

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 15 January	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Bridie Clinton
Sunday 16 January <i>2nd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: People of the parish 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Frank Carney
Monday 17 January <i>St Anthony (Abbot)</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11 am - 1 pm St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 18 January	No Mass
Wednesday 19 January	10.00 am Mass: Eric Walsh 5.00 pm Parish Council
Thursday 20 January	No Mass 10.00 am at Bishop Auckland Methodist church - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Friday 21 January <i>St Agnes</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School 10.00 am Mass: Madeleine, Tony and Dominic Ottewell
Saturday 22 January	10.00 am Mass: Fr Kevin Daly 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Deceased of the Tucker and Kellett Family
Sunday 23 January <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish

Quote:

"Everything will be all right in the end. If it's not all right, it is not yet the end".

- The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

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SECOND SUNDAY of the YEAR

LOVE AFTER LOVE

*The time will come when, with elation,
you will greet yourself arriving at your own door,
in your own mirror, and each will smile at the other's
welcome, and say, sit here. Eat.*

*You will love again the stranger who was your self.
Give wine. Give bread. Give back your heart to itself,
to the stranger who has loved you all your life, whom
ignored for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the bookshelf, the
photographs, the desperate notes, peel your own image
from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.*

- Derek Walcott

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - As always this is held 18-25th January but because of Covid here in the County and in our area, there are no daily services arranged and only one service to be held this year on **Thursday 20 January at 10 am** at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church. You are welcome to attend with me. The service will be recorded and placed on YouTube and can be listened to on Bishop FM radio on the following Sunday after the 11 am news. There will be no Mass on Thursday. Please keep this important cause in your prayers.

Would you like to change the world? If you're recycling, cutting back on waste, avoiding excess and not spending on unnecessary clothing and other goods, then you're changing the world. If you pick up litter, use less water and use water wisely, if you avoid plastic and re-use shopping bags, switch lights off when not needed and walk short distances rather than drive, you're protecting the Earth - God's gift entrusted to us. Please do something rather than nothing to reduce your and our carbon footprint. And thank you many times over.

Care of Our Common home - Support our bird friends - bags of wild bird seed are available at the back of church to take to feed the birds over this winter. The RSPB survey of birds takes place between 28 and 30 January. Could we encourage everyone to consider taking part? This means counting the birds that come into your garden or backyard for an hour and reporting to the RSPB on line via rspb.org.uk.

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.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dowson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
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
Brian Gilpatrick*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 62: 1-5	Ps 95	1 Corinthians 12: 4-11	John 2: 1-11
Mon	1 Samuel 15: 16-23	Ps 49	Mark 2: 18-22	
Tues	1 Samuel 16: 1-13	Ps 88	Mark 2: 23-28	
Wed	1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51	Ps 143	Mark 3: 1-6	
Thurs	1 Samuel 18: 6-9, 19: 1-7	Ps 55	Mark 3: 7-12	
Fri	1 Samuel 24: 3-21	Ps 56	Mark 3: 13-19	
Sat	2 Samuel 1: 1-4, 11-12, 17, 19, 23-27	Ps 79	Mark 3: 20-21	
Sun	Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10	Ps 18	1 Corinthians 12: 12-30	Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21

The Foodbank now has an urgent need for food of all kinds mainly packet mashed potatoes, packet or tinned custard, jam, pasta sauce, shampoo, toothbrushes and for help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs. In this winter weather anything you can do to help people with food, heating and lighting is a most practical way of showing love and humanity.

You may never have been in critical need, or you may have been helped by someone at a difficult time. As followers of our God who came to us at this time and didn't ask but commanded us to love one another, we can't just do nothing. I thank God for our generous people. Please help now to help some of our neighbours. We do have plenty of tinned beans, spaghetti, soup, dried pasta and biscuits. Help us make a nutritious balance in the food we give. Thank you.

The Foodbank and crisis work done jointly by ourselves and Woodhouse Close Church Centre are saying a big thank you to all who have supported this work by giving in food and other necessities and money to help with gas and electricity emergencies. You have donated over £9000 this last year. It's hugely appreciated.

Few will be aware of the volume of work done by our foodbank team. In order to give needed help to those who come to us, great thought and a lot of organising, packing and distributing has to happen. Their work with the goods and money you provide is invaluable. Their time, skill and practical humanity is a real ministry among us.

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