

Thank you - Since announcing that I would be retiring I have received so much affirmation from you all for my time here. I am deeply grateful. I am very aware that my work would not have been possible without your care and support. Creating community and running a parish takes a lot of work from many people. So I would like to celebrate and thank all who volunteer in the parish and help to make St Mary and St Wilfrid's a warm and caring community. I would like to invite all who help - you know who you are - to join me in St Mary's Meeting Room on Monday 22 July at 7pm to thank you and share some simple refreshments. Big thanks. Dennis

Father Dennis' Retirement - As we all know by now, **Fr Dennis** will be retiring this summer. A farewell gathering has been arranged for **Monday 15th July**, beginning with Mass at St Mary's at 6.30 pm and continuing in St John's School. If you will be coming, please sign the list at the back of the church - if you are able to contribute some food, there is another list where you can say what you can offer. Let's show our appreciation of all Fr Dennis has done for us! Thanks!

For those who have kindly agreed to bake/bring along food can we ask you drop off your items in St Mary's meeting room between 2-4pm on the same day. If you have kindly offered to volunteer on the evening can we ask you to be at St John's school from 5pm onwards.

Marie Curie - Marie Curie are holding an Open Garden on 21 July at 11 am to 4 pm at Hillside Cottage, Low Etherley, (down the Lane opposite No. 63). Adults £5. Enjoy a lovely garden and great refreshments.

Laudato Si - A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed our annual environmental survey. We had a good response this year. Thank you to Tom Bowman who has again collated the results and put them into a display which will be available shortly in both churches. If anyone has any comments they would like to give us, we would be very happy to receive alongside any suggestions for ways we can help with care of our environment.

Plant Swap - this was part of the Laudato Si week in May. Thanks to all who took part in bringing and exchanging plants.

Care of Creation will be celebrated in September and we are hoping to have a parish event of displays. Anyone interested would be most welcome to get involved, more information to follow.

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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 12: 1-11	Ps 33	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19
Mon	Isaiah 1: 10-17	Ps 49	Matthew 10: 34 - 11:1	
Tues	Isaiah 7: 1-9	Ps 47	Matthew 11: 20-24	
Wed	Isaiah 10: 5-7, 13-16	Ps 93	Matthew 11: 25-27	
Thurs	Isaiah 26: 7-9, 12, 16-19	Ps 101	Matthew 11: 28-30	
Fri	Isaiah 38: 1-6, 21-22	Isaiah 38: 10-12	Matthew 12: 1-8	
Sat	Micah 2: 1-5	Ps 9	Matthew 12: 14-21	
Sun	Jeremiah 23: 1-6	Ps 22	Ephesians 2: 13-18	Mark 6: 30-34

Our wild flower garden is now in full bloom and part of encouraging bio-diversity. Please take a look at the back of the church. Many Thanks to Ernie for his work on this.

Bible Alive - July copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

Bishop's House Address - as From Monday 17th June the new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor will be: **Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle. NE12 8AD.** There is no change to the telephone number and email addresses.

Pope Francis recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

Little Sisters of the Poor - Used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families help the Sisters and residents of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.

The Foodbank - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned spaghetti, soup and tinned vegetables. 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.

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.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 13 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Gemma Murray's birthday</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 14 July <i>15th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's : <i>The Stockton & Cruddace Family</i> 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's : <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 15 July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	No morning Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at <i>St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i> 6.30 pm <i>Fr Dennis' Retirement Mass at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 16 July	No morning Mass 1.30 pm <i>St Chad's School Leavers Mass in School</i>
Wednesday 17 July	10.00 am <i>St Wilfrid's School Leavers Mass in St Mary's</i>
Thursday 18 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>In Thanksgiving</i> 5.30 pm <i>Finance Committee</i>
Friday 19 July	8.15 am <i>Mass in St John's School Chapel</i> 10.00 am Mass: <i>Maureen and John Nicholson</i>
Saturday 20 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Frank Carney</i>
Sunday 21 July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's : <i>The Morigan & Armstrong Families</i> 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's : <i>Special Intentions</i>

Quotation

"Heal sometimes. Relieve often. Comfort always.

- Hippocrates (460-377 BC)

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15th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

For those in special need

God of the heights and the depths, we bring you those driven into the desert, those suffering with difficult decisions.

May they choose life

God of the light and the darkness, we bring to you those lost in the mist of drugs or drink, those dazzled by the use of power.

May they choose life

God of the wild beast and the ministering angel, we bring to you those savaged by others' greed, those exhausted by caring for others.

May they feel your healing touch

Christ tempted and triumphant, we bring ourselves to you, tired of difficult choices, anxious about the future, drained by the loss of a loved one.

May we feel your healing touch

May we feel your healing touch, know God's presence in all things and receive the crown of life through the Holy Spirit of compassion.

- Kate McIlhagga

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Jeannie Hardy for St Mary's and Fiona Ottewell for St Wilfrid's or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Confession Times

St Mary's

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

St Wilfrid's

**before
Sunday
Mass**