

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 13 November</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Eric Walsh</i>
<b>Sunday 14 November</b> <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Alexis C. Zaguirre Sr.</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Dave Fleming</i>
<b>Monday 15 November</b> <i>St Albert the Great</i>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>11-1 pm</b> <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
<b>Tuesday 16 November</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass:</b> <i>Mary Coleman's 80th birthday</i> <b>11.30 am</b> <i>Funeral Service for KEVIN DONOHUE</i>
<b>Wednesday 17 November</b> <i>St Hilda</i>	<b>10 am Mass:</b> <i>Special Intention (P)</i>
<b>Thursday 18 November</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 19 November</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass</b> in St John's School <b>10 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 20 November</b> <i>St Edmund</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Kristoph Stencil</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Laura Rea</i>
<b>Sunday 21 November</b> <i>CHRIST THE KING</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Kevin Donohue</i>

**Quote:**

*"You cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind"*

*- Irish saying*

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# THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY of the YEAR

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### *Creative Reflections 3*

Thank you, creator God for inventors, artists, musicians, writers, photographers, film makers, woodcarvers, craftsmen and women who translate life for us in their work and communicate a world of shape and colour, life and beauty.

Thank you for the breath-taking mystery of how nature links all life. How microbes and insects, bees and maggots make things work. Thank you for how trees talk to one another, for the intricacies of root systems, complex filaments of connections and messages, for fungi and the dissemination of seeds by birds and animals. Thank you for fruits and blossoms, flowers, pollen and the countless ways life and nature spread themselves and grace our lives.

May we be still enough to watch, observe and listen – to embrace our world and preserve, improve and enhance it. Teach us more and more about the unity we enjoy with the rest of creation, about our dependence upon respecting the earth. Impel us to play our part successfully in looking after what has been given to us in trust, so that we can hand on a better world to those who will follow us. Amen

Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts are available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.

Following government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer and for Mass. See this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

### **Confession Times**

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**Thank You** - to all who have sent in suggestions and ideas to help in our Care for our Common Home - the Earth. Please continue to send in any suggestions you may have for looking after our ecology and reducing our carbon footprint. Others may be helped by your suggestions. Many thanks.

**Sunday Mass obligation** - Our Bishops intend to restore the Sunday Mass obligation from this coming Advent - the end of November onwards. Many have got out of our Sunday (or Saturday vigil) Mass habit, and, sadly many no longer give it the seriousness which it has never lost. To give God an hour or so of worship once a week is not asking much for most people and should be considered as a basic requirement. Streaming of Masses has been a great help for many and will continue, but it's no substitute for expressing Communion with the Lord and communion with the living community of the Church and the parish. I mention the restart of the obligation now so that we can begin to prepare for attending Mass again. Vaccinations have helped greatly but have not dismissed the possibility of infection. The layout of our churches may change again and we'll let you know. I'll give you more information when we have it. In the meantime, let's give thought to what Communion and community means as we prepare carefully to celebrate more together again - as safely as possible. Covid has affected us all and we'll have to live with it wisely and carefully from here onwards. I'll keep you posted.

**Pope Francis** has called for parishioners everywhere to think about the Church we wish to create together. This comes under the heading of a Synod and it begins in England and Wales for a few months. More of this later.

**Bishop Robert** wishes us to have a Year of the Eucharist - thinking and praying about the importance of so much we take for granted. Watch this space.

**Shoe box Appeal** - Just a reminder, next week is the time to drop off shoe boxes. Unfortunately The Well is still the nearest drop off point. Thank you.

**Memorial Register** - we are compiling a register of those whose funerals took place from the parish from the beginning of 2020 until the present and it will open for you to add names of others from family and friends. **November envelopes** are available for your personal and family lists. Any money in these envelopes will support Holy Souls intentions. Specific individual Mass intentions should be in a different envelope. Thank you.

**The Foodbank** has been gifted with a lot of food very recently and for the moment needs only long-life milk (full fat), packet mash, toothpaste and loo rolls. Money to help people have some warmth, light and the wherewithal to cook or heat up food. Your help, no matter how small, becomes part of a great tide of selfless initiatives that keep individuals and families alive with a meaningful quality of life and with a dignity to match. Thank you for your help. Opening hours from next Monday are Monday to Thursday 9-5 and Friday 9-12.30.

Please pray for the health of:

*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  
Jacob Thomas  
Charlotte Thomas  
Teresa Brown  
Joan Hannon  
Christina Marsh  
Kathy Lloyd  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Margaret Pattenden*

Please pray for

**KEVIN DONOHUE (74)**

who has died.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Daniel 12: 1-13	Ps 15	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18	Mark 13: 24-32
Mon	1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-64	Ps 118	Luke 18: 35-43	
Tues	2 Maccabees 6: 18-31	Ps 3	Luke 19: 1-10	
Wed	2 Maccabees 7: 20-31	Ps 16	Luke 19: 11-28	
Thurs	1 Maccabees 2: 15-29	Ps 49	Luke 19: 41-44	
Fri	1 Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59	1 Chronicles 29: 10-12	Luke 19: 45-48	
Sat	1 Maccabees 6: 1-13	Ps 9	Luke 20: 27-40	
Sun	Daniel 7: 13-14	Ps 92	Apocalypse 1: 5-8	John 18: 33-37

**SVP Christmas Appeal** - as we explained last year, we provide Christmas hampers/gifts and support, for local families and individuals who are enduring real poverty. Your weekly contributions made this possible until COVID impacted on all our lives. We asked for your support last year and your response was overwhelming. You will appreciate that COVID and increased poverty is still a real concern as the unprecedented events continue to increase the needs of many. If you are financially able, we would appreciate if you could put a donation in an envelope with 'SVP Christmas Appeal' written on it, and either post it in Fr. Dennis's letterbox or put it in one of the white collection boxes at the back of either Church, **by 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. We are not asking for gifts or food. Members of the SVP will purchase what is needed, depending on the composition of the families and individual needs. We hope you can help us, to help the vulnerable members of our community. Thank you.

**The Loop system at St Mary's** - is to be replaced. Apologies to all our hearing aid wearers while we await a new system to be installed. But thanks for letting us know that the old system had ceased working. The new one, when it arrives and is fitted and calibrated, promises to be better than what we've had.

**Clothing And Toiletries** - Our local community hospitals have many elderly patients. Visiting is very limited at the moment, and many of these patients' visitors are also elderly and are unable to bring clothes or toiletries for their relatives. Some patients do not have anyone who can bring items in for them. The hospitals are running out of loungewear/nightwear/bed jackets for patients to wear during the day. It is better for patients to wear these, rather than hospital issued nightwear during the day. Once a patient has been given some clothing, it belongs to them and is not taken from them when they leave hospital. It would be great if you could donate any clothing that you no longer want. Also, any toiletries, especially shower gel, would be most welcome. Thank you.

**Youth Sunday** - Next week we celebrate World Youth Sunday when the Church across the globe reflects on the gift of young people and offers our support as we accompany them on their faith journey. Here in the Diocese the Youth Ministry Team provide a variety of opportunities to support our young people. Check out YMT on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the website [www.ymt.org](http://www.ymt.org) Next week we will hear more about their work and we will be given the opportunity to donate towards this essential ministry. December's monthly collection will support YMT or you can Text to donate: (text **Youth10** to **70500** to donate £10).

**Ushaw Illuminations** - ([events@ushaw.org](mailto:events@ushaw.org)) On the first 3 weekends in December Ushaw will be lit up with many exciting features and trails. Booking is essential via the website above.