

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
<b>Saturday 12 September</b>	No Mass	
<b>Sunday 13 September</b> <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	No Mass	
<b>Monday 14 September</b> <i>EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS</i>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 15 September</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	No Mass	
<b>Wednesday 16 September</b> <i>SS Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	No Mass	
<b>Thursday 17 September</b>	No Mass	
<b>Friday 18 September</b>	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
<b>Saturday 19 September</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eileen Stockton</i>	
<b>Sunday 20 September</b> <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ida Herbert</i>	

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

## Quote:

*"The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any".*  
- Alice Walker (American novelist)

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

**In addition to the church collections, we also now receive on average £883 per month from standing orders. Enormous thanks.**

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Sunday, 13 September 2020

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

### THE SMALLER BEATITUDES

*Blessed are you who can laugh at yourselves: you will have no end of fun.*

*Blessed are you who can tell a mountain from a molehill: you will be saved a lot of bother.*

*Blessed are you who know how to relax without looking for excuses: you are on the way to becoming wise.*

*Blessed are you who know when to be quiet and listen: you will learn a lot of new things.*

*Blessed are you who are sane enough not to take yourselves too seriously: you will be valued by those around you.*

*Blessed are you if you can take small things seriously and face serious things calmly: you will go far in life.*

*Blessed are you if you can appreciate a smile and forget a frown: you will walk on the sunny side of the street.*

*Blessed are you who think before acting and pray before thinking: you will avoid many blunders.*

*Above all: Blessed are you who recognise the Lord in all whom you meet: the light of truth shines in your life for you have found true wisdom.*

- Author unknown

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ST MARY'S CHURCH WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ON MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER OR WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER.**

**Cafod's work in Lebanon** - Local Caritas staff and volunteers are on site in Beirut working in hospitals and assisting the injured. Throughout the coronavirus pandemic they have been continuing to provide food, shelter, water and medical supplies to refugees and their host communities. Through female led co-operatives they also work to promote social cohesion and greater understanding. Please donate at St Mary's where gift aid forms will be available. Thank you

**Emails please** - to bring us into the 21st century we would appreciate having email addresses and phone numbers of our parishioners. Sometimes it involves considerable time and work to find people when needed. Would everyone be good enough please to email us at [office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk) so that we have your details. This information will be kept safe and secure in accordance with GDPR requirements. Many thanks. We can email you the bulletin and Partnership Note and other information each week.

**Church opening - where we are**

- As of now, facemasks are required in church
- We are open at St Mary's on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1pm for private prayer
- Tune into our streamed daily Mass at 10am on YouTube. To access this, go to St Marys Bishop Auckland YouTube or [HTTP://bit.ly/St\\_Mary\\_YouTube](http://bit.ly/St_Mary_YouTube)
- Mass with a congregation will currently only take place on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and booking in advance with a contact number is essential. Places are limited to 50 with social distancing. **Please book in for each time**
- Arrangements can now be made to use St Mary's for funerals, baptisms and weddings, limited to 30 people. Contact should be made with Fr Dennis as a first requirement

**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.

**Help needed** - I'd be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to be part of some new groups.

- A Care Group, including the work of the SVP, of individuals who'll keep in touch with vulnerable people. Thank you.
- A Communications Group - anyone to help with the ways we can improve parish contacts and communications. Any techies would be very welcome. Please get in touch. Thank you.

**Parish finances** - Please remember to use your yellow 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.

Huge thanks to everyone continuing to hand in their weekly envelopes.

**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  
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

**Please pray for  
MICHAEL GILL (86)  
who has died . May he  
rest in peace**



**Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:**

Sun	Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7	Ps 102	Romans 14: 7-9	Matthew 18: 21-35
Mon	Numbers 21: 4-9	Ps 77	Philippians 2: 6-11	John 19: 25-27
Tues	1 Corinthians 12: 12-14,27-31	Ps 99	Luke 7: 11-17	
Wed	1 Corinthians 12: 31-13:13	Ps 32	Luke 7: 31-35	
Thurs	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Ps 117	Luke 7: 36-50	
Fri	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Ps 16	Luke 8: 1-3	
Sat	1 Corinthians 15: 35-37,42-49	Ps 55	Luke 8: 4-15	
Sun	Isaiah 55: 6-9	Ps 144	Philippians 1: 20-24,27	Matthew 20: 1-16

Many have chosen to change their weekly donations to a standing order with their bank. This has meant that over recent months our income from standing orders has increased from £420 to £883 - a wonderful and reliable help. Thank you all.

Our parish income for April/May/June this year saw a drop of 37% or £6500 over the same quarter in 2019. Costs were similar to 2019 but included CCTV installation at St Wilfrid's and St Mary's sites costing £3100. This resulted in a deficit of £7000 in this period.

We have recently drawn up a budget forecast for the full year - not an easy task. This looks at a gradual return to attendances at Masses and small increases in income. We're forecasting cost reductions in some areas but will incur additional costs for streaming equipment. The result is a forecast deficit of £16,200. please do what you can to keep up your parish contributions. Thank you all very much indeed.

**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.

**Gift aid** - We would usually produce Gift Aid Donation Statements around this time to confirm for parish Gift Aiders the amount they donated during the last tax year and the amount of tax reclaimed for the parish in their name as a result. The letters can be used by parishioners when completing their tax returns if necessary, and also form an important part of our diocese's audit process. However, due to churches not yet being fully re-opened as a result of Covid-19, this year we will only provide this information where specifically requested by an individual. This is because it would be unfair to expect our Gift Aid Organisers to distribute the letters when most parishioners are not able to attend Mass as normal. If anyone does specifically request confirmation of their donation details however, please contact either the Gift Aid office ([gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk)) or Michelle Dixon ([michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk)) or Andrea Emson ([andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk)) and confirmation will be provided for them on an individual basis.

**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 or postal subscription 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. Please check out the blue form with your bulletin. Thanks.

**THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE**