

Cancer Support — No one should have to face cancer alone. Team Solan Cancer Trust will be available at Woodhouse Close Church Centre each Wednesday morning, providing a Drop-In session from 10.00 to 12.00. Their aim is to help improve the quality of life for those living with a cancer diagnosis or a cancer bereavement. It's a bespoke support service to adults and children who have been impacted by cancer. If you need support or further information please contact: admin@teamsolan.org.uk or telephone 01388 205294. You'll be welcome to call in to meet the team members during the Drop-In sessions each week.

Our Schools continue to go to enormous lengths to help all our pupils, students and their families. Schools have changed as much as our young people and their families have changed and in the complexities of today's society our school staff give over the odds to help our young people not only to learn but to feel cared for. Here faith is practiced and taught. The Gospel is being lived out in the signals given by our wonderful staff teams, support staff and governors. Pray for our young people, our schools and our families and if you can help out at all we'd love to hear from you. Never take our schools for granted. They're doing creative and important work in forming future generations. As far as we know we don't have the RAAC concrete here. Ferryhill and Durham St Leonard's however are affected.

Bishop Stephen our new Bishop will be visiting us on 2nd and 3rd December, the First Sunday of Advent. I know you'll make him very welcome. Make a note. This is a great opportunity to meet our Bishop.

Outing to Blanchland, September 12th - we leave St Mary's at 9.45 on Tuesday and should be back by 4.45. It would be helpful if any outstanding money could be paid this weekend. Lunch is included, so no need to bring sandwiches!

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, sugar, rice pudding, jam, bars of soap and good quality bags for life. 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 fuel costs 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.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
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
Eileen Kelly
Patrick Fogarty*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ezekiel 33: 7-9	Ps 94	Romans 13: 8-10	Matthew 18: 15-20
Mon	Colossians 1: 24-2:3	Ps 61	Luke 6: 6-11	
Tues	Colossians 2: 6-15	Ps 144	Luke 6: 12-19	
Wed	Colossians 3: 1-11	Ps 144	Luke 6: 20-26	
Thurs	Numbers 21: 4-9	Ps 77	Philippians 2: 6-11	John 3: 13-17
Fri	1 Timothy 1: 1-2, 12-14	Ps 15	Luke 6: 39-42	
Sat	1 Timothy 1: 15-17	Ps 112	Luke 6: 43-49	
Sun	Ecclesiasticus 27: 10-28:7	Ps 102	Romans 14: 7-9	Matthew 18: 21-35

A warm (and dry!) welcome to our visitors over the holiday weeks. We thank you for joining us for Mass and hope your time in the area will be enjoyable.

The Passion Play is scheduled for next Good Friday in the Market Place. If you are interested in being part of the cast or helping in practical ways, please do get in touch. Thank you.

School Governors do an invaluable job helping our schools here. We have vacancies at present, so if you'd love to help in giving back in gratitude for what school gave us, please have a word.

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 - in view of the low attendance there will be no Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's for the rest of the summer. If there is a demand we will start again in the autumn.

The Faith Museum — is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It opens on 7 October. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

SVP Raffle Tickets - tickets are available at St Wilfrid's from Catherine Donovan. Catherine can only get to every Mass Sunday. Her contact number is 07790 352023.

KYNREN - I hope you'll book up to enjoy the amazing spectacle. There are more new things to see each year!

St. Mary's September Church Cleaning - Tuesday 26th after morning Mass. Many thanks.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 9 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ian Lloyd</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 10 September <i>23rd Sunday of the</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For a sick person</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Bridie Clinton</i>
Monday 11 September	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 12 September	9.00 am Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Wednesday 13 September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	10.00 am Mass @ Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington
Thursday 14 September <i>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	9.30 am Mass: <i>Mass in St Wilfrid's School</i>
Friday 15 September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel (no Mass in church today)
Saturday 16 September <i>SS Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Mick McKenna</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Jacqueline Smith</i>
Sunday 17 September <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Vasey, Hogg and Cruddace families</i>

Quote:

"To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best day and night to make you like everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight and never stop fighting"

e.e. cummings

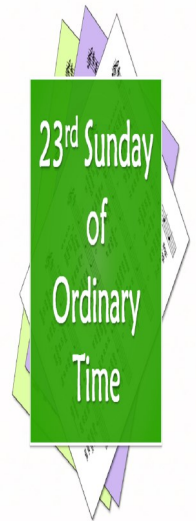
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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **10 September, 2023**

23rd SUNDAY of the YEAR

Our changing creation

Universe (c. 13.5 billion years ago)
Milky Way Galaxy (c. 12.5 billion years ago)
Earth (4.55 billion years ago)
Life (c.4 billion years ago)
Continents (c. 3.8 billion years ago)
Free oxygen (c.2.2 billion years ago)
Modern cells (c.2 billion years ago)
Sex (c.1 billion years ago)
Conspicuous animals (542 million years ago)
Placental mammals (108 million years ago)
Dinosaurs' extinction (65 million years ago)
Grasslands (c. 30 million years ago)
Bipedal primates (c 6 million years ago)
Homo sapiens (c. 100,000 years ago)
Agriculture (c. 11,000 years ago)
Modern science (c.400 years ago)



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.