

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 11 July <i>ST BENEDICT</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased of the Coleman Family</i>	
Sunday 12 July 15th Sunday of the Year	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Monday 13 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Eileen Stockton</i> 11am - 1.00 <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 14 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i>	
Wednesday 15 July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased of the Munnelly Family</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 16 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention</i>	
Friday 17 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Michael Hickey</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 18 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>George and Rose Wallis</i>	
Sunday 19 July 16th Sunday of the Year	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"The noblest of all dogs is the hot dog: it feeds the hand that bites it". -
Laurence J Peters (Canadian writer)

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

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

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Sunday, 12 July 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

Always remember.....

I repeat for the entire Church what I have often said to the priests and laity of Buenos Aires: I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. I do not want a Church concerned with being at the centre and which then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures. If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life. More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us, "Give them something to eat". (Mk6:37) - **Pope Francis: the Joy of the Gospel para 44.**

'Religion declines not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, oppressive, insipid. When faith is completely replaced by creed, worship and discipline, love by habit; when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendour of the past; when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than the voice of compassion, its message becomes meaningless' - **Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel 1907-72 (Polish American. One of the leading Jewish theologians and philosophers of 20th Century)**

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

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

Streaming of Mass - takes place from St Mary's each day, including Sunday, at 10 am. To access the streamed Mass via Facebook you'll need to look for The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland.

CAFOD - 27 years ago Fr Finnigan asked for a Cafod group to be formed. Since then, through the enormous generosity of parishioners past and present £102,000 has been given and used helping the poorest people of our world. Some of those helped have been victims of natural disaster, floods, earthquakes etc. Others have suffered through manmade disasters such as victims of landmines, street children, child soldiers etc. Wherever there has been a need our parish has helped. A very big thank you.

Church opening - St Mary's church is open this week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 am to 1 pm for private prayers. If you come, you will be directed by stewards to hand sanitise and advised where you can sit/kneel. Some benches are taped off and places marked for individual worshippers keeping strictly to 2 metre social distancing. Members of the same family or bubble may sit together. Hands will be sanitised on exit via the meeting room. No books will be available for use. We will carry more information on a handout next week - which will also be available on our parish website (parishofstmaryandstwilfrid).

New information is coming to us from the Bishop and diocesan departments about opening for Mass, funerals, baptisms, weddings and confession. Further information will be added, I'm sure. Clearly, being open for Mass is what we all want and we'll let you know when we can begin that. I hope it will be soon.

If you hear of other places opening for Mass, please do not assume this applies everywhere. Each church has to undergo assessment and to have a team of volunteers to make it work. We progress step by step. Eventually we hope St Wilfrid's may open similarly, provided we have the volunteers to help. We need to proceed with St Mary's first. The permission was given to individual, named larger churches spread across the diocese initially. We proceed with caution. Safety is paramount.

There will be new arrangements to be followed when you come into church and new arrangements based on safety when we can open for Mass. In the meantime, thank you for your patience and for any help you have been able to give. The virus is still active. We are not back to normal. The Government's latest relaxation of lockdown and places opening is good news only if good sense prevails and we avoid a new surge in infections. Thanks for your understanding.

The Foodbank - has been increasingly busy over the last few months and as work prospects change, we foresee greater demand when redundancies become more likely. If you can help at all, we'd love your support. **At present the Foodbank would be helped by corned beef, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and any other nutritious foodstuffs you are able to offer.** Donations of money have been generous and we hope that will continue. Bringing the actual goods is a direct help as it saves a further task of someone having to go and source the items needed. Thank you in advance.

Church offerings - Enormous thanks for all those who have handed in weekly offertory envelopes. It has been a great help in meeting our routine needs. Despite the lockdown and church closure, the parish needs to continue to meet its responsibilities which cover such as light

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
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Ian & Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Ps 64	Romans 8: 18-23	Matthew 13: 1-23
Mon	Isaiah 1: 10-17	Ps 49	Matthew 10: 34-11:1	
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: 7-9,12,16-19	Ps 101	Matthew 11: 28-30	
Fri	Isaiah 38: 1-6,21-22,7-8	Isaiah 38:10-12	Matthew 12: 1-8	
Sat	Micah 2: 1-5	Ps 9	Matthew 12: 14-21	
Sun	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19	Ps 85	Romans 8: 26-27	Matthew 13: 24-43

and heat costs, ongoing maintenance and in particular the need to support the number of charity and good causes as determined by the Bishops and which is generally provided for by means of the monthly second collections.

We need to address the hole in our income caused by the closure of our churches which has meant that the influx of funds at regular weekend services has largely ground to a halt.

We know that a number of parishioners have continued to contribute by means of regular bank transfers, but what is missing are the cash contributions received at the weekend Masses. If any parishioner has continued to set aside funds in the weekly envelopes but cannot get to church to pass on these funds, it is suggested that you can ring Fr. Dennis who will arrange to get these offerings picked up. Please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. It is suggested that instead of putting your offering in each of the weekly envelopes, that you put your 4 weeks of April contents into one April envelope and one envelope for May. 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 either Fr. Dennis or John Stockton for the necessary bank form.

Loss of Weekly Offerings Envelopes - Some parishioners may not have received their boxes of envelopes for the new Tax year starting in April. See John Stockton (St Wilfrid's) or Tony Murphy (St Mary's) or Fr. Dennis. This applies to all, not just those who gift aid.

Northern Cross - is struggling from no back of church sales. This will last for some time but our funds are very limited. It's a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a year's online subscription for £14.40 by bank transfer to **A/C Number 81602292 sort code 40-43-11** using your surname and postcode as a reference (eg Tindall DL14 6PQ). An online standing order would be a lifesaver for us. Or you can send a cheque for £14.40 payable to Northern Cross and post it to 11, The Grove, Hartlepool TS26 9NB (our office in Darlington is currently closed due to the present emergency). Thank you.

Recipes - no new recipes this week - howay folks - your 3 favourites, please! What recipes did you inherit from your mother, grandmother, social friends or from your favourite TV chefs? Everyone has their own favourites, we just want you to tell us. Make our mouths water!

THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE.