

**Bishop Stephen** - today we have a letter from Bishop Stephen Wright to read at our Mass.

**Masses this week** - we will not be able to have any morning Masses this week I'm afraid, but next Saturday evening we will be able to welcome Fr Paul Tully and then next Sunday morning Fr Gordon Ryan.

**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 wish to park in the school's main (staff) car park and then, inside the door, sign in at the reception desk. The school chapel is nearby. However, having said this, there will not be a Mass in school this coming Friday (20th) or on Friday 27th September. All welcome on 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

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

**Quiz** - the next quiz will take place on **Thursday 3rd October at 7pm** in St Mary's meeting room. All are very welcome.

**The spirituality group** has arranged the next opportunity for shared prayer. Our prayer groups are for anyone, of any age, from St Mary's and St Wilfrid's churches. September's meetings will be Taize themed prayer and music in the meeting room at St Mary's. Three weekly sessions will be from **6.15pm - 6:45pm on Tuesdays**. The final meeting will be this Tuesday 17th September.

**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 available 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.

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.

**The Recycling Talk** - At our most recent Laudato Si meeting Kieran from Durham CC waste department briefly outlined the biggest problems with recycling, a rundown of the whole process from collection to extracting energy, proposed local schemes and the Government's future plans. Anyone wanting to read the hugely informative minutes from the meeting can text 07864807529 and they will be sent out to you. It is thoroughly recommended for anyone serious about helping the planet. Or you can contact Kieran directly with specific questions at [Atwasteaware@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Atwasteaware@durham.gov.uk). Briefly the biggest problems are nappies,

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  
Brenda Dawes  
Jayne Littlefair*

Please pray for  
**LYN NEILSON (53)**

*Who has died.  
May she rest in  
peace.*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 50: 4-9	Ps 114	James 2: 14-18	Mark 8: 27-35
Mon	1 Corinthians 11: 17-26, 33	Ps 39	Luke 7: 1-10	
Tues	1 Corinthians 12: 12-14, 27-31	Ps 99	Luke 7: 11-17	
Wed	1 Corinthians 12: 31, 13-13	Ps 32	Luke 7: 31-35	
Thurs	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Ps 117	Luke 7: 36-50	
Fri	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Ps 16	Luke 8: 1-3	
Sat	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13	Ps 18	Matthew 9: 9-13	John 3: 13-17
Sun	Wisdom 2: 17-20	Ps 114	James 3: 16, 5-3	Mark 9: 30-37

food waste and black bin bags in recycling bins and the danger of batteries and vapes which actually do cause fires in collecting vehicles. Please help yourselves to the freebies and information sheets left at the back of the church.

**SVP200 Club September** winning numbers are - 156 and 173. No winners for us.

**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/CDSLifelnTheSpirit> or scan the QR code on the poster.

**Laudato Si Movement NE** Following the successful Durham Pilgrimage for the Planet last year, Christian Climate Action Northeast and Laudato Si Movement NE are organising another pilgrimage. It will take a similar format to last year, meeting on **Framwellgate Bridge at 10.30am on 21st September**, and walking in easy stages around the Peninsula, with stopping points for meditation, reflection song and prayer, finishing at Durham Cathedral with a short outdoor Season of Creation Service, and picnic. Please spread the word - this is an open event for all who would like to join in. Please open the poster attachment to find out more and/or sign up on **Eventbrite**, which will give us an idea of numbers for safety. Alternatively, you can also email Anne [ccanortheast1@mail.com](mailto:ccanortheast1@mail.com) or phone Karin 07770 898033, but you can also just turn up on the day.

**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.

**Seated Exercise Classes - Falls Prevention Exercise Class** every Wednesday at 2.15pm (for one hour) at Coundon and Leeholme Community Centre. Price is £4.50 to include Tea and Coffee. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

**Save the Date - Friday October 11th!** It will soon be time for the glittering highlight of the year - St Wilfrid's Social! Tickets and more details next week.

**Over 50's Keep Fit class** starting 3 September at the Memorial Hall, West Auckland at 7pm - price is £5. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

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

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 14 September</b> <i>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Special Intention (A)</b>
<b>Sunday 15 September</b> <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Private Intention</b> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish</b>
<b>Monday 16 September</b>	<b>No Mass today</b> <b>10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</b> <b>1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 September</b>	<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Thursday 19 September</b>	<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Friday 20 September</b>	<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Saturday 21 September</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish</b>
<b>Sunday 22 September</b> <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Eileen Stockton</b> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Vasey, Hogg and Cruddace Families</b>

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## 24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**Thank you** - thank you all very much for the great welcome you gave me last weekend and since. So many people have gone out of their way to introduce themselves, offer to help in any way, and generally took the opportunity to extend a very warm welcome. And then the mountains of food at the welcome party on Monday evening – so much food that people visiting the foodbank on Tuesday would have a tremendous selection of sausage rolls, crisps, and cakes etc.

*I have managed to visit St Wilfrid's school and St Chad's, Witton Park during the week and I have also met the staff of St John's Comprehensive school.*

*While I have now arrived as your priest, I need, according to Canon Law, to have a formal induction. We are hoping this might be at 7pm on Thursday 10th October in St Mary's Church. This will be conducted by Fr Mark Millward, the Episcopal Vicar for Cleveland and South Durham, he is to lead this on behalf of Bishop Stephen Wright. I am still not too sure about parish events so I do hope this will not clash with any other activities!*

**David Coxon**

### 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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

### Confession Times

#### **St Mary's**

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

#### **St Wilfrid's**

**before Sunday Mass**