

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 14 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>	
Sunday 15 November <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Monday 16 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>No Mass</i>	
Tuesday 17 November <i>St Hilda of Whitby</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Denis Kelly</i>	
Wednesday 18 November	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 10.00 am Mass: <i>Peter Clarke</i>	
Thursday 19 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Mary and Jim Foster</i> 2.30 pm Funeral Service for JEFFREY KELLY at Wear Valley Crematorium	
Friday 20 November	10.00 am Mass: - <i>Wilf Teesdale &amp; Julia Mordue</i>	
Saturday 21 November <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention (B)</i>	
Sunday 22 November <i>CHRIST the KING</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

## Quote:

"Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy" - Isaac Newton

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

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Sunday, 15 November 2020

## THIRTY THIRDS SUNDAY of the YEAR

### Seeing Further

We give them back to thee, O God, who gavest them to us. Yet as thou didst not lose them in giving, so we do no lose them by their return. Not as the world giveth, givest thou, O lover of souls. What thou givest, thou takest not away, for what is thine is ours also if we are thine. And life is eternal and love is immortal, and death is only an horizon, and an horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to thyself that we may know ourselves to be nearer to our loved ones who are with thee. And while thou dost prepare a place for us, prepare us also for that happy place, that where thou art we may be also for evermore.

Amen

ANONYMOUS

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

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

### Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

**The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)** published its Report on the Catholic Church last week. It makes grim reading. The Report is 154 pages and can be accessed on [www.iicsa.org.uk.document.roman-catholic-church](http://www.iicsa.org.uk.document.roman-catholic-church). Or Bishops have issued the Statement included here. If anyone has any concerns please give me a ring. I'm happy to help anyone about these tragic and dreadful crimes committed by the Church people - especially priests and any failures to help victims and others who have suffered and continue to suffer.

**Advent Extra** Copies of the usual booklet to help you through Advent (which begins in 2 weeks) are now available, price £1.50. You'll find copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep at both churches.

**First Holy Communion** We were planning to celebrate Masses for this year's First Communion group during November since the scheduled celebrations in May were cancelled. Now we've had to postpone them again until after the turn of the year. The 2021 group will be started throughout schools. Anyone with youngsters of First Communion age and not at St Wilfrid's or St Chad's Schools, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Please pray for** Peter Clarke, brother of Maureen Nicholson. Peter has died aged 92. May he rest in peace. Please keep Maureen & family in your prayers. Thank you.

**Christmas Market** some of you may remember the Sisters from St Elizabeth Convent in Belarus who have visited us a couple of times with their handmade goods. They have established their first online Christmas Market which can be found at [catalog.obital-minsk.com/christmas-market](http://catalog.obital-minsk.com/christmas-market). They export all over the world. Have a look. Their goods are great quality. Thank you.

**Patience and Support** - with the new lockdown it's important we not only comply with the rules but do all we can to give encouragement and support to one another. Make phone/video contact, keep as positive as you are able and don't let this second time of further restrictions defeat your own strengths or humour. If this world and local crisis doesn't have a place in your prayers, now's the time to bring it into your conversations with the Lord. Thanks.

**New Covid arrangements**

- We are not able to have Mass with a congregation during this current second lockdown
- We can and will open St Mary's for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1.00pm. Masks are required.
- We will be streaming Mass daily, except for Mondays, at 10 am (access via St Mary's, Bishop Auckland, You Tube).
- Funeral services can go ahead with 30 people in church and or at the Crematorium or graveside. Any additional

**Please pray for the health of:**

*Betty Shoulder  
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  
Jack Tobin  
Jacob Thomas  
Charlotte Thomas  
Sheila Campbell  
John Boyle  
Teresa Brown  
Joan Hannon  
Christina Marsh (3)  
Ian & Kathy Lloyd  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Wilf Teesdale*

*Please pray for  
JEFFREY KELLY (65)  
And  
ERIC WALSH (88)  
who have died.  
May they rest in peace*



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

Sun	Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31	Ps 127	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6	Matthew 25:14-30
Mon	Apocalypse 1:1-4, 2:1-5	Ps 1	Luke 18: 34-43	
Tues	Ephesians 3:14-19	Ps 130	Matthew 6:31-34	
Wed	Apocalypse 4:1-11	Ps 150	Luke 19: 11-28	
Thurs	Apocalypse 5:1-10	Ps 149	Luke 19:41-44	
Fri	Apocalypse 10:8-11	Ps 118	Luke 19:45-48	
Sat	Apocalypse 11:4-12	Ps 143	Luke 20:27-40	
Sun	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17	Ps 22	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28	Matthew 25:31-46

attendees at funerals will sadly need to remain outside.

**Northern Cross** has produced a PRINTED edition for this month. Copies at £1.50 are available from the box on the presbytery doorstep. It's smaller in size but we'll get back to the larger copies when we can get enough subscribers. Please help us to increase our readership. Thanks.

**The Foodbank** - needs you. Big thanks for what you donate and for money donations. **Items needed are sugar, jam, potatoes-tinned or packet, rice pudding, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shower gel.** At the moment we have plenty of pasta, beans and soup & we now have lots of carrier bags - a sign of your generosity. Lets see what we can do to help. **New opening hours Mon-Thurs 10 - 5 & Fri, 9 - 1.**

**Parish Finances** - please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

**Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer** - any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies of Standing Order forms in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

**Thinking of becoming a Catholic?** If you are new to the Catholic faith and would like to know more, you are invited to join a weekly online programme arranged by the Diocese. It's called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and registration is now open - Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm. The hour long online meetings will enable you to meet others who are also beginning the programme. You can also get in touch, please with Father Dennis. To register or find out more, email: [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk). Thanks.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** - is a free online course of 8 sessions on Monday evenings 7.30 to 8.30pm on 16 and 23rd November 2020 and 1, 8, 15 and 22nd February 2021. To register or for more information email the address above.

Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.

**THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE**