This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 9 March	**9.30 am - Mass:** *People of the parish* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *Bran Ross*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 10 March *1st Sunday of Lent*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Holy Souls* **11.00 am - Mass:** *Fr Peter Jarrett & Fr Michael Finnigan* **4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Monday 11 March	**8.30 am - No Mass** **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **1.00 pm - Craft Group**	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Tuesday 12 March	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Private Intention* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Wednesday 13 March	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **1.30 pm - Durham Deaf and Support** **7.00 pm - Mass:** *Joan Bateman*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Thursday 14 March	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **9.30 am - Mass:** *People of the parish*	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Friday 15 March	**8.15 am - Mass in St John's School -** *Private Intention* **9.30 am - Mass:** *Intentions of Patricia Donlan* **6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross at St Helen's**	 **St Mary**
Saturday 16 March	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Holy Souls* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *John & Paul John Searle and Susan King*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 17 March *2nd Sunday of Lent*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Cecilia Pham Thi Hong* **11.00 am - Mass:** *Patsy Hathaway* **4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**

St Mary's
Collection: £422.40
2nd collection: £288.90
Thank you.

Quote:
"It's one thing to be tempted, another thing to fall" - William Shakespeare

St Wilfrid's
Collection: £211.65
2nd collection: £120.33
Thank you.

In addition to the church collections above, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 10 March 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord of all, we are reminded today
that even Jesus faced temptation during his lifetime -
the temptation to compromise his convictions,
to abandon his calling,
to serve himself rather than others.

Teach us to recognise
the many similar temptations *we* face in our turn;
some easy to spot
but others so subtle and insidious
that we give in to them without even realising it.

Give to us a clear sense of what you would have us do
and all you would have us be,
and grant us the courage and commitment we need to
stand firm whenever temptation strikes.

So may we stay true to you,
and offer our faithful service,
In the name of Christ.

Amen

- Nick Fawcett

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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

Food Bank - Many thanks again for your amazing donations of both food and money to the Crisis Fund this makes an enormous difference to local people. We do need cook-in sauces, packet/ tinned potatoes, tinned fruit and tuna. We always have a constant need for all the other items noted on the lists, which are displayed on the wall at the back of church. Once again our grateful thanks to you all, we could not do this without the support of our local churches.

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.

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

CAFOD Lent Appeal - Climate change is having catastrophic effects for the world's poorest people. As cyclones, floods and droughts become more common and destructive, fishing and agriculture are no longer sustainable in some areas. CAFOD helps by providing special varieties of rice and vegetable seeds. Fishermen are taught new trades and given the necessary tools to make a living. We can help by taking a CAFOD box from the back of church. Thank you.

SVP National Raffle - Tickets will be available over the next few weekends priced at £1 each of £5 per book. Cash prizes 1st £3000, 2nd 2000 3rd £1000 plus 10 x £100 and 10 x £50. Your generous support would be appreciated.

Calling great parents - St Mary's is looking for a team of catechists - they're the folks we rely on to head up our children's liturgy on a Sunday and who have the wonderful work of preparing our children for First Holy Communion and Confession each year. Some of our present team have been working for us for over 20 years and are ready to initiate you into what we need and how to do it. Where do such wonderful people come from? From concerned parents like you who want the best for their children's journey of faith. Just have a word please with Fr Dennis. Thank you.

Day of Recollection - you'll catch the info on the Partnership Note about a helpful Day of Recollection at St John's School on Saturday 23 March for ourselves and our local parishes. We'll need an idea of numbers attending so we'd be grateful if you'd indicate that you're coming by signing the orange sheet at the back of church. If 3 others are coming with you, just add "3". Thanks.

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
Christina Marsh (3)

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Deuteronomy 26: 4-10	Ps 90	Romans: 10: 8-13	Luke 4: 1-13
Mon	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18	Ps 18	Matthew 24: 31-46	
Tues	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Ps 33	Matthew 6: 7-15	
Wed	Jonah 3: 1-10	Ps 50	Luke 11: 29-32	
Thurs	Esther 4:17	Ps 137	Matthew 7: 7-12	
Fri	Ezekiel 18: 21-28	Ps 129	Matthew 5: 20-26	
Sat	Deuteronomy 26 16-19	Ps 118	Matthew 5: 43-48	
Sun	Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18	Ps 26	Philippians 3: 17-4:1	Luke 9: 28-36

Bishops Seamus' Retirement - if you took an envelope to make a donation, it can be returned here anytime before the end of March. Thanks.

St Wilfrid's and St Mary's Red Boxes - please leave at back of church for the March collection. Thank you for the December collection which totalled St Wilfrid's £435.15 and St Mary's £228.00.

The Durham Singers - the Durham Singers' next concert is in Durham Cathedral on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm. The programme will be songs by Vaughan Williams, Howells' Requiem and works by Thomas Tallis including the fabulous motet for 40 parts 'Spem in Alium". Tickets are £13 or £10 each from Heather Smith (07799 492290).

Durham Deafened Support - mutual support group for those with inner ear balance disorders and hearing loss. Join us on Wednesday 13th March 1:30pm-3pm in St Mary's meeting room Bishop Auckland. All welcome.

Do you like singing? - why not join our choir at St Mary's or St Wilfrid's? Have a word with any choir member, with Sophie at St Mary's or Fr Dennis. You do not have to read music!

Services for Bishop Robert's Installation (all held at St Mary's Cathedral) -
Sunday 24 March at 4.30pm Solemn Vespers -
everyone in the Diocese is invited to attend.
Monday 25 March at 12 noon Episcopal Installation Mass -
entry by invitation only - you will not be permitted without a ticket.
Tuesday 26 March at 2 pm Diocesan Schools Event -
Diocesan schools will welcome Bishop Robert.

Senior Wisdom - thanks very much for the forms returned so far. If you'd like to bring your form in, let's settle for a cut-off date for next Sunday night, 17 March.

USHAW - has a full programme of events during Lent. For something different, check out the list at the back of church. Thanks.