

Fr Tony Cornforth (01325 313611) will be conducting funerals during my holiday and attending to any emergencies. I'm very grateful. Grateful also to Frs Gordon Ryan and Paul Tully for celebrating our weekend Masses for us.

Marie Curie Group - are holding a Garden Tea Party on Sunday 30 July at Woodside House, Witton Park from 1pm to 5pm. Admission £5. See poster at back of church.

The Family Contact Centre provides contact with children for separated parents/grand parents. It takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers only attend for 8 Saturdays across the year. This takes place at the Methodist Church Hall. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Joanne Walton on 07887 954943.

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!

The Big Cafod Walk - This year Cafod has set the 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.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
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
Patrick Fogarty*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Ps 64	Romans 8: 18-23	Matthew 13: 1-23
Mon:	Exodus 1: 8-14, 22	Ps 123	Matthew 10: 34-11:1	
Tues	Exodus 2: 1-15	Ps 68	Matthew 11: 20-24	
Wed	Exodus 3: 1-6, 9-12	Ps 102	Matthew 11: 25-27	
Thurs	Exodus 3: 13-20	Ps 104	Matthew 11: 28-30	
Fri	Exodus 11: 10-12:14	Ps 115	Matthew 12: 1-8	
Sat	Exodus 12: 37-42	Ps 135	John 20: 1-2, 11-18	
Sun	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19	Ps 85	Romans 8: 26-27	Matthew 13: 24-43

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, pasta sauce and tinned fruit. 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. Thank you.

SVP Summer Raffle - tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle are now on sale. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. Prizes are £5,000, £1000 and 15 prizes of £100, so plenty to be won. Ann Carney will be dealing with this at St Mary's. We hope to have some books to sell at St Wilfrid's. This to be arranged.

SVP200 - July draw - winning numbers 64 and 20. Sorry no winners for our Parish this month. Many thanks for your support.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 15 July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 16 July <i>15th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i> 11.00 am (Family Mass) Mass St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 17 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>St Wilfrid's School Mass in St Mary's</i> 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i>
Tuesday 18 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Retirement blessings</i> 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i> 5.30 pm <i>Spirituality Group</i>
Wednesday 19 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>For our new Bishop Stephen</i> 1.00 pm <i>Installation of Bishop Stephen Wright as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle in St Mary's Cathedral</i>
Thursday 20 July	8.15 am Mass in St John's School chapel 10.00 am Mass in Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington 5.30 pm <i>Finance Committee</i>
Friday 21 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Eileen Minnikin</i>
Saturday 22 July ST MARY MAGDALEN	10.00 am Mass: <i>Dominic and Tony Ottewell</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 23 July <i>16th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Margaret Jane McIntyre</i> 11.00 am Mass (Family Mass) at St Mary's: <i>Holy Souls</i>

Quote:

"The time to begin most things is ten years ago".
- Mignon McLaughlin

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15th SUNDAY of the YEAR

FOR SOLITUDE

May you recognize in your life the presence, power and light of your soul.

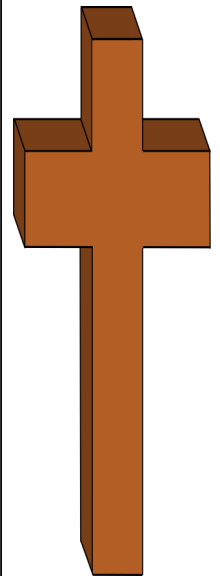
May you realise that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.

May you have respect for your individuality and difference.

May you realise that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the façade of your life there is something beautiful and eternal happening.

May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride and expectation with which God sees you in every moment.

- John O'Donohue



Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.