

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 13 May</b>	<b>10.30 am Mass: 1st Communion Mass (2)</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Eric Walsh</b>
<b>Sunday 14 May</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: People of the parish</b> <b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's: Holy Souls</b>
<b>Monday 15 May</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</b> <b>1.00 pm Craft Club</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass: Jean Sweeney's birthday</b> <b>2.00 pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</b>
<b>Wednesday 17 May</b>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>10.30 am Funeral Service for ALAN HARRISON @ St Mary's</b> <b>7.00 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish</b>
<b>Thursday 18 May</b> <i>ASCENSION of The LORD</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass: Paul Mary Chu Sinh</b>
<b>Friday 19 May</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass in St John's School chapel</b> <b>10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls</b>
<b>Saturday 20 May</b>	<b>10.30 am Mass: 1st Communion Mass (3)</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Maureen Nicholson</b>
<b>Sunday 21 May</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Mary Curry's recovery</b> <b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's: People of the parish</b>

## Quote:

*"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that he didn't trust me so much"*

**- Mother Teresa**

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# 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

## **Everybody Does It**

*When we spend time with God, we get to be like him. The changes in us may not be instant or dramatic; it is far more likely that they will be gradual and take place over a period of time.*

*The most welcome change will be that God will give us peace of mind. He will also assure us of his love, and give us a new ability to love those around us. Other people may notice that we are developing an inner strength, that we are more certain of our direction in life, and that we have the resources to cope not just with everyday hassles but with the really testing crises that come our way.*

*This kind of spiritual stability is God's gift. We can neither buy nor earn it, and there is nothing we have done to deserve it. All we can do is humbly turn to God and ask him to start his new work in our lives.*

*We need to practice spending time with him. We can discover more about him by reading the Bible and by talking to other Christians. And we need to be patient with ourselves. We don't run a hundred metres in under ten seconds simply by reading a book on jogging, or by carrying with us a photo of Usain Bolt. No more do we develop our friendship with God by mastering a method or purchasing a system.*

**Prayer isn't a method anyway. It's a way of life.**



## **Confession Times** **St Mary's**

By request and by simple arrangement.

**Thanks** to all who came to our Welcome evening on Thursday. It was also a useful occasion to begin updating our parish census lists. The last attempt was eleven years ago! Parish lists are never up to date because change is happening all the time. However, our attempts to know where folks are becomes invaluable on a regular basis. Please help us to help you. I'd be very grateful if you would complete one of the mauve coloured forms—preferably before you leave church today and let us know also if you would like to receive our bulletin and other attachments by email. Thanks a million.

**First Holy Communion Masses:** The next Mass is Saturday 20th May. Please pray for our young people who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion for the last 5 months. We need to also support their families in their continuing appreciation of their journey of faith. Your prayers can make a difference. Thank you.

**SVP 200 Club** - The winning numbers for May are - 164 and 182. No winners for our Parish. Many thanks for your support.

**Wild Life Garden.**- Fr. Dennis has kindly offered a section of the back lawn to be planted to enhance nature. Anyone wishing to be involved in planning or planting contact Jeannie on 07708108119 or Ernie 07864807529. All ages are welcome. All you need is enthusiasm for nature. Our next meeting is Wednesday 24th May 6.30 pm at St. Mary's.

**LOOKING FOR MUSCLE** - Any strong gardeners are invited (begged) to help in the preparation of the new wild life garden at St. Mary's. We are hoping to remove a patch of the turf to enable seed sowing. Simple but heavy going. Text Ernie on 07864807529 or [erniew49@gmail.com](mailto:erniew49@gmail.com)

**Plant Swap** - Now is the time for splitting overgrown plants, dividing clumps of bulbs and taking cuttings. Anyone with plants to spare please leave on the stone bench outside St. Mary's meeting room to share for free with parishioners. Plant pots always needed please 3" to 10" - simply leave on the bench-thank you.

**Marie Curie Group** - welcomes new members! Since 2013 we have raised over £156,000 for Macmillan Nurses, over £2,000 raised during April.

**The Family Contact Centre** provides contact with children for separated parents/grand parents. It takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers only attend for 8 Saturdays across the year. This takes place at the Methodist Church Hall. Please book through 4 Clocks.

**An invitation** Bishop Auckland warmly invites you to join a PRAYER WALK OR DRIVE AROUND BISHOP AUCKLAND (inc. ST HELEN'S & WEST AUCKLAND) THIS ROGATIONTIDE – that is SUNDAY 14th MAY. Christians from all the town's churches are invited to recreate the ancient Rogationtide tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' of a place to

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Tyler Quinn  
Norah Hutchinson  
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*

Please pray for  
**ALAN HARRISON**  
(69)  
who has died.  
May he rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17	Ps 65	1 Peter 3: 15-18	John 14: 15-21
Mon	Acts 16: 11-15	Ps 149	John 15: 26-16:4	
Tues	Acts 16: 22-34	Ps 137	John 16: 5-11	
Wed	Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1	Ps 148		
Thurs	Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 46	Ephesians 1: 17-23	Matthew 28: 16-20
Fri	Acts 18: 9-18	Ps 46	John 16: 20-23	
Sat	Acts 18: 23-28	Ps 46	John 16: 23-28	
Sun	Acts 1: 12-14	Ps 26	1 Peter 4: 13-16	John 17: 1-11

pray for God's blessing to come down on it. Those walking will split into two groups, one walking clockwise and the other anticlockwise, for about six miles each, starting from The Batts and ending together at Broom Mill Farm. For a shorter walk, you can join one group at Bracks Farm. A third group will follow our prayer route for drivers around the town. Ideally it would be good if you can let us know in advance if you're going to participate. Contact Catherine Knights: email [wegotoutoftheboat@gmail.com](mailto:wegotoutoftheboat@gmail.com) or phone 07434 833888. Please say if you will be driving or walking and at what point in the route you hope to join us. Our aim is to provide lifts back to the start point as we finish. But you can simply join us on the day itself. Remember to wear appropriate footwear, especially if wet.

12 noon: Bring a picnic to The Batts car park.

12.30pm: Most participants start at The Batts car park – 6 miles walking/12 miles driving.

1.30pm: Or you can join one group at the Bracks Farm Auckland Way car park - 3.5 miles walking.

3-3.30pm: We end together at Broom Mill Farm, where refreshments can be purchased

**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 Lent 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.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, rice pudding, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, hot dogs and tinned tomatoes.** **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 heating 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.