

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 15 February	9.30 am - Mass - <i>People of parish</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Frank Carney</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 16 February <i>6th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Audrey Hartley</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>John & Margaret Kell & Terry & Brigid Nevin</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary
Monday 17 February	9.30 am - No Eucharistic Service 8.30 am - No Mass 1.00 pm - Craft Group 7.00 pm - Social Committee	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary St Wilfrid
Tuesday 18 February	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Bill Cranney</i> 7.00 pm - Prayer Group and Adoration	St Mary St Wilfrid St Wilfrid
Wednesday 19 February	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>The Ottewell Family</i> 2.30 pm - Pilates	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Thursday 20 February	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass - <i>People of the parish</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 21 February	7.00 pm - Thanksgiving for 50 years of priesthood	St Mary
Saturday 22 February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE	9.30 am - Mass - <i>Thanksgiving</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 23 February <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Dominic and Annie Rea</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £450.54
Thank you.

Quote:

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need"
- Cicero (44BC)

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £178.04
Thank you.

In addition to the church collections above, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 16 February 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

A HOST OF DANCING THINGS

Lord God we bless you whose Spirit brings a host of dancing things of insects in the sun of children at play, of the eyes of lovers in their meeting, of waterfalls and wind-relishing trees, of the ballet on stage and on the football field. We bless you for your delight in the world and in all living things which inhabit it - which teaches us to delight in it too and to join the dancing in heaven which draws the earth into a rhapsody of response: a sharing of joy fortelling the Kingdom.

We bless you who meet us, affirm and renew us at every point of life, in pain as in pleasure. You have called us by name, and made us your own so that passing through the waters of grief and suffering we find you at our side, no distant God, but one who is afflicted in our affliction; whose presence with us saves us.

We bless you, our God, who never leaves us nor forsakes us. We lift up the praise of the whole creation to you, who have shown, in the life of Jesus Christ, to be sharer of our joys, a very present help in trouble. Blessing and honour and glory and power be ascribed to you, their source, for ever and ever. Amen

- Ian M Fraser

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Eucharistic Prayer
will usually be:
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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday morning
Masses by request and any
other time by simple
arrangement

Our Local Foodbank - Many thanks for your continuing support. We had an overwhelming amount of donations over the Christmas period. However, the continuing requests for help have seen some of the supplies become very depleted. We are now in need of tinned meat, dried rice, tinned or packets of custard, dried soup and long life milk. We have large supplies of tinned beans, soup and tuna so do not need these specific items at present. We would be truly grateful for any help you could give no matter how small. The need for assistance is local and very real. Our continued thanks to you all.

The God who speaks - God comes to us in the Mass, in our Communion, in the teaching we hear at Mass and in the Scripture readings. The Mass readings are vital. God speaks to us through them. The reader says 'The Word of the Lord' at the end of a reading. You and I need to become better and more attentive listeners. Always. If Jesus stood in front of you and spoke to you, you'd listen. The good news is that he does that in the Mass readings. Start today to listen carefully.

Calling all singers - we really need to have some extra members of our choirs at St Mary's and St Wilfrid's. Please don't be shy. Your contribution to the singing will be a great support for others. Do have a word. Thanks.

50 years a priest - Fr. Dennis' Golden Jubilee is a great occasion and we'll be joining him in celebrating it with a Mass at St. Mary's on Friday 21st February at 7.00pm followed by a shared supper at St. John's School. Contributions to the supper will be welcomed as we expect a big turn-out - please indicate on the list at the back of either church what you can offer, and bring it to St. Mary's between 3pm and 5pm that afternoon. Thank you!

Church Cleaning at St Mary's will take place after morning Mass on Wednesday 19 February.

Woodhouse Close Crisis Project are in urgent need of curtains, towels and bedding. If you are able to help, donations can be dropped off either at Woodhouse Close Church or at St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Thank you.

Picture Trail - You'll need to act fast on this one - it ends next Sunday and we've only this week discovered it. One of our area's great artists, Norman Cornish from

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
Kate Johnson
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Joan Banks

Please pray for
AUDREY HARTLEY (83)
who has died.
May she rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20	Ps 118	1 Corinthians 2: 6-10	Matthew 5: 17-37
Mon	James 1:1-11	Ps 118	Mark 8: 11-13	
Tues	James 1: 12-18	Ps 93	Mark 8: 14-21	
Wed	James 1: 19-27	Ps 14	Mark 8: 22-26	
Thurs	James 2: 1-9	Ps 33	Mark 8: 27-33	
Fri	James 2: 14-24,26	Ps 111	Luke 8: 341-9:1	
Sat	1 Peter 5: 1-4	Ps 22	Matthew 16: 13-1	
Sun	Levitiars 19:1-2,17-18	Ps 102	1 Corinthians 3: 16-23	Matthew 5: 38-48

Spennymoor, has an exhibition in the Bowes Museum. There's a competition to find 8 replica images of Norman's paintings in secret locations - 2 each in Evenwood, Woodland, Butterknowle and Cockfield. Pick up a leaflet at the back of church today.

Film - If you saw Ken Loach's excellent film 'I, Daniel Blake', his next film 'Sorry we missed you' is showing at Woodhouse Close Church on Friday 28 February at 7pm. It's about a family in debt, trying to hold things together. The film is being shown for free. You'll be very welcome.

First Holy Communion - our young children making their first Holy Communion are now well on in their preparations. But there may be some older youngsters (10 years old or more) who have missed out in earlier years. We'd like to hear about them and make alternative arrangements. If you are aware of anyone, please ask a family member to get in touch with Fr Dennis as soon as possible. Thank you.

Lent begins a week on Wednesday. The Lent Extra booklet is now available at the back of church for the giveaway price of only £1.50. Do get yours to help you through Lent. When they're gone they're gone.

St Wilfrid's church - is in the process of being smartened up by a loyal band of parishioners - scraping flaking paintwork, filling damaged plaster and making good. Big thanks for their careful work. If you'd like to help, please contact Les Vollans or Bob Crosby. Thank you.

We seek your blessing upon all who are oppressed or depressed, upon all whose lives are filled with sorrow or pain. We remember those who are battling with a long term illness and those who feel they are losing mobility or agility. We remember in your presence all who are struggling at this time.

Lord we bring before you all whose lives are fragmented; people who are broken in body, mind or spirit. We remember all who feel shattered and exhausted, all who long for your healing touch. We pray for all who seek hope and peace, that they may come to you and rest in your presence.