

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 16 March	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>John & Paul John Searle and Susan King</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 17 March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Cecilia Pham Thi Hong</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Patsy Hathaway</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 18 March	8.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 1.00 pm - Craft Group	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Tuesday 19 March ST JOSEPH	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 7.00 pm - Mass: <i>Sick Person</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Wednesday 20 March <i>St Cuthbert</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 1.30 pm - Funeral Service for KATHLEEN MARTIN at Wear Valley Crematorium 7.00 pm - Quiz Night	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Thursday 21 March	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 22 March	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Stephen Ottewell and Family</i>	St Mary
Saturday 23 March	8.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 10.30 am - Day of Reflection at St John's School 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary
Sunday 24 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Agnes and Lenny strong</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £511.58
Thank you.

Quote:

"The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off" - Abe Lemons

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £210.95
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, 17 March 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

How well, deeply, permanently and passionately do you know this?

Dear Child of God, in our world it is often hard to remember that God loves you just as you are. God loves you not because you are good. No, God loves you, period. God loves us not because we are lovable. No, we are lovable precisely because God loves us. It is marvellous when you come to understand that you are accepted for who you are, apart from any achievement. It is so liberating.

We too often feel that God's love for us is conditional like our love is for others. We have made God in our image rather than seeing ourselves in God's image. We have belittled God's love and turned our lives into an endless attempt to prove our worth. Ours is a culture of achievement, and we carry over these attitudes to our relationship with God. We work ourselves to a frazzle trying to impress everyone including God. We try to earn God's approval and acceptance. We cannot believe that our relationship with God, our standing before God, has got nothing to do with our performance, our works.

Someone has said, "There is nothing you can do to make God love you more, for God already loves you perfectly and totally." But more wonderfully, there is nothing you can do to make God love you less - absolutely nothing, for God already loves you and will love you forever.

- Desmond Tutu

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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

Food Bank - Many thanks again for your amazing donations of both food and money to the Crisis Fund this makes an enormous difference to local people. We do need cook-in sauces, packet/tinned potatoes, tinned fruit and tuna. We always have a constant need for all the other items noted on the lists, which are displayed on the wall at the back of church. Once again our grateful thanks to you all, we could not do this without the support of our local churches.

Do you like kids? - St Mary's is looking for a team of catechists - they're the folks we rely on to head up our children's liturgy on a Sunday and who have the wonderful work of preparing our children for First Holy Communion and Confession each year. Some of our present team have been working for us for over 20 years and are ready to initiate you into what we need and how to do it. Where do such wonderful people come from? From concerned people like you who want the best for our children's journey of faith. Just have a word please with Fr Dennis. Thank you.

Day of Recollection - you'll catch the info on the Partnership Note about a helpful Day of Recollection at St John's School on Saturday 23 March for ourselves and our local parishes. We'll need an idea of numbers attending so we'd be grateful if you'd indicate that you're coming by signing the orange sheet at the back of church. If 3 others are coming with you, just add "3". Thanks.

The Durham Singers - the Durham Singers' next concert is in Durham Cathedral on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm. The programme will be songs by Vaughan Williams, Howells' Requiem and works by Thomas Tallis including the fabulous motet for 40 parts 'Spem in Alium'. Tickets are £13 or £10 each from Heather Smith (07799 492290).

Do you like singing? - why not join our choir at St Mary's or St Wilfrid's? Have a word with any choir member, with Sophie at St Mary's or Fr Dennis. You do not have to read music!

Services for Bishop Robert's Installation (all held at St Mary's Cathedral) -

Sunday 24 March at 4.30pm Solemn Vespers - everyone in the Diocese is invited to attend.

Monday 25 March at 12 noon Episcopal Installation Mass - entry by invitation only - you will not be permitted without a ticket.

Tuesday 26 March at 2 pm Diocesan Schools Event - Diocesan schools will welcome Bishop Robert.

USHAW - has a full programme of events during Lent. For something different, check out the list at the back of church. Thanks.

Lent lunches - every Wednesday 12 - 1.30pm:

Wednesday 20 March at South Church Methodist DL14 6ST

Wednesday 27 March at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church DL14 6EN

Wednesday 3 April at St Wilfrid's RC Church DL14 7PU

Wednesday 10 April at Woodhouse Close Church DL14 6PD

Wednesday 17 April at Auckland Park Church DL14 8RG

There is no charge though if you wish to give, any donations will assist those working with victims of human trafficking.

Lenten Soup Lunches - at St John's School Main Hall on the following dates throughout Lent beginning at 12 pm on Thursday 14 March, 21, 28 March and 4 April. The soup lunches are in aid of CAFOD and our Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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
Bill Gillon
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)

Please pray for
KATHLEEN MARTIN
(98)

who has died. May she
rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18	Ps 26	Philippians 3: 17-4:1	Luke 9: 28-36
Mon	Daniel 9: 4-10	Ps 78	Luke 6: 36-38	
Tues	2 Samuel 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16	Ps 88	Romans 4: 13,16-18,22	Matthew 1: 16, 18-21,24
Wed	Ezekiel 34: 11-16	Ps 96	John 10: 11-16	
Thurs	Jeremiah 17: 5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16: 19-31	
Fri	Genesis 37: 3-4,12-13,17-28	Ps 104	Matthew 21: 33-43,45-46	
Sat	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20	Ps 102	Luke 15: 1-3,11-32	
Sun	Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15	Ps 102	1 Corinthians 10: 1-6,10-12	Luke 9: 28-36

Bishop Seamus' letter - is included with your bulletin and Partnership Note this week.

A new dementia friendly group - is here in Bishop Auckland. Called the Friendly Heritage Group it meets weekly at Bishop Auckland Baptist Church on Cockton Hill Road every Wednesday from 12.30 - 3.00pm. The weekly sessions will provide a healthy shared lunch and combine local heritage and dementia friendly activities to help support and provide people with dementia and their carers with a safe space where they can socialise and engage with new things. Contact Lucie or Rebecca on 01388 500528. See the poster at the back of church.

Quiz Night - please note that Wednesday is now our Quiz evening. Come and have a fun time. St Mary's at 7pm this week. Thanks.

Please note - there will be no confessions this Saturday morning owing to the Partnership Day of Recollection at St John's School.

Book club - Pope Francis' Encyclical letters are amazing and inspiring documents. At the first of our book club meetings this year we would like to discuss his document called The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) and exchange views on what this document means and can give to us. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 9 April at 7 pm at St Mary's Church. Many of us may have copies of 'The Joy of the Gospel' already but we are going to order further copies so if you wish to come along please ask Father Dennis for a copy prior to the meeting. We hope you to have a series of such meetings and would welcome any input and ideas for future events.

CAFOD - we hope you will have taken a CAFOD collecting box from the back of church, please return your box the Sunday after Easter. Money raised will be sent to the Lent Appeal which this year is to help the world's poorest people adapt to climate change. CAFOD trains people in new trades and gives them the necessary tools to make a living. Put together our money does make a difference.

Easter Eggs - will be available to buy at both churches in the next couple of weeks. Out of 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. Launched in 2010 it was turned down by all supermarkets and is now left to churches and church schools to support. The box is plastic free and totally recyclable. A super thick milk chocolate egg and a 24 page Easter-story activity book all for £3.99 ...When they're gone - they're gone!!!

Film Club - The film: The Notebook will be showing on Tuesday 12 March at 2pm in St Mary's meeting room.