

**Father Dennis' Retirement** - As we all know by now, Fr Dennis will be retiring this summer. A farewell gathering has been arranged for **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, beginning with Mass at St Mary's at 6.30 pm and continuing in St John's School. If you will be coming, please sign the list at the back of the church - if you are able to contribute some food, there is another list where you can say what you can offer. Let's show our appreciation of all Fr Dennis has done for us! Thanks!

**Laudato Si** - A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed our annual environmental survey. We had a good response this year. Thank you to Tom Bowman who has again collated the results and put them into a display which will be available shortly in both churches. If anyone has any comments they would like to give us, we would be very happy to receive alongside any suggestions for ways we can help with care of our environment.

Plant Swap - this was part of the Laudato Si week in May. Thanks to all who took part in bringing and exchanging plants.

Care of Creation will be celebrated in September and we are hoping to have a parish event of displays. Anyone interested would be most welcome to get involved, more information to follow.

**Bible Alive** - June copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

**Bishop's House Address** - as From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June the new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor will be:

**Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle. NE12 8AD.** There is no change to the telephone number and email addresses.

**Pope Francis** recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

**Little Sisters of the Poor** - Used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families help the Sisters and residents of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.

**SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND** - all are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** from 10.00am. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen will take place at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or Tel. 01207 592244.

Please pray for the health of:

*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  
John Green  
Lynette Stott  
Patrick Fogarty*

**Please pray for  
ARTHUR HOLMES  
(92) and  
IRENE WELFORD  
(91)  
who have died.  
May they rest in  
peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ezekiel 17: 22-24	Ps 91	2 Corinthians 5: 6-10	Mark 4: 26-34
Mon	1 Kings 21: 1-16	Ps 5	Matthew 5: 38-42	
Tues	1 Kings 21: 17-29	Ps 50	Matthew 5: 43-48	
Wed	2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14	Ps 30	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18	
Thurs	Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-14	Ps 96	Matthew 6: 7-15	
Fri	2 Kings 11: 14, 9-18, 20	Ps 131	Matthew 6: 19-23	
Sat	2 Maccabees 6: 18, 21, 24-31	Ps 30	Matthew 24: 4-13	
Sun	Job 38: 1, 8-11	Ps 106	2 Corinthians 5: 14-17	Mark 4: 35-41

**The Foodbank** - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, dry rice and UHT milk. 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.

**World Peace** - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

**Pope Francis'** brilliant document on caring for creation (Laudato Si) is now 8 years old! Not enough has happened over this time so he has written a further document called Laudate Deum (meaning 'Praise God') about the climate crisis. We have some copies at £4.95 at the back of church.

**HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP** - has a limited number of places available on weeks 3, 5 and 7 for children in school years 5-7. A week's holiday costs £150 for food, accommodation, activities and transport by coach from Tyneside. There are still some assisted and free places. The holiday is a traditional one with lots of fun, sports, craft activities and excitement. For further details please visit <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>

**Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2024-2025** - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2024-2025 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>. If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email [education@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:education@diocesehn.org.uk)

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 15 June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> Vigil Mass: <i>Bobby Johnson</i>
<b>Sunday 16 June</b> <i>11th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am</b> Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>Private Intention</i> <b>11.00 am</b> Family Mass at <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>Tony Murphy's Intentions</i>
<b>Monday 17 June</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 18 June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>Madeleine, Tony and Dominic Ottewell</i>
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	<b>No_Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 20 June</b> <i>St Alban</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>Living and deceased members of the Jordan Family</i>
<b>Friday 21 June</b> <i>St Aloysius</i>	<b>8.15 am</b> Mass in St John's School Chapel <b>10.00 am</b> : <i>Audrey Hartley</i>
<b>Saturday 22 June</b> <i>SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE</i>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>Personal Intention</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> Vigil Mass: <i>Ellen and Denis Jackson</i>
<b>Sunday 23 June</b> <i>12th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am</b> Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>11.00 am</b> Family Mass at <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>People of the parish</i>

## Quotation

*"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great"*

**- Mark Twain**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **16 June, 2024**

# 11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## God's Love

*The ebbing and flowing of the tide is a continuing phenomenon. Each day the tide comes in and draws out. It is the same with the divine tide. The Father has not simply poured his graces into the hearts of people on an isolated occasion in the past; he continues to do so in the life situation of each person. The divine love floods the universe. Each situation is graced, a sacrament in which the divine is present, open to us, reaching out in love. This ever-present divine love draws us to itself within each situation. The love of the lover draws the beloved to a love of which he alone is not capable.*

*There are two attitudes with which we can confront this overwhelming truth. We can be like the beach over which the tide flows and ebbs. It is open and unresisting; it receives and it gives; it lets its mood be determined by the tide. On the other hand we could be like the rocks on which the same tide runs but which are hard and stand fast, resisting - even fighting - the tide and refusing to be affected by it. We must imitate the openness and unresisting character of the beach, for it is only then that the divine power within the Father's approach is able to draw us to him.*

**- David Walker**

## Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Jeannie Hardy for St Mary's and Fiona Ottewell for St Wilfrid's or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at [safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

## Confession Times

### **St Mary's**

**Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.**

### **St Wilfrid's**

**before Sunday Mass**