

**Summer Holidays** - occasionally bring back school day memories when a six week break from the classroom was a time when we did mad things with mates and the weather seemed to be sunny - if the memory can be reliable.

Despite our changing climate, I hope these weeks are kinder to our young people so they can explore the outdoors and not be restricted by more rain. So much importance for people of various ages now seems to depend on looking at a screen. The technology that gives us so much can become the gatekeeper to how we live our personal time and fresh air and outdoor activity seem less important to many than they used to be - and continue to be. I had a full week away recently without television. Frankly, I didn't miss it!

**We've arranged another outing** - this time to Blanchland and Stanhope, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We'll set off from St Mary's at 9.45 and there'll be a guided visit to the Abbey followed by time to explore the historic village before we have lunch in the White Monk Tearoom. We'll stop off at the Dales Centre in Stanhope on the way home and should be back by 4.45. The cost including lunch will be £25. Numbers are limited, so if you would like to go, please sign the list and give a deposit of £10 to Jeanette Shaughnessy (St Mary's) or Michael Broadbent (St Wilfrid's). It should be a good day out!

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, pasta sauce, tinned fruit 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.

**Help with the Foodbank** and crisis work is required more in school holidays when children do not have the benefit of school meals. Could we help keep this in mind during the long school summer break please? Thank you.

**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.

**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:

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|-------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Sun   | 1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13           | Ps 84  | Romans 9: 1-5           | Matthew 14: 22-33at |
| Mon   | Deuteronomy 10: 12-22          | Ps 147 | Matthew 17: 22-27       |                     |
| Tues  | Apocalypse 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10 | Ps 44  | 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 | Luke 1: 39-56       |
| Wed   | Deuteronomy 34: 1-12           | Ps 65  | Matthew 18: 15-20       |                     |
| Thurs | Joshua 3: 7-11, 13-17          | Ps 113 | Matthew 18: 21-19:1     |                     |
| Fri   | Joshua 24: 1-13                | Ps 135 | Matthew 19: 3-12        |                     |
| Sat   | Joshua 24: 14-29               | Ps 15  | Matthew 19: 13-15       |                     |
| Sun   | Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7              | Ps 66  | Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32 | Matthew 15: 21-28   |

**SVP200 Draw** - the winning numbers for August are 24 and 51. We have a winner with number 51 for Anne Dunn - £25. Well done. Thank you for your support.

**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!

**The Big Cafod Walk** - This year Cafod has set the challenge of a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

**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.

# This week

|  | Services & meetings   |
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| <b>Saturday 12 August</b>                                  | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Mick McKenna</i><br>3.00 pm Wedding of NICOLA DANIELS AND CRAIG MASON at St Wilfrid's  |
| <b>Sunday 13 August</b><br><i>19th Sunday of the Year</i>  | 09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i><br>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Victoria and Tommy Loye</i>                                  |
| <b>Monday 14 August</b><br><i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>      | No Mass<br>10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i><br>1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i><br>7.00 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Catterina Danielon</i> |
| <b>Tuesday 15 August</b><br><i>THE ASSUMPTION</i>          | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Elaine Miller</i>   |
| <b>Wednesday 16 August</b><br><i>St Stephen of Hungary</i> | 10.00 am Mass @ <i>Our Lady &amp; St Thomas, Willington:</i><br><i>Jim, Dot and Brian Donlan</i>  |
| <b>Thursday 17 August</b>                                  | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Joe and Ann Tindall</i>   |
| <b>Friday 18 August</b>                                    | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Maureen Nicholson</i>   |
| <b>Saturday 19 August</b><br><i>St Oswin King</i>          | 10.00 am Mass: <i>In Thanksgiving</i><br>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>  |
| <b>Sunday 20 August</b><br><i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>  | 09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Ruth Suddes</i><br>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>   |

**Quote:**

*"We must not allow ourselves to become like the system we oppose"*  
**- Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

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# 19th SUNDAY of the YEAR

*If you stand very still*

If you stand very still in the heart of the wood you will hear many wonderful things.

The snap of a twig and the wind in the trees and the whirl of invisible wings.

If you stand very still in the turmoil of life and you wait for the voice from within, you'll be led down the way of wisdom and peace, through the rough world of chaos and din.

If you stand very still and hold onto faith you will get all the help that you ask.

You will draw from the silence the things that you need - hope and courage and strength for your task.

- Source unknown



**Confession Times**  
St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.