wilson**

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £178.19
2nd collection: £131.32
Thank you.

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 10 February 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Parrot-like praying is useless, says Pope

The Pope has told worshippers to stop trying to flatter God by repeating long streams of praise "like a parrot". God does not want to be "appeased" with adoration, the Pope said recently, telling Catholics that they must pray from the heart and may prefer to do so in silence.

Giving his first audience of the year, the Pope was speaking about the importance of the Lord's Prayer. He said that prayers did not become more effective just because they contained more words. He referred to a passage from St Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus states that worshippers must not "babble like pagans", who thought their gods would listen only if they were lavished with praise and repetitive invocations.

"The pagans thought that by speaking, speaking, speaking they were praying". The Pope said in the Vatican on Wednesday. "I also think of many Christians who pray, speaking to God as if they were a parrot. No, praying is done from the heart, from within". He added: "God does not want to be appeased with long streams of adulation, as the pagans did to win the benevolence of the deity. It is enough to talk to him like a father who knows what we need before we even tell him".

The Pope also criticised those who spent all day in church to be seen as good Christians but then lived hateful lives, stating that it was better to be an atheist than a hypocritical believer. "How often have we seen the scandal of those people who go to church, spend the whole day there or go every day and then they live hating others or speaking badly of others?" he said "This is a scandal. It is better not to go to church. Live like that, as an atheist."

This echoes Jesus' warning from the Sermon on the Mount, when he said, "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men" He said worshippers should shut their doors when they pray, God can "see what is done in secret".

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will usually be:
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Our Father etc.:
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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday
morning Masses by
request and any other
time by simple
arrangement

New Bishop - Bishop Seamus has retired after reaching the age of 75 and after having been our Bishop for 10 years. The Pope has appointed Bishop Robert Byrne as the new Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. He has been an Assistant Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham for the last 5 years. Northern Cross has produced an information sheet which you will receive with this bulletin which will give you more information. I know that you will make him very welcome when we get to meet him after his ordination as our Bishop on 25 March.

Craft Group - has started at St. Mary's on Mondays from 1.00pm until 4.00pm. Come along for a natter and bring some crafting. If you don't craft and would like some ideas, come along and see what's going on – you might be inspired! Text Jeanette on 07584 247560 for more information.

Food Bank - many thanks for your support. This week we are short of tinned rice, tinned custard, sponge puddings, jars of paste and pasta sauces. We have a large supply of dried rice, pasta, tinned soup and beans so don't need these this week. Thank you so much.

Crisis Fund - please consider helping hard-hit families with gas and electric needs. Donations labelled Crisis Fund can be handed in at any time. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Jumbulance 2 - 11 May, 2019 for the Escomb Partnership

Could you please support those going to Lourdes on the Jumbulance by each taking a collecting box and over the next two months let's see how much we can raise to help with fares to Lourdes. Across the Partnership we should be able to do a lot. Thank you

Do you know someone with a disability or long term illness who would like to come to Lourdes? Is there someone living in a care home, or needs 24/7 care? Perhaps someone living alone or on the parish sick list? The Across group from the partnership would love to make travel possible for someone who thinks it might be impossible! For more details please get in touch with Anne Saltrese 07741 552894 anne@across.org.uk or speak to Fr. Dennis.

St Mary's Cleaning - The new rota for 2019 is now on the green notice board at the back of church. We are always looking for anyone new to join our cleaning teams. The more people we have makes the task lighter. Your team will only come up on average three times through the year - so it is not a huge commitment. Maybe something to think about? Howay folks!

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Monday 9-12 September 2019, there are still places available with a £30 deposit. If you are interested please contact Ann Thompson on 01325 318649.

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
Kate Johnson
Tyler Quinn
Bill Gillon
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown
Joan Hannon*

Please pray for

**Yvonne Trevor (55)
Alan Railton (75)
Kevin Graham (66)
and Alice Whitwell (84)**

*who have died.
May they rest in peace*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Ps 137	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Luke 5: 1-11
Mon	Genesis 1: 1-19	Ps 103	Mark 6: 53-56	
Tues	Genesis 1: 20-2:4	Ps 8	Mark 7: 1-13	
Wed	Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-17	Ps 103	Mark 7: 14-23	
Thurs	Acts 13: 46-49	Ps 116	Luke 10: 1-9	
Fri	Genesis 3: 1-8	Ps 31	Mark 7: 31-37	
Sat	Genesis 3: 9-24	Ps 89	Mark 8: 1-10	
Sun	Jeremiah 17: 5-8	Ps 1	1 Corinthians 15: 12,16-20	Luke 6: 17-20-26

Ministry of Consolation - Around 100 people in the Diocese have now completed this course which helps us to develop knowledge and skills to support those at the end of life and their families as well as those who have been bereaved. The course will run shortly in our end of the diocese. Places are limited so early application is strongly advised! The venue is St Anne's Parish Hall, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington, the dates are Saturday 2, 23 and 30 March and Saturday 6 April. **Please note** that 23 March is at **Ushaw College** and will be included in the Day on "Spirituality in Times of Trauma". This is a great opportunity to hear powerful wisdom from Bishop John Wilson based on his experiences of supporting people after traumatic events - to share with others involved in this ministry - and to use one of the workshop slots as a session in your course.

More information is available from Department for Spirituality, email spirituality@diocesehn.org.uk, or telephone 0191 243 3302. To book please see Father Dennis asap.

World Day of Prayer - This years service will be held in St Ann's on Friday March 1st at 11am followed by a light lunch at 12 noon.

Passion Play 2020 - will take place in Bishop Auckland. If you would like to be in it, please see me for a form to register your interest. Thanks.

CAFOD Calling - Would you like to inspire the young people in our Catholic schools? CAFOD is seeking volunteers who would be willing to visit Catholic schools around our diocese to speak about CAFOD's work. Full training will be given. To find out more give David Cross a call on 0191 384 4847 or email hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk

Durham Deafened Support - mutual support group for those with inner ear balance disorders and hearing loss. Join us on Wednesday 13th February 1:30pm -3pm in St Mary's meeting room Bishop Auckland. All welcome. For more information contact DDS: Tel 0191 5183358 Email: admin@ddsupport.org.uk Website: www.ddsupport.org.uk

Film Club - On Tuesday 12 February at 2pm in St Mary's meeting room the film **Wonder** will be playing.