

This week

| | Services & meetings | Location |
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| Saturday 16 May | 10.00 am Mass: Denis Jackson | |
| Sunday 17 May 6th Sunday of Easter | 10.00 am Mass: People of the parish | |
| Monday 18 May | 10.00 am Mass: Doreen Warburton | |
| Tuesday 19 May | 10.00 am Mass: For the health of Joyce & Janice | |
| Wednesday 20 May | 10.00 am Mass: Special Intention 11.30 am Burial Service for MARGARET COGLAN | |
| Thursday 21 May ASCENSION OF THE LORD | 10.00 am Mass: For the care and love of all 12.30 pm Cremation Service for WILLIAM THOMAS AMOS | |
| Friday 22 May St Rita | 10.00 am Mass: Nora Wright 2.30 pm Cremation Service for BROOKE HIRST | |
| Saturday 23 May | 10.00 am Mass: Fiona Bentley's birthday | |
| Sunday 24 May 7th Sunday of Easter | 10.00 am Mass: People of the parish | |

ST MARY'S
Collection: £

Quote:
"Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel" -
Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

ST WILFRID'S
Collection: £

In addition to the church collections, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 17 May 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter

IN PRAISE OF YOU

*There is a quiet light
that shines in every heart.*

*Though it is always secretly there,
it draws no attention to itself.
It is what illuminates our
minds to see beauty, our desire to seek
possibility and our hearts
to love life*

*This shy inner light is what enables
us to recognise and receive
our very presence here as blessing.*

- John O'Donohue

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 no longer be open for private prayer. This is an arrangement no one would otherwise welcome but in the unprecedented circumstances we must take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times
St Mary

Saturday
10.45 - 11.30 am,

Also by request and any other time by simple arrangement

Streaming of Mass - takes place from St Mary's each day, including Sunday, at 10 am. To access the streamed Mass via Facebook you'll need to look for The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland.

The Foodbank - is now open each day **Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon** and operates from Woodhouse Close Church Centre as the distribution point for the food you generously bring to St Wilfrid's and St Mary's. A smaller amount is usually kept at St Mary's to help individuals outside of the hours the foodbank is open. **We still need tinned potatoes and tomatoes, rice pudding and spaghetti.** If you are able to donate food or money, these can be taken direct to Woodhouse Close Church Centre during the times above or brought to St Mary's presbytery. The need is still great and increasing. If you can help at all, many worried people will be very grateful. Thank you for all your help.

Routine Survival - these difficult times will not be over quickly. So are you managing after some seven weeks of restrictions? It's important that we each look after ourselves and our nearest and dearest and you'll have developed ways of doing that.

Some of the suggestions come from sources very familiar with isolation and lockdown. Researching in Antarctica and living on the International Space Station have given some simple suggestions. You can add yours. Hear goes:

Plan your days. Develop a hobby. Take one day at a time. Keep fit. Use phone and emails. Focus on what you're doing. Have a routine. Let impossible things go. Find the good where you can. Be grateful. Keep your spirits up.

If you've got suggestions of what you've found to be helpful, why not pass them on? You might have read more, prayed more, contacted people more. There may be things you've discovered to now be unimportant. Let us know. What you share could prompt ideas in others - it's how community works. Thank you.

CAFOD - Coronavirus Emergency Appeal - our help is urgently needed. Coronavirus has spread to many of the countries where CAFOD works. Vulnerable communities are lacking clean water and reliable food supplies. CAFOD's experts, working through local churches, are helping to limit the spread of the virus through prevention messages health advice and providing water, soap and toilets. We are unable to collect your CAFOD boxes at the moment but donations can be made online at - cafod.org.uk or by telephone on 08085858885. The crisis will require a long-term response so please keep putting your change in the boxes and we will deal with it as soon as we can. Thank you so much.

Help available - as part of the pastoral care of parishioners

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
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)

Please pray for
MARGARET COGLAN (77)
WILLIAM THOS AMOS (55)
(aka Billy Barker)
BROOKE HIRST (94)
who have died.
May they rest on peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

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| Sun | Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 | Ps 65 | 1 Peter 3: 15-18 | John 14:15-21 |
| Mon | Acts 16: 11-15 | Ps 149 | John 15: 26-16:4 | |
| Tues | Acts 16: 22-34 | Ps 137 | John 16: 5-11 | |
| Wed | Acts 17: 15,22-18:1 | Ps 148 | John 16: 12-15 | |
| Thurs | Acts 1: 1-11 | Ps 46 | Ephesians 1: 17-23 | |
| Fri | Acts 18: 9-18 | Ps 46 | John 16: 20-23 | |
| Sat | Acts 18: 23-28 | Ps 46 | John 16: 23-28 | |
| Sun | Acts 1: 12-14 | Ps 26 | 1 Peter 4: 13-16 | John 17:1-11 |

and others during this COVID-19 lockdown, a number of qualified counsellors and listeners have generously made themselves available to anyone who may be troubled by the negative effects of the situation. These counsellors and listeners can be contacted through the St Mary's Cathedral Listening Service on 0191 232 6953 and the Northumberland Listening Service on 07732980740.

Northern Cross - is a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a years online subscription for £14.40 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. Or you can send a cheque for £14.40 payable to Northern Cross and post it to 11, The Grove, Hartlepool TS26 9NB (our office in Darlington is currently closed due to the present emergency). Thank you.

Marriage and family life - Healthy couple relationships - and support when they are not - all relationships have their ups and downs and sometimes a positive solution is hard to find. In these extraordinary days in which we experience lives of enforced isolation such difficulties may become enhanced and overriding. MarriageCare, a charity with which this Diocese collaborates on preparing engaged couples for marriage, provides a counselling service for couples or individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationship which one or both find challenging and problematic. Access via www.marriagecare.org.uk website under the 'How we help' section: 'Relationship counselling'. Full contact details are provided for further enquiries and venues, and include FAQ's.

Domestic Abuse, Family Support and Support for Children in Domestic Abuse: MarriageCare also provides many useful links under the 'How we help' section: relationship support organisations, debt and finance, family support organisations, domestic abuse. Here there are many links under the 'domestic violence help resources' including support for women, men and children.

Come on folks! - Twelve recipes in so far to begin a simple parish cookbook. Give us your three favourite recipes and ask someone else to do the same. Thank you. We could have this ready in simple form by Christmas if you're interested. Put your name on the recipe for us please. Thanks

STAY SAFE EVERYONE, THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THIS WILL ALL PASS TAKE NOTE OF WHAT WE LEARN THROUGH IT ALL.