

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 15 April</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Paddy McMahon</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Health of Lorraine Brown</i>
<b>Sunday 16 April</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>Ida Herbert</i>
<b>Monday 17 April</b>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i>
<b>Tuesday 18 April</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>John Watson Harrop</i> 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
<b>Wednesday 19 April</b>	No Mass at <b>St Mary's</b> 10.00 am Mass at <i>Our Lady &amp; St Thomas, Willington</i>
<b>Thursday 20 April</b>	No Mass 9.30 am <b>Funeral Service for Baby PATRICK SHAUN HENDERSON at Wear Valley Crematorium</b>
<b>Friday 21 April</b>	8.15 am Mass in <i>St John's School chapel</i> 10.00 am Mass: <i>Gratitude</i>
<b>Saturday 22 April</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>1st Communion Mass (1)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 23 April</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>Mary Curry's recovery</i> 11.00 am Mass <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>50th Wedding Anniversary Mass</i>

**Quote:**

*Doctor: 'I haven't seen you here for a long time'.  
Patient: 'No. I've been ill'.*

*- Source unknown*

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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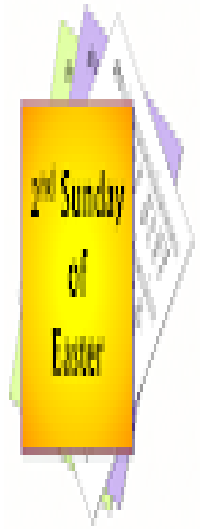
# 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Ten Reasons Believers don't Pray

1. They weren't taught
2. They consider prayer as something reserved for holy people, not them
3. They've been told they're praying 'wrong'
4. They're turned off by religion and therefore turned off by prayer
5. They've never been encouraged to think about what they already do as prayer
6. They've had 'bad' experiences with prayer and feel they have failed at it
7. They don't see the point, since God knows what they're thinking
8. They're too busy
9. They're lazy
10. They fear change

For all these reasons, and for others, some believers don't try prayer, or they pray less than they could, or they give up on prayer after they've started. All these reasons are understandable. But they are also, in their own way, dangerous, because they all draw people away from God.

**- Fr James Martin**



### Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**First Holy Communion Masses:** On Saturday we have the first of three First Holy Communion Masses at 10.30am at St Mary's. The other Masses will be on Saturday 13th May and Saturday 20th May.

Please pray for our young people who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion for the last 5 months. We need to also support their families in their continuing appreciation of their journey of faith. Your prayers can make a difference. Thank you.

**An invitation** Bishop Auckland warmly invites you to join a PRAYER WALK OR DRIVE AROUND BISHOP AUCKLAND (inc. ST HELEN'S & WEST AUCKLAND) THIS ROGATIONTIDE – that is SUNDAY 14th MAY. Christians from all the town's churches are invited to recreate the ancient Rogationtide tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' of a place to pray for God's blessing to come down on it. Those walking will split into two groups, one walking clockwise and the other anticlockwise, for about six miles each, starting from The Batts and ending together at Broom Mill Farm. For a shorter walk, you can join one group at Bracks Farm. A third group will follow our prayer route for drivers around the town. Ideally it would be good if you can let us know in advance if you're going to participate. Contact Catherine Knights: email wegoutoftheboat@gmail.com or phone 07434 833888. Please say if you will be driving or walking and at what point in the route you hope to join us. Our aim is to provide lifts back to the start point as we finish. But you can simply join us on the day itself. Remember to wear appropriate footwear, especially if wet.

12noon: Bring a picnic to The Batts car park.

12.30pm: Most participants start at The Batts car park – 6 miles walking/12 miles driving.

1.30pm: Or you can join one group at the Bracks Farm Auckland Way car park - 3.5 miles walking.

3-3.30pm: We end together at Broom Mill Farm, where refreshments can be purchased

**St Wilfrid's Church** will be re-decorated soon after lots of good work done pre-covid to prepare the walls, thanks to our dedicated band of grafters who put their time and energies into a very physical task to get us to this stage. We are also in discussions about adaptations and future use of the presbytery. Watch this space.

**New parishioners** grace our community. After Easter we'll hold a hospitality evening for all who have joined our worshipping community in the last few years. It's always a joy to see new faces amongst our regulars and we hope more will get to know our newer parishioners in the months ahead. New people and visitors may well have messages and suggestions to make to us that improve our ways and community life.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Tyler Quinn  
Norah Hutchinson  
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  
Alan Harrison  
Eileen Kelly*

**Please pray for Baby  
PATRICK SHAUN  
HENDERSON  
who has died - and  
for his family.  
May peace be theirs  
now and always.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 117	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31
Mon	Acts 4: 14, 23-31	Ps 21	John 3: 1-8	
Tues	Acts 4: 32-37	Ps 91	John 3: 7-15	
Wed	Acts 5: 17-26	Ps 33	John 3: 16-21	
Thurs	Acts 5: 27-33	Ps 33	John 3: 31-36	
Fri	Acts 5: 34-42	Ps 26	John 6: 1-15	
Sat	Acts 6: 1-7	Ps 32	John 6: 16-21	
Sun	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Ps 15	Luke 24: 13-35	

**As the year moves on** could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

**Cost of living** - There's shocking new research about Bishop Auckland. Funded by the 38 Degrees community, it reveals how the cost of living crisis is affecting every single constituency in Britain - including ours. From missing rent payments to being unable to afford heating, it tells a bleak story. **Here's how people are struggling in Bishop Auckland: 36% couldn't afford to turn the heating on when cold in the past month, 17% missed a rent payment in the last six months, 31% are worried about having to use a food bank in the next year and 44% of people's mental health has worsened due to the cost of living crisis. This is us. We must continue to help.**

**Turkey-Syria Earthquake** - This tragedy adds to an already desperate crisis. If you would like to donate, we'll send on any funds in your name to help with emergency food, water, shelter and winter kits such as blankets and heating materials. Thank you.

**The Journey of Faith** - many people do not join the Church because no one ever asks them. Is there anyone in your family or acquaintances to whom you might raise a question about whether they may be interested in learning more about faith, about God, about the Church? You could be a great help in making an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to enter and initiate a journey of faith in an individual's life. I'm always happy to help and to answer any questions.

**The Big Cafod Walk** - This year Cafod has set the Lent challenge of a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables and tinned tomatoes. 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 heating 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. Thank you.