

# This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 17 September</b> <i>St Hildegard of Bingen</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass:</b> <i>Private Intention</i> <b>11.30 am</b> <i>Wedding at St Wilfrid's of KATIE HOPE &amp; JONATHAN BAUL</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Frs Joseph and Ted Holmes</i>
<b>Sunday 18 September 25th</b> <i>Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Eileen Stockton</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Monday 19 September</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</b>
<b>Tuesday 20 September</b> <i>The Korean Martyrs</i>	<b>10 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 21 September</b> <i>ST MATTHEW Apostle and Evangelist</i>	<b>9.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Special Intention (M)</i>
<b>Thursday 22 September</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Friday 23 September</b> <i>St Pius (Padre Pio)</i>	<b>9.15 am Mass:</b> <i>Jim Crozier</i>
<b>Saturday 24 September</b> <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Requiem for The Queen</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Deceased of Coleman and Ottewell Families</i>
<b>Sunday 25 September 26th</b> <i>Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>For King Charles III</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>For King Charles III</i>

## Quote

*"As we look into the future, leaders will be those who empower others".*  
- **Bill Gates**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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## 25th SUNDAY of the YEAR

### It's bigger than we think

Life offers its wisdom generously. Everything teaches, not everyone learns. Life asks of us the same thing we have been asked in every class: "Stay awake." "Pay attention." But paying attention is no simple matter. It requires us not to be distracted by expectations, past experiences, labels and masks. It asks that we are not to jump to early conclusions and that we remain open to surprise. Wisdom comes most easily to those who have the courage to embrace life without judgement and are willing to not know, sometimes for a long time. It requires us to be more fully and simply alive than we have been taught to be. It may require us to suffer. But ultimately we will be more than we were when we began. There is the seed of a greater wholeness in everyone.

Most of us lead far more meaningful lives than we know, often finding meaning is not about doing things differently; it is about seeing familiar things in new ways. When we find new eyes, the unsuspected blessings in work we have done for many years may take us completely by surprise. We can see life in many ways; with the eye, with the mind, with the intuition. But perhaps it is only by those who speak the language of meaning, who have remembered how to see with the heart, that life is ever deeply known or served.

- **Rachel Remen**



### Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**The Town Service for The Queen** - in thanksgiving for her long and dedicated reign will be held at St Andrews Church this Sunday evening at 6pm. Everyone is invited. Local dignitaries and representatives from the churches of the town will join the people of the area to pray with gratitude for The Queen's ministry over the last 70 years.

**Outing to Hexham** - this Wednesday 21 September - we will be leaving from St Mary's after the 9.00am Mass, and should be back at St Mary's around 5.00pm. No need to worry about lunch - it's included in the price. We'll be having a conducted tour of the Abbey, and there should be time for those who wish to visit the Old Gaol museum. If any outstanding payment could be made by Monday 19th, that would save time on the day. There is at the moment one spare seat - please speak to Michael if you are interested.

**Holy Hour** - As many people will want to watch the Queen's funeral, there will be no Holy Hour on Monday 19th.

**Holy Communion preparation programme for 2022-23** - please forward names and contact details to Fr Dennis if your child is in Year 4 or above and wishes to be involved in our next Holy Communion preparation programme which is planned to start in October.

**The Passion Play Film** - will be shown in St Mary's Meeting Room at 7 pm on Thursday 29 September. Please do come and see this sacred story acted dramatically last Good Friday in Bishop Auckland Market Place. Feel free to bring others. Admission is free.

**CAFOD Emergency Pakistan Floods Appeal** - as we know over 30 million people have been affected by the flood and 10 million made homeless, they have lost homes, cattle, and livelihoods. Families are in urgent need of safe drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Community (DEC) launching an appeal in response to this emergency. CAFOD specifically is working with the local Pakistani Organisation Community World Service Asia in the Sindh Province, one of the worst affected areas. You can donate at church today or in the following ways:

By post: send a cheque payable to CAFOD to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. By phone: card payment call CAFOD on 0303 303 3030. To Gift Aid your donation boosting it by 25% at no extra cost to you, collect a CAFOD Gift Aid Form from church here. To donate by Bank Transfer the account name is CAFOD account number 11769410 sort code 160030 Royal Bank of Scotland. Please send an email to [dpd@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpd@cafod.org.uk) confirming the amount, date of remittance and your details. Thank you very much indeed.

**Care for Creation** - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

**The next meeting of our parish Laudato Si group will be on Wednesday 14 September at 6pm in St Mary's meeting room. Write it on your arm and come and join us. Everyone is welcome.**

**Do you remember the Craft Group?** It used to meet in St Mary's meeting room on a Monday around about 1pm and early afternoon. Covid unfortunately put an end to many gatherings and this was one of the casualties. We're hoping to

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Michael Dowson  
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*

Please pray for

JEAN BOWERS (64)  
JOHN (JACK) MARTIN (84)  
DAVID CLOUGH (83) and  
MAUREEN NICHOLSON (89)

who have died.  
May they rest in  
peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Amos 8: 4-7	Ps 112	1 Timothy 2: 1-8	Luke 16: 1-13
Mon	Proverbs 3: 27-34	Ps 14	Luke 8: 16-18	
Tues	Proverbs 21: 1-6, 10-13	Ps 118	Luke 8: 19-21	
Wed	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13	Ps 18	Matthew 9: 9-13	
Thurs	Ecclesiastes 1: 2-11	Ps 89	Luke 9: 7-9	
Fri	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11	Ps 143	Luke 9: 18-22	
Sat	Ecclesiastes 11: 9-12: 8	Ps 89	Luke 9: 43-45	
Sun	Amos 6: 1, 4-7	Ps 145	1 Timothy 6: 11-16	Luke 16: 19-31

find out if there's sufficient interest to start this group again. There's no agenda to the meetings—just bring knitting, craftwork, art or anything else and join other creative folks over tea and biscuits and enjoy some company. Please let Fr Dennis know if you're interested. Thanks.

**A warm welcome** to all who are returning to Mass after careful measures over Covid kept people away. Our churches are safe, we're currently still masked and it'll be great to see you. If you have any questions please ask them. You are part of a living community of faith and continue to be. How we each express that is mainly through Sunday Mass. How can we help?

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pasta and biscuits. **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 heating 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.

**Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. **Your donations over recent weeks have enabled us to send £626.60 to CAFOD for the Ukraine Appeal.**

**FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online** - are you looking to explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form (<https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb>) or email us ([adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk))

**We're looking for** more Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and the return of any of our helpful folks who have served us in these ways previously. Singers, musicians, flower arrangers, CAFOD, SVP members all do great work for us. How can you help? Please have a chat. Thank you.

**St Mary's Cleaning Rota** - a rota is now on the notice board on the left hand side as you enter church. We will always take more volunteers if anyone else would like to join our small band!

**Recipes** - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.