

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat and good quality bags for life. 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. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

**Our Holy Communion preparation sessions** are starting this weekend. This will mean attending a monthly Sunday morning session, from October to May. If you have a child who is in year 4 or above and they would like to join the preparation sessions, could you let Fr Dennis have your contact details and child's name as soon as possible.

**Copies of Bible Alive** are available at the back of church. I have ordered copies for those who signed for them. Please refer to the orange list, take your copy for £1.50 and leave the money in the Northern Cross box. There are a couple of spare copies for each church. Let me know if you want one. Thank you.

**CAFOD** - We are having a celebration of the Season of Creation by holding a Harvest Mass at St Mary's, this weekend, 14th/15th October. This is a great opportunity to show our talents in the home and garden. Share any fresh produce you may have grown or made with the parish, raise money for charity and most of all, give thanks and worship to our loving and generous God. Fruit, vegetables, jams, cakes etc. can be brought along before Mass. Any money raised to go to CAFOD.

ALSO - to celebrate the Harvest Weekend we would like to invite parishioners to decorate a windowsill with a 'Creative Harvest' theme. The Theme chosen by LAUDATO SI for this year is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', so this could generate an idea....Please put names on a list at the back of church (St. Mary's) if you would be willing to produce a display. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Bishopsgate Lodge** (next to St Wilfrid's) are inviting anyone who's on their own and would like a little company to afternoon tea on Friday 3rd November at 4.30pm. If you would like to go, please contact Michael Broadbent (01388 488569). It should be possible to arrange transport for anyone who needs it.

**Samaritans shoe box appeal** – please fill a shoe box for a needy child. Drop off point is The Well at West Auckland, by week commencing 13 November. Leaflets and further information at the back of church. Collection tins for donations in lieu/for transport costs available also. Many thanks.

**Social Quiz Night** – will be held on Thursday 26 October, doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. We are also planning a big CHRISTMAS QUIZ night with a bottle stall on 7 December. Please pencil the dates in your diary. Can we also ask if you have any spare bottles for the stall could you bring them to either St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Many thanks.

**First Steps – Exploring the Catholic Faith online** - Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God.

**Please pray for the health of:**

*Irene Welford  
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  
Senara Wilton  
Joan Vasey*



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

Sun	Isaiah 25: 6-10	Ps 22	Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20	Matthew 22: 1-14
Mon	Romans 1: 1-7	Ps 97	Luke 11: 29-32	
Tues	Romans 1: 16-25	Ps 18	Luke 11: 37-41	
Wed	2 Timothy 4: 10-17	Ps 144	Luke 10: 1-9	
Thurs	Romans 3: 21-30	Ps 129	Luke 11: 47-54	
Fri	Romans 4: 1-8	Ps 31	Luke 12: 1-7	
Sat	Romans 4: 13, 16-18	Ps 104	Luke 12: 9-12	
Sun	Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6	Ps 95	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5	Matthew 22: 15-21

Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>. First Steps online began on Wednesday 11 October at 7 pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.

**Cancer Support** — No one should have to face cancer alone. Team Solan Cancer Trust are available at Woodhouse Close Church Centre each Wednesday morning, providing a Drop-In session from 10.00 to 12.00. Their aim is to help improve the quality of life for those living with a cancer diagnosis or a cancer bereavement. It's a bespoke support service to adults and children who have been impacted by cancer. If you need support or further information please contact: admin@teamsolan.org.uk or telephone 01388 205294. You'll be welcome to call in to meet the team members during the Drop-In sessions each week.

**SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW**—Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. We have some raffle tickets.

**The Faith Museum** — is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It has opened now. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

**Lourdes Fundraising Quiz** - is taking place on **Friday 3 November at 6pm at St John's School**. The cost of the ticket is £5, which includes pie and peas. There will also be a licensed bar. All proceeds will go towards supporting our students attending our pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. Please see poster at the back of church.

**SVP200 Club** - The winning numbers for October are 55 and 177 - no winners for us!. Many thanks to all.

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 14 October</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Private Intention</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>For Lydia's health</i>
<b>Sunday 15 October</b> <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Ruth Suddes</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Monday 16 October</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 17 October</b> <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 18 October</b> <i>ST LUKE</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>For grandchildren</i>
<b>Thursday 19 October</b>	<b>10.50 am</b> St John's Year 7 Mass in St Mary's <b>5.30 pm</b> Parish Council Meeting
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	<b>8.15 am</b> Mass in St John's School Chapel <b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Saturday 21 October</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>Cec &amp; Frank Johnson</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> Vigil Mass: <i>World Peace</i>
<b>Sunday 22 October</b> <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am</b> Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am</b> Mass at St Mary's: <i>Margery Harrop</i>

**Quote:**

*"Every man and woman will in their life time stumble over opportunity. Unfortunately, most will simply pick themselves up and go on through life as if nothing ever happened"*  
- **Winston Churchill**

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# 28th SUNDAY of the YEAR

### *Praying for peace*

*Prayer enables us to stand back and see our fragmented world as a whole. It allows us to see the value and meaning of our own contribution. Instead of watching helplessly as each successive crisis crashes over the world, whipped to a frenzy by the media, we can share God's view of events and take counsel with him.*

*He has given us this world to explore, care for and enjoy. He has given us each other to belong together in families, friendships, communities and nations.*

*He hasn't made us just to be reduced to a number on a bank account or a line on a print out. Rather we take our place among his children - responsible stewards of his creation, tireless agents for peace, the tireless messengers of his love.*

- **Andrew Knowles**



**Confession Times**  
St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.