

# This week

|  | Services & meetings  |
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| <b>Saturday 17 June</b><br><i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>         | <b>12.00 pm Nuptial Mass @ St Wilfrid's for the wedding of SHIRLEY WALLIS and STEFANO DANIELON</b><br><b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Bobby Johnson</b>     |
| <b>Sunday 18 June</b><br><i>11th Sunday of the year</i>            | <b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Mary Curry's recovery</b><br><b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's: John Watson Harrop</b>                                  |
| <b>Monday 19 June</b>  | <b>No Mass</b><br><b>10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</b><br><b>1.00 pm Craft Club</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 20 June</b>   | <b>10.00 am School Mass at Our Lady &amp; St Thomas, Willington</b><br><b>2.00 pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</b><br><b>6.30 pm Laudato Si Group</b> |
| <b>Wednesday 21 June</b><br><i>St Aloysius</i>                     | <b>10.00 am Audrey Hartly</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 22 June</b><br><i>SS JOHN FISHER &amp; THOMAS MORE</i> | <b>Mass will be at about 12.00 on Holy Island</b>  |
| <b>Friday 23 June</b><br><i>St Etheldreda</i>                      | <b>9.15 am Funeral Service at St Mary's for NORA HUTCHINSON</b>  |
| <b>Saturday 24 June</b><br><i>BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>     | <b>10.00 Mass: Waldemar Madej</b><br><b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Angela Fraser and Eddie Rossi</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 25 June</b><br><i>12th Sunday of the year</i>            | <b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Joan Hannon</b><br><b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's: Dave Fleming</b>  |

**Quote:**

*"Go and preach the Gospel. Use words if necessary"*  
**- St Francis of Assisi (to his friars)**

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# 11th SUNDAY of the YEAR

### **How do we think of God?**

We all have our image of God, though perhaps we have never paused to articulate that image in words. And whether we advert to it or not, 'religious' people cannot avoid conveying an impression of our God to others. We do so, for instance, by the way in which as parish workers or priests or headmistresses or nurses we treat the people to whom we minister - by our kindness and willingness to share in their lives, or by our authoritarian and judgmental attitudes, our standing on our dignity and remaining aloof. We do so by the way in which we relate to and care for one another and for the children at home, at work, in the neighbourhood. Simple, ordinary things can speak loudly about the way we see our God, things like the architectural design of our churches (especially the siting of the altar), our styles of worship and prayer, the school curriculum, types of leadership and parish organization. And so can our attitudes - to change, for example, to clerical dress, to church law, to the third world, to dropouts, to the sick and the poor. Since all religious people have their particular image of God, it is obviously important that as followers of Jesus, our God is the God of Jesus, the God whom he came to reveal, the God to whom he prayed. It would be rash simply to presume that his God coincides with mine! It would be equally rash to presume that the image we project to others coincides with the God of Jesus!

**- Fr Michael Winstanley S.D.B**



### **Confession Times** **St Mary's**

By request and by simple arrangement.

**Holy Island outing, June 22nd** - there are a couple of places left on the bus - please contact Michael Broadbent (01388 488569) if you would like to go. The cost is £20. If you are going and plan to visit Lindisfarne Castle, please note that you need to book in advance on the National Trust website. Visits to the Priory do not have to be pre-booked, but if you do, it is a bit cheaper. If you are a member of the National Trust the castle visit will be free, while the Priory is free for English Heritage members. We'll produce an information sheet for the trip before we go.

**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.

**'No mow May'** - thank you all who joined in the 'No Mow May' idea. Hopefully you were surprised and delighted with any daisies, buttercups or others that appeared in the lawn. How many wonderful childhood memories those flowers bring? Perhaps you could consider staying with the theme for 'Let it Bloom June'. Running and playing in longer grass is another delightful childhood activity to treat the kids. And think of the money you could save without watering, mowing, strimming, buying seed etc. etc. Plus of course helping embattled mother nature.

**Plant Swap** - WOW - what a generous Parish we have. Plants for swapping keep coming - please help yourselves. But please NO MORE PLANT POTS. Storage is overflowing. Thank you all very much.

**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

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Tyler Quinn  
Norah Hutchinson  
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*

Please pray for  
**NORA HUTCHINSON**  
**(102)**

who has died.  
May she rest in  
peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

|       |                              |        |                      |                   |
|-------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Sun   | Exodus 19: 2-6               | Ps 99  | Romans 5: 6-11       | Matthew 9:36-10:8 |
| Mon   | 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10        | Ps 97  | Matthew 5: 38-42     |                   |
| Tues  | 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9         | Ps 145 | Matthew 5: 43-48     |                   |
| Wed   | 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11        | Ps 111 | Matthew 6: 1-6,16-18 |                   |
| Thurs | 2 Maccabees 6: 18, 21, 24-31 | Ps 30  | Matthew 24: 4-13     |                   |
| Fri   | 2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21-30  | Ps 33  | Matthew 6: 19-23     |                   |
| Sat   | Isaiah 49: 1-6               | Ps 138 | Acts 13: 22-26       | Luke 1: 57-66, 81 |
| Sun   | Jeremiah 20: 10-13           | Ps 68  | Romans 5: 12-15      | Matthew 10:26-33  |

this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, toilet rolls, hot dogs, custard, 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.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR FR DERMOTT DONNELLY**—Mass celebrated by Bishop Seamus Cunningham and a Barbecue will be held at the Emmaus Village on **Saturday 1st July** beginning at 3pm. Young people will share the impact of Fr Dermott's ministry on the first Anniversary of his death, plus we will have an opportunity to hear about redevelopment of the Youth Village and new initiatives that are underway. Come along and support Fr Dermott's charity "Significance" so that the work can continue. Barbecue tickets cost £10 per person (children under 16 are free). Please RSVP if you are coming to the Mass and/or want Barbecue tickets. Accommodation can also be booked. [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org) or Tel 01207 592244.

**Quiz Night** - Thursday 13 July in St Mary's meeting room. Doors open at 7 pm quiz starts at 7.30 pm.

**St. Mary's Church Cleaning June** - Group 3 Tuesday 27th after 10am Mass. We are always looking for extra people as our numbers are very small for such a large church to be cleaned. So if you have a spare hour please do come along you will be warmly received. Many thanks.