

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 9 October <i>ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN</i>	10am Mass: Special Intention 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Birthday Thanksgiving
Sunday 10 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish 2.00 pm: Creation Walk, starting from St Wilfrid's
Monday 11 October <i>Pope St John XX111</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11 am - 1.00 St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 12 October <i>ST WILFRID</i>	10am Mass: Health of Joanne Robinson (Dinsley)
Wednesday 13 October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	10am Mass: Eric Walsh
Thursday 14 October	10am Mass: Health of Bernard Knatt
Friday 15 October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	10.00 am Mass: In thanksgiving (P) 11.00 am Funeral Service at St Wilfrid's for VINCENT BROWN
Saturday 16 October	10am Mass: People of the parish 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Fr Austin Arthurs & Fr Bill O'Neill
Sunday 17 October <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Julia Mordue 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Private Intention

Quote:

"It isn't where you came from. It's where you're going that counts"
- Ella Fitzgerald

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

REDUCE AND REUSE

Being fugal is a dirty concept in this world of commercial products. Advertising has engrained into our psyche the idea that buying something new will make us feel better. Why have a spending spree on stuff you don't really need?

In order to connect with nature in our so-called Western developed world, we need to think about change in ourselves. We can reverse the programming we have become susceptible to, largely through the messages, blatant and subliminal, of TV and social media advertising. The messages we 'must have', own, or do certain things to be content and to look or behave in certain ways. Don't be brainwashed into accepting this sales talk.

Most of us have more than we need of clothes and a range of goods that serve us ok. We don't have to be perfect. Nature isn't, and it has an interconnected and healthy mechanism of not wasting anything. What can you use again instead of buying new? Can you de-clutter at least part of your wardrobe and your mind so that we don't clog our thinking and our lives unnecessarily.

If we each do this, we create in ourselves the mind-set to be more sensitive to the consequences of our lifestyle. If the way we think doesn't control the way we live, the way we live will control the way we think.

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.

Following government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer and for Mass. 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.

Caring for our Common Home - today, starting from St Wilfrid's at 2 pm, Melvyn will lead a Creation Walk to help us connect with nature and appreciate what we have all over again. Refreshments at St Wilfrid's afterwards. Thanks.

Marie Curie also today are hosting an Open Garden and Soup and a Bun event to raise funds. Come to Hillside Cottage at Low Etherley, 12 noon to 3pm. Adults £5 and children £1. Look out for signs and for Peter Daniels wearing an eye-catching outfit as you come through on the main road. It's down the lane opposite No. 63. Let's see how we can help. Thank you.

Latest news on COVID arrangements - We've received news from the Bishop that we maintain the practice of sanitising on entering and leaving church and cleaning the church after use. Masks should continue to be worn.

We can now operate at one metre distance rather than two, which gives us more space to accommodate some extra people in our church buildings. We can also now use books and will make Parish Mass Books available at St Wilfrid's and at St Mary's we'll continue to use the overhead screen for the Mass texts. If attending at St Mary's you need a book, please ask. Thank you.

Sunday Mass obligation - Our Bishops intend to restore the Sunday Mass obligation from this coming Advent - the end of November onwards.

Many have got out of our Sunday (or Saturday vigil) Mass habit, and, sadly many no longer give it the seriousness which it has never lost. To give God an hour or so of worship once a week is not asking much for most people and should be considered as a basic requirement.

Streaming of Masses has been a great help for many and will continue, but it's no substitute for expressing Communion with the Lord and communion with the living community of the Church and the parish.

I mention the restart of the obligation now so that we can begin to prepare for attending Mass again. Vaccinations have helped greatly but have not dismissed the possibility of infection. The layout of our churches may change again and we'll let you know. I'll give you more information when we have it. In the meantime, let's give thought to what Communion and community means as we prepare carefully to celebrate more together again - as safely as possible. Covid has affected us all and we'll have to live with it wisely and carefully from here onwards. I'll keep you posted.

Foodbank - Your help is urgently needed. We'd love you to help with: **tinned dinners, tinned vegetables and tinned vegetables. No tinned beans, spaghetti or dried pasta required at this time.** Food can still be handed in at St Mary's and St Wilfrid's. As always, money to help with gas and electricity need is a godsend. The ending of furlough and the end of the £20 addition to Universal

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dowson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Monica Fuller
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*

Please pray for

**VINCENT BROWN (87)
who has died.**

May he rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 7: 7-11	Ps 89	Hebrews 4: 12-13	Mark 10: 17-30
Mon	Romans 1: 1-7	Ps 97	Luke 11: 29-32	
Tues	2 Timothy 4: 1-5	Ps 22	Luke 6: 27-36	
Wed	Romans 2: 1-11	Ps 61	Luke 11: 42-46	
Thurs	Romans 3: 21-30	Ps 129	Luke 11: 47-54	
Fri	Romans 4: 1-8	Ps 31	Luke 12: 1-7	
Sat	Romans 4: 13, 16-18	Ps 104	Luke 12: 9-12	
Sun	Isaiah 53: 10-11	Ps 32	Hebrews 4: 14-16	Mark 10: 35-45

Credit will cause severe problems. Enormous thanks. Please help us.

Parish finances - Please remember to use your green envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer - Any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Used stamps - can be brought to church for helping the work of the Little Sisters of the poor. Thanks.

This week is a Week of Prayer for prisoners and their families.

The Prison Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people . We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exists. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

Pope Francis has called for parishioners everywhere to think about the Church they wish to create together. This comes under the heading of a Synod and it begins in England and Wales next week for a few months. More on this later.

Bishop Robert wishes us to have a Year of the Eucharist - thinking and praying about the importance of so much we take for granted. Watch this space.

Memorial register - we will soon be compiling a book listing those who have died during these COVID times. These will be remembered at a Mass with the Bishop in our area in November and at diocesan level too. More next week.

Come as you are - the next meeting to come and talk about whatever you wish will be at St Mary's on Wednesday 27th October at 7pm. You'll be very welcome.