

Fr David Coxon will be here from the weekend of 7 & 8 September. I know you will make him welcome. Let's arrange to have a simple get together on the Monday evening of 9th September with some food as an enjoyable way to facilitate introductions. More on this later. Thank you.

The Foodbank - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, small tinned meats, tinned fruit and sugar. 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.

SVP raffle we have recently received tickets for the above Annual Raffle and the prizes start at £5000 for first prize and £1000 for second, plus additional prizes with all details on the sheet on the porch notice board. Tickets will be on sale now and during August. The draw date is 26 September. Please give the raffle your usual support.

Hour of Prayer at St Wilfrid's - on Wednesday August 21st at 5.00pm there will be an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Mass Room (entry via the front door of the presbytery). No need to come for the whole hour - just join us for as long as you like.

Laudato Si - A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed our annual environmental survey. We had a good response this year. Thank you to Tom Bowman who has again collated the results and put them into a display which will be available shortly in both churches. If anyone has any comments they would like to give us, we would be very happy to receive alongside any suggestions for ways we can help with care of our environment.

Plant Swap - this was part of the Laudato Si week in May. Thanks to all who took part in bringing and exchanging plants.

Please pray for the health of:

*Mrs Aitken
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
John Green
Lynette Stott
Mary Oldfield
Brenda Dawes
Jayne Littlefair*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Proverbs 9: 1-6	Ps 33	Ephesians 5: 15-20	John 6: 51-58
Mon	Ezekiel 24: 15-24	Deuteronomy 32: 18-21	Matthew 19: 16-22	
Tues	Ezekiel 28: 1-10	Deuteronomy 32: 26-28	Matthew 19: 23-30	
Wed	1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30	Ps83	Ephesians 2: 19-22	
Thurs	Ezekiel 36: 23-28	Ps 50	Matthew 22: 1-14	
Fri	Ezekiel 37: 1-4	Ps 106	Matthew 22: 34-40	
Sat	Apocalypse 21: 9-14	Ps 144	John 1: 45-51	
Sun	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18	Ps 33	Ephesians 5: 21-32	John 6: 60-69

Care of Creation will be celebrated in September and we are hoping to have a parish event of displays. Anyone interested would be most welcome to get involved, more information to follow.

Our wild flower garden the Laudato Si wild lawn is flourishing. It's unbelievable what doing nothing to a lawn produces. Have a look and be truly amazed. But also take time to admire the beautiful variety of the front garden. Much praise and thanks to the hard work and expertise of Tommy Nevin.

Bible Alive - August copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

Pope Francis recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

Little Sisters of the Poor - Used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families help the Sisters and residents of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.

World Peace - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

Seated Exercise Classes - Falls Prevention Exercise Class every Wednesday at 2.15pm (for one hour) at Coundon and Leeholme Community Centre. Price is £4.50 to include Tea and Coffee. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

Over 50's Keep Fit class starting 3 September at the Memorial Hall, West Auckland at 7pm - price is £5. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 17 August	10.00 am Mass: Joe and Ann Tindall 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Mick and Shirley Degnan
Sunday 18 August <i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Lowther and Thom Families 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish
Monday 19 August <i>(St Oswin (King))</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's
Tuesday 20 August <i>St Bernard</i>	10.00 am Mass: Maureen and John Nicholson
Wednesday 21 August <i>DEDICATION of ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL</i>	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls 5.00 pm Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Wilfrid's
Thursday 22 August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	10.00am Mass: Private Intention
Friday 23 August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	10.00 am Mass: Irene Welford
Saturday 24 August <i>ST BARTHOLOMEW Apostle</i>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Ellen and Denis Jackson
Sunday 25 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: People of the parish 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Vasey, Hogg & Cruddace families

Quotation

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

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20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Dear God

Please untie the 'knots' that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the have not, the can not and the do not, that I have in my mind.

Erase the will not, may not and might not, that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could not, would not and should not, that obstruct my life.

And most of all dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Amen.

Author unknown

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Jeannie Hardy for St Mary's and Fiona Ottewell for St Wilfrid's or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Confession Times

St Mary's

Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.

St Wilfrid's

before Sunday Mass