

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, UHT milk, custard and tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat 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. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

World Peace—please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

Pope Francis' brilliant document on caring for creation (Laudato Si) is now 8 years old! Not enough has happened over this time so he has written a further document called Laudate Deum (meaning 'Praise God') about the climate crisis. We have some copies at £4.95 at the back of church.

Advent Extra copies are now available at £2.00—great value at a great price.

November Envelopes please take an envelope and put in it your personal list of people who have died and we'll remember them during our November Masses. Place your envelope on the altar. Any money given in the envelopes will be put to offerings for Holy Souls Masses. If you'd like Mass to be offered for particular individuals, please use a different envelope. Thank you.

Samaritans shoe box appeal – please fill a shoe box for a needy child. Drop off point is The Well at West Auckland, by week commencing 13 November. Leaflets and further information at the back of church. Collection tins for donations in lieu/for transport costs available also. We will donate the £150.60 from the Quiz night to assist with these costs. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT with a bottle stall on 7 December. Please pencil the date in your diary. Can we also ask if you have any spare bottles for the stall could you bring them to either St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Many thanks.

Bible Alive – November's copies are available at the back of church. Please collect yours if you ordered a monthly copy. Tick against your name on the list for November. £1.50. Thank you.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
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
Senara Wilton
Joan Vasey*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 6: 12-16	Ps 62	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
Mon	Wisdom 1: 1-7	Ps 138	Luke 17: 1-6	
Tues	Wisdom 2:23-3:9	Ps 33	Luke 17: 7-10	
Wed	Wisdom 6: 1-11	Ps 81	Luke 17: 11-19	
Thurs	Wisdom 7: 22-8:1	Ps 118	Luke 17: 20-25	
Fri	Wisdom 13: 1-9	Ps 18	Luke 17: 26-37	
Sat	Wisdom 18: 14-16, 19: 6-9	Ps 104	Luke 18: 1-8	
Sun	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31	Ps 127	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6	Matthew 25: 14-30

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW—Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. We have some raffle tickets.

The Faith Museum – is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It has opened now. 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.

SVP200 Club - November winning numbers are 76 and 57. No winners here. Many thanks.

St. Mary's November Church Cleaning - The Nevin Family.

Marie Curie Nursing - have gladly arranged an evening in St Mary's when we'll enjoy the music of Durham Police Brass Band on Friday 8 December at 7.30pm. Seasonal refreshments will be provided. If you're ready for a night out, come and join us. Adults £7.50, children £1 and it's pay on the door.

Enjoy an Art Exhibition this weekend over at St Cuthbert's Church Centre at Church Hill, Crook DL15 9DN, 11am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Tea, coffee and cakes are available. Entrance is free. It's usually a good show.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 12 November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Doris Lowther</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Dave Fleming</i>
Monday 13 November	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 14 November	No Mass
Wednesday 15 November <i>St Albert the Great</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Maureen and John Nicholson</i>
Thursday 16 November	<u>9.00 am Mass</u> : <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 17 November <i>St Hilda of Hartlepool and Whitby</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>The Ottewell Family</i>
Saturday 18 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 19 November <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Mark Docherty</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Peter and Agnes Hall</i>

Quote:

"They're funny things, Accidents. You never have them 'til you're having them"
- Eeyore by A. A. Milne

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32nd SUNDAY of the YEAR

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are Dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie, in Flanders fields.

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high.*

If ye break faith with us who die we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders fields.

- John McCrae 1915

It was at Essex Farm, on the Western Front in Belgium, that Lt. Col. John McCrae, a Canadian Medical Officer, wrote "In Flanders Fields". He worked to save the lives of soldiers during the Second Battle of Ypres, in 1915, in a Field Dressing Station, writing the poem on a page torn from his dispatch book between the arrival of wounded men. Having saved so many young soldiers lives, John McCrae himself died of pneumonia in France in 1918.



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.