

# This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 14 January	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 15 January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Recovery of Mary Curry</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Bridie Clinton</i>
Monday 16 January	No Mass 10.00 am - <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i>
Tuesday 17 January <i>St Anthony</i>	10.00am Mass: <i>Jason King</i>
Wednesday 18 January	10.00 Mass: <i>Frederick Bailey</i>
Thursday 19 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 2.30 pm Funeral Service for <b>SIDNEY ROBERT ELLIOTT</b> at Wear Valley Crematorium 5.00 pm Finance Committee
Friday 20 January	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Antony Chu Van Xuan and Cecilia Pham Thi Hong</i> 7.00 pm Inspiring Film at St Anne's Church
Saturday 21 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Mick and Shirley Degnan</i>
Sunday 22 January <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Marie Green &amp; Margaret Parry</i> 4.00 pm Unity Service at Dene Valley Church

## Quote

*"You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy"*  
- Eric Hoffer

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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## 2nd Sunday of the Year (A)

### A PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Lord Christ, help us to have the courage and humility to name our burdens and lay them down so that we are light to walk across the water to where you beckon us.

Our pride, armouring us, hardening us, making us defend our dignity by belittling others *we name it and we lay it down.*

The memory of hurts and insults, driving us to lash out, to strike back *we name it and we lay it down*

Our antagonism against those whose actions, differences, presence, threaten our comfort or security, *we name it and we lay it down.*

Our fear, of unsolved questions, of the unknown, of fear itself, *we name it and we lay it down.*

We do not need these burdens, but we have grown used to carrying them, have forgotten what it is to be light.

Beckon us to lightness of being, for you show us that it is not unbearable. Only so can we close the distance, only so we can walk upon the water.

It is so.

*Blessed are you, Lord Christ, who makes heavy burdens light.*

- Kathy Galloway (Iona Community)



### Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**SVP** - your conferences would like to say a big 'thank you' for your support since we re-started holding 'the box' after church at weekends. You may have noticed that we didn't make a Christmas appeal this year because we didn't need to, thanks to your generosity. With your help we have directly helped approximately 50 local people with food and gifts, helped children from needy families and our people in Care Homes and housebound also. Without your help we could not have done so.

**Churches with warm spaces during winter** - The Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches have made arrangements to have safe and warm places where individuals can come to socialize over a cuppa and biscuits.

**Woodhouse Close Church**, Proudfoot Drive, DL14 6PD - open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to 2.30pm.

**The Parish Centre**, Middlewood Avenue, St Helen's, DL14 9DJ - the lounge is open on Tuesdays from 10am - 3pm and Thursdays from 11am - 2pm.

**The Ark** - at the back of St Helen's Church DL14 9DN—open on a Wednesday from 10.30am to 4pm.

**Bishop Auckland Baptist Church**, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6AH, from week beginning 31st October their Church will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm, Thursdays—Wellbeing Café, from 9.30am including a light lunch from 12.30pm.

**St Mary's Catholic Church**, Vart Road, DL14 6PQ—Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 2 pm.

**Bishop Auckland Methodist Church**, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6DN, Monday and Fridays 10—3 pm.

**Coffee morning/Warm Space** - Thursdays and Fridays in St Mary's Meeting Room 11am—2pm. Please see the helpers rota at the back of church. Any problems ring Zita on 01388 604926 or 07722219173.

**Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's** will start again on Tuesday 17 January at 2.00pm and will continue on Tuesdays to avoid clashing with the Craft Club. It's a great opportunity to step aside and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - why not join us?

**SVP 200 CLUB** - we are advised by SVP that the 200 club will restart in 2023 after a 3 year break due to Covid. Is anyone interested in dealing with this for the Parish. The club arrangements are simple. Each member pays £12 in advance for a years membership. The club organiser collects the money and passes this on to a contact in Durham. There is a monthly draw and the contact will ensure that the prize winners list is circulated to all parishes. The proceeds of this venture go to help feed the homeless at Vinnies Cafe in Newcastle. The 200 club coordinator is at the end of a telephone and will help and advise as necessary. Anyone interested please contact Fr Dennis or John Stockton.

**Care for Creation** - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole

**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  
Alan Harrison*

**Please pray for**

**SIDNEY ROBERT ELLIOTT (81)  
MARY JOYCE BAILEY (94)  
JEFFEREY ALDWORTH (66)  
JOHN WATSON HARROP (91)**

**who have died.  
May they rest in  
peace.**



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

Sun	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7	Ps 28	Acts 10: 34-38	Matthew 3: 13-17
Mon	Hebrews 9: 15, 24-28	Ps 97	Mark 3: 22-30	
Tues	Hebrews 10: 1-10	Ps 39	Mark 3: 31-35	
Wed	Hebrews 10: 11-18	Ps 109	Mark 4: 1-20	
Thurs	Hebrews 10: 19-25	Ps 23	Mark 4: 21-25	
Fri	Hebrews 10: 32-39	Ps 36	Mark 4: 26-34	
Sat	Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19	Luke 1: 69-75	Mark 4: 35-41	
Sun	Isaiah 8: 23-9:3	Ps 26	1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17	Matthew 4: 12-23

cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

**The Laudato Si group** are planning to hold a food/cookery event as part of this year's Season of creation. If anyone has any expertise in cookery or recipe ideas and would like to be involved in a small group of us, please get in touch via email - [jeanniemariehardy@gmail.com/mobile](mailto:jeanniemariehardy@gmail.com/mobile) Tel: 07708108119, or with Eileen Thornton at St Mary's.

**From the Parish Laudato Si Group (Care of Our Common Home)**

We would like to ask parishioners to continue checking your purchases and if possible reduce buying plastic packaging.

The Facts about plastic:

- 1 Plastic pollution is a huge problem and made worse by excess consumption
- 2 Microplastics are being found in food and have been detected in human blood.
- 3 A truck load of plastic enters the ocean every single minute and the UK produces more waste per person than almost any other country. Also, Christian Aid is campaigning to support the funding for countries devastated by the climate changes. We will be placing a small Christmas tree (and poster) at the back of each church and a prayer person template to write on. We would like to ask people to write a prayer supporting this work and place it on the tree during the season of Advent.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, packet mash, hot dogs and toilet rolls . 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023** Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

**Cleaning Rota** - the new rota for 2023 is now on display at the back of church.