

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 15 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Mass: <i>Elaine Miller</i>	
Sunday 16 August ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY	10.00 am Mass: <i>Chris Bartley</i>	
Monday 17 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joe and Ann Tindall</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 18 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>The health of Michael Alder</i>	
Wednesday 19 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>Thanksgiving for a Special Intention</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 20 August <i>St Oswin</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Wilf Teesdale and Julia Mordue</i>	
Friday 21 August DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 22 August <i>Our Lady Queen</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 5.30 pm Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Sunday 23 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"If everything is under control, you're not going fast enough"

- **Mario Andretti,**
racing driver

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

In addition to the church collections, we also now receive on average £883 per month from standing orders. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 16 August 2020

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

The Difference

*I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish and I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me and heavier came each task.*

'Why doesn't God help me? I wondered. He answered, 'You didn't ask'.

I wanted to see joy and beauty but the day toiled on, grey and bleak, I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, 'But you didn't seek'.

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock.

*God gently and lovingly chided, 'My child, you didn't knock'.
I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day.*

I had so much to accomplish and I had to take time to pray.

- source unknown

Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts will be available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

Cafod's work in Lebanon - Local Caritas staff and volunteers are on site in Beirut working in hospitals and assisting the injured. Throughout the coronavirus pandemic they have been continuing to provide food, shelter, water and medical supplies to refugees and their host communities. Through female led co-operatives they also work to promote social cohesion and greater understanding. Please donate at St Mary's where gift aid forms will be available. Thank you

Emails please - to bring us into the 21st century we would appreciate having email addresses and phone numbers of our parishioners. Sometimes it involves considerable time and work to find people when needed. Would everyone be good enough please to email us at office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk so that we have your details. This information will be kept safe and secure in accordance with GDPR requirements. Many thanks. We can email you the bulletin and Partnership Note and other information each week.

Church opening - where we are

- As of now, facemasks are required in church
- We are open at St Mary's on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1pm for private prayer
- We have been streaming Mass daily on Facebook at 10am
- From Sunday 2nd August and onwards our 10am streamed Mass will no longer be on Facebook but on YouTube. To access this, go to St Marys Bishop Auckland YouTube or [HTTP://bit.ly/StMaryYouTube](http://bit.ly/StMaryYouTube)
- Mass with a congregation will currently only take place on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and booking in advance with a contact number is essential. Places are limited to 50 with social distancing. **Please book in for each time**
- Arrangements can now be made to use St Mary's for funerals, baptisms and weddings, limited to 30 people. Contact should be made with Fr Dennis as a first requirement

Drive-in church services - join me this Sunday and the Sundays of August, for drive-in services at 3pm in North Bondgate car park. There's space for 70 cars and the services will be led from a 45 foot trailer. You stay in your car and open a window. You need to book a place on www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bishop-auckland-drive-in-church or access this via Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian churches website (BAFCC). There is no charge. A good initiative since many churches have been closed for months.

The Foodbank - has been increasingly busy over the last few months and as work prospects change, we foresee greater demand when redundancies become more likely. If you can help at all, we'd love your support. **At present the Foodbank would be helped by corned beef, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and any other nutritious foodstuffs you are able to offer.** Donations of money have been generous and we hope that will continue. Bringing the actual goods is a direct help as it saves a further task of someone having to go and source the items needed. Thank you in advance.

Help needed - I'd be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to be part of some new groups. **I've had only one Volunteer so far.**

- A Care Group, including the work of the SVP, of individuals who'll keep in touch with vulnerable people. Thank you.
- A Communications Group - anyone to help with the ways we can improve parish contacts and communications. Any techies would be very welcome. Please get in touch. Thank you.

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
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Ian & Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale
Jim Arthurs*

Please pray for CLARE BOWES (95) who has died. May She rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10	Ps 44	1 Corinthians 15:20-26	Luke 1: 39-56
Mon	Ezekiel 24: 15-24	Deuteronomy 32: 18-21	Matthew 19: 16-22	
Tues	Ezekiel 28: 1-10	Deuteronomy 32: 26-36	Matthew 19: 23-30	
Wed	Ezekiel 34: 1-11	Ps 22	Matthew 20: 1-16	
Thurs	Ezekiel 36: 23-28	Ps 50	Matthew 18: 21-19:1	
Fri	1 Kings 8: 22-23,27-30	Ps 83	Ephesians 2: 19-22	John 4: 19-24
Sat	Ezekiel 43: 1-7	Ps 84	Matthew 23: 1-12	
Sun	Isaiah 22: 19-23	Ps 137	Romans 11: 33-36	Matthew 16: 13-20

Talk to us - please let Fr Dennis know if anyone is ill at home, is in hospital or is housebound. Please tell us if you know that a person would appreciate receiving Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Often the first I hear of a parishioner having died is through a call from a funeral director. The spiritual comfort of the simple Last Rites can be a visible and peaceful help to those who are terminally ill. Your help would be a great help to them. Do let us know. We cant do anything about something we don't know about. Don't assume that 'someone' will have told us. The 'someone' may well need to be you. Thank you.

Parish finances - Please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

Huge thanks to everyone continuing to hand in their weekly envelopes. Many have chosen to change their weekly donations to a standing order with their bank. This has meant that over recent months our income from standing orders has increased from £420 to £883 - a wonderful and reliable help. Thank you all.

Our parish income for April/May/June this year saw a drop of 37% or £6500 over the same quarter in 2019. Costs were similar to 2019 but included CCTV installation at St Wilfrid's and St Mary's sites costing £3100. This resulted in a deficit of £7000 in this period.

We have recently drawn up a budget forecast for the full year - not an easy task. This looks at a gradual return to attendances at Masses and small increases in income. We're forecasting cost reductions in some areas but will incur additional costs for streaming equipment. The result is a forecast deficit of £16,200. please do what you can to keep up your parish contributions. Thank you all very much indeed.

Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer - Any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See either Fr. Dennis or John Stockton for the necessary bank form.

Loss of Weekly Offerings Envelopes - Some parishioners may not have received their boxes of envelopes for the new Tax year starting in April. See John Stockton (St Wilfrid's) or Tony Murphy (St Mary's) or Fr. Dennis. This applies to all, not just those who gift aid.

Northern Cross - is struggling from no back of church sales. This will last for some time but our funds are very limited. It's a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a year's online subscription or postal subscription by bank transfer to **A/C Number 81602292 sort code 40-43-11** using your surname and postcode as a reference (eg Tindall DL14 6PQ). An online standing order would be a lifesaver for us. Please check out the blue form with your bulletin. Thanks.

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