

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 9 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Michael Keoghan</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 10 July <i>15th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Stockton</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 11 July	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 2.00 pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 12 July	No Mass
Wednesday 13 July	No Mass
Thursday 14 July	No Mass
Friday 15 July	No Mass
Saturday 16 July	No Morning Mass: 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 17 July <i>16th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>

Quote

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one".
- George R. R. Martin (USA novelist)

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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15th SUNDAY of the YEAR

Do as you would be done by

There was once a very old man, who lived with his son, daughter-in-law and small grandson. He was so old that his hands trembled constantly, his back was bowed and his eyes were dim with age. When he sat down at the dining table to eat, his hands shook so much that they could hardly hold a spoon, and very often he would spill soup on the daughter-in-law's clean tablecloth.

'For goodness' sake!' the young wife would exclaim. 'Can't you tell your father to eat properly? I can't stand him at the table with us any longer'. And she and her husband made the old man sit in a corner by the stove out of sight from the rest of the family.

They put his food into a very rough earthenware bowl, which the old man could barely hold. One day, his hands shook so much that the whole thing went crashing to the ground. The young wife was furious, and again said to her husband, 'Can't you do something with your father? He's a disgrace to the family.' This time they bought him a rough wooden bowl, and fed him hardly anything at all, so that the old man got weaker and weaker.

His little grandson, who was just four years old, had been observing all this and, one day, his parents saw him gathering bits of wood and piling them into a corner of the room. 'What are you doing, son?' asked the father. 'I am making two bowls, just like the one you gave grandfather,' the child replied sagely, 'so that you and mother can eat out of them when I am bigger.' The husband and his wife looked at each other and then at the old man, and slowly both their faces became awash with tears. Silently they helped the old man back to the table, and never scolded him again when he spilt his food.

- source unknown

Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts are available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.

St Mary's Church is open for Mass and each Monday for private prayer 11.00 to 1.00 pm. See this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Volunteers are brilliant! - there are millions of people helping voluntarily in a vast range of homes, organisations, churches, schools, the arts. Without their interest and work the country and many dependent individuals wouldn't function in any meaningful way. We're looking for volunteers to help the parish, would you like to join the choir at St Mary's or be interested in learning flower arranging? Please have a word with Sophie Hassall or Fr. Dennis to learn more. We'd love to hear from you. Thank you.

THIS SUNDAY - there's a fundraising event to support the indispensable work of Marie Curie nurses. You may have come along on previous occasions to tea and cakes at Hillside Cottage in Low Etherley, DL14 0EZ. You'll be welcome again today, 10 July at 1.30 pm. As you drive through Etherley you'll see Peter Daniels dressed like a teapot with a huge yellow top hat. You can't miss him. He'll point you down the lane to the garden. Thanks for your support.

SVP Box - there was good and positive feedback last weekend to re-start the SVP box at the back of church. We're all aware that we tend to carry less coins around with us these days. You may wish to bring any loose change to church to help the practical caring ministry of our SVP groups. Thank you.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The need for all items is critical at the moment. **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.

The Passion Play - in the Market Place was professionally filmed. The quality of the film is outstanding, using four different cameras. We are conscious this could be a great resource for local churches. If you would like to purchase a copy of the film this is available as either a download (£10), DVD with a commemorative cover (£15) or Blue Ray DVD with a commemorative cover (£25). If you or anyone in your church would like to purchase a copy, please order using the link: <https://aegies.com/shop/> The Passion Play is to be performed again next year. We're hoping that more Christians will take part. There will be two drop-in sessions in early September where you can attend, ask questions and sign up. The Passion Play

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
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*

Please pray for

PAUL COGLAN (75)

who has died.

May he rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Deuteronomy 30: 10-14	Ps 68	Colossians 1: 15-20	Luke 10: 25-37
Mon	Proverbs 2: 1-9	Ps 33	Matthew 19: 27-29	
Tues	Isaiah 7: 1-9	Ps 47	Matthew 11: 20-24	
Wed	Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16	Ps 93	Matthew 11: 25-27	
Thurs	Isaiah 26: 9, 12, 16-19	Ps 101	Matthew 11: 28-30	
Fri	Isaiah 38: 1-6, 21-22	Isaiah 38:10-12	Matthew 12: 1-8	
Sat	Micah: 2: 1-5	Ps 9	Matthew 12: 14-21	
Sun	Genesis 18: 1-10	Ps 14	Colossians 1: 24-28	Luke 10: 38-42

will be yet better if more Christians are in the cast. This year's Passion Play had about 60% of the cast and crew from communities with no involvement in church. There is a sign-up link on the Passion Play website. Passionplaybishopauckland.org. DL14 0EZ

Care for Our Common Home - **Parish Audit of Environmental activities** - thank you to everyone who has returned questionnaires. We have received 36 forms and these are currently being looked at. Information will be shared once it has been analyzed.

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.

Old Spectacles - please consider donating old/unwanted spectacles to Vision Express (Tindale Crescent branch) who will recycle by sending them to those in need abroad.

Ukrainian Contacts - if you are able to help with accommodation or in other ways for visitors from the Ukraine to this country would you kindly contact one of our local church leaders, Jean-Pierre on 07816275440.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion.

NHS Thanksgiving Mass - As part of the Year of the Eucharist, Bishop Robert invite all NHS doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, and chaplains to a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 14th July at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle. This Mass, which is open to all, will be an opportunity for the Diocese to express gratitude to all healthcare workers and NHS chaplains as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

In case of emergency please contact Fr. Tony Cornforth on 01325 313611