

**Thank you** .... to all who came along to our mass on Thursday evening when I was formally inducted as your parish priest to succeed Fr Dennis Tindall. Thanks too to all who were kind enough to provide refreshments.

**St John's Secondary School:** on Friday morning during term time we usually have a Mass at St John's School at 8.15 am. This is for staff, but also for any parishioners who might like to attend. You may can park in the school's main (staff) car park and then, inside the door, sign in at the reception desk. The lovely school chapel is nearby. All welcome.

**St Wilfrid's Social Evening** - will now be on **Friday 22nd November at 7.00pm** in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. If you have a ticket for the earlier date, please hang on to it - if not, tickets (£1 only!) are at the back of each church. It's always a fun evening- come and join us for quizzes, bingo and a chance to meet and chat! Offerings of food and raffle prizes would be very welcome.

**Next weekend:** one of our parish safeguarding representatives will say a few words at the end of Masses with a message from the diocese.

**Foodbank:** very many thanks for your ongoing generosity in bringing in items for our local food bank. You would never believe how much it is appreciated by local people in great need. As the weather gets cooler it really can be a choice between food or heating. A big thank you. **The following items are needed this week, tinned vegetables, UHT milk and bars of soap. Help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs.**

**Laudato Si: BIG MISTAKES** - the main reasons why recycled loads are rejected: FOOD WASTE - gets crushed and spread over the load making it too difficult to sort. BLACK BIN BAGS - please do not use them. NAPPIES. BATTERIES and VAPES cause fires in collection vehicles. Strangely, shredded paper is rejected because it gets everywhere. Other common items not recyclable - books with glued spines (cut pages away from glue with scissors). Pizza boxes and similar, contaminated with food. Empty meds blister/foil packaging. Despite manufacturers claims toothpaste tubes are best not put in the recycle bin. Tin caps from wine bottles are accepted either left on bottles or separate. Hope this helps - Please spread the word. From Laudato Si group.

**SVP Summer Raffle:** we have got back the list of winners and the list is on notice board at back of church. Sorry to say that we have no winners, although a prize was sold in Crook parish, so maybe next year we might have better luck. The good news is that nationally the SVP raised £80,000 for its funds. Also both our conferences will get a proportion of our ticket sales back for use locally. Thanks to you all for the support.

**FLAME 2025:** Flame 2025 takes place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. The theme is **'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). **COST: £45**

Please pray for the health of:

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  
John Green  
Lynette Stott  
Mary Oldfield



per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact [mary.hughes@ymt.org](mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org)

**Life in the Spirit Seminars:** an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. To be held at St Mary's, Newton Aycliffe - **please see poster at the back of churches**. It is not necessary to book onto these sessions in advance, although it would be helpful in managing the numbers. Refreshments will be served from 6.30 - 7.00 pm before the start of the seminar each Monday evening. Please book your place via <https://bit.ly/CDSLIFEinTheSpirit> or scan the QR code on the poster.

**Tea/coffee** - remember we have tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass each Sunday at St. Wilfrid's. All are very welcome.

**First Steps 2024 - Exploring the Catholic Faith:** are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? **Welcome to First Steps!** Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFIRSTSTEPS>.

**Bible Alive:** October copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

**Quiz:** big thanks to all who came. A sum of £109.20 was raised.

**'Northern Cross':** the October edition of the diocesan newspaper is now available at the back of church for £1.50. Many thanks to all who support this.

**Family Fast Day** : this is an opportunity to experience, quite voluntarily, what it is like to go without a meal. What does 'hunger' feel like? Because some people in our world are hungry every day. Perhaps you could put the cost of a meal into an envelope and return it next week.

**Prisoners Sunday** : today, in our prayer, we might remember those people who are in prison, and also their families and all who work in prisons.

**Knitted and crocheted poppies:** this year St John's School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. With this in mind we would like to do something extra special for this years Remembrance Day. Using knitted and crocheted poppies, we would like to create a cascading poppy display at the front of school. However, in order to do this, we need A LOT of poppies. We are appealing to our families and friends to help us create this special display. There are patterns here you can follow to help you or you are welcome to use a different pattern. Poppies of any size would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. Knitting patterns are available at the back of church.

**During World War 1** ...a Polish priest worked tirelessly to take care of refugees who had escaped conflict in mainland Europe. He died in 1918 and was buried at Escomb. In recent years his grave has fallen into disrepair and some local people have worked on restoring it. There is to be a little ceremony at Escomb at 12.30pm on Thursday, 24th October to rededicate the memorial. If anyone should want to come along you will be very welcome.

**Parish email address:** please see new parish email address in heading on front cover.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor:** Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA are having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 12pm to 3pm. Lots of stalls, home baking, Santa's Grotto, and Arts & Crafts. All are welcome.

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 12 October</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>For the people of our parish</i>
<b>Sunday 13 October</b> <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Francis Shields</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Eric Walsh</i>
<b>Monday 14 October</b>	<b>No Mass today</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 15 October</b> <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 16 October</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Thursday 17 October</b> <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 18 October</b> <i>St Luke</i>	<b>8.15 am Mass:</b> <i>In St John's School - all parishioners welcome</i>
<b>Saturday 19 October</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday 20 October</b> <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Mark Docherty</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>For everyone in our parish</i>

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## 28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### The kingdom of God

Some of the American televangelists in years gone by have preached that it is God's will that we earn as much money as we can, and that wealth is a sign of God's delight in us. So, the more money we have is a sign of God's blessing.

This is quite similar to the understanding of many Jewish people in the time of Jesus. They saw it to be a sign of God's favour if someone was rich, healthy, and lived to a ripe old age. Imagine their consternation, then, when Jesus said, "How hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." Jesus was turning their understanding of God upside down. He was suggesting that riches can actually get in the way of our experience of God.

Wealth is not wrong. It offers security in our lives. Yet when we tend to depend upon our wealth and possessions as a buffer against difficulties then it can come to replace our dependence on God. Our confidence in our bank account can gradually undermine our confidence in God.

That's where the problem can lie.

David Coxon



### **Confession Times**

**St Mary's**

**Saturdays at  
10.45-11.30  
and by request.**

**St Wilfrid's**

**before  
Sunday  
Mass**