This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 18 January	**9.30 am - Mass -** *People of the parish* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *Bart Harnet*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 19 January *2nd Sunday of the year*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Jimmy and Hilda Francis* **11.00 am - Mass:** *Marie Green & Margaret Parry* **4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Monday 20 January	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **8.30 am - No Mass** **1.00 pm - Craft Group** **7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Tuesday 21 January *St Agnes*	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **7.00 pm - Mass:** *Julie Ann Banks*	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Wednesday 22 January	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **9.30 am - Unity Service** **7.00 pm - Mass** - *Holy Souls*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Thursday 23 January	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **8.30 am - Mass -** *Holy Souls* **5.30 pm - Finance Committee**	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Friday 24 January *St Francis De Sales*	**8.15 am - Mass in St John's School -** *Private Intention* **12.30am - Funeral Service for EDDIE FLETCHER**	**St Mary**
Saturday 25 January *Conversion of St Paul*	**8.30 am - Mass -** *Holy Souls* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass:** *People of the parish*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 26 January *3rd Sunday of the year*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Bernadette Chappell* **11.00 am - Mass:** *Bill and Mary Delve* **4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**

St Mary's
Collection: £535.22
Thank you

Quote:
"Weak people revenge, strong people forgive, intelligent people ignore".
Albert Einstein

St Wilfrid's
Collection: £235.25
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, 19 January 2020

Second Sunday of the Year

Consider This

Don't be put off by what people say

- *After Fred Astaire's first screen test, the memo from the testing director of MGM, dated 1933, said, "Can't act! Slightly bald! Can dance a little!" Astaire kept that memo over the fireplace in his Beverly Hills home.*
- *Louisa May Alcott, the author of Little Women, was encouraged to find work as a servant or seamstress by her family.*
- *Beethoven handled the violin awkwardly and preferred playing his own compositions instead of improving his technique. His teacher called him hopeless as a composer.*
- *The parents of the famous opera singer Enrico Caruso wanted him to be an engineer. His teacher said he had no voice at all and could not sing.*
- *Charles Darwin, father of the Theory of Evolution, gave up a medical career and was told by his father, "You care for nothing but shooting, dogs and rat catching". In his autobiography, Darwin wrote, "I was considered by all my masters and by my father, a very ordinary boy, rather below the common standard in intellect."*
- *Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lack of ideas. Walt Disney also went bankrupt several times before he built Disneyland.*
- *Thomas Edison's teachers said he was too stupid to learn anything.*
- *Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four years old and didn't read until he was seven. His teacher described him as "mentally slow, unsociable and adrift forever in his foolish dreams". He was expelled and was refused admittance to the Zurich Polytechnic School.*
- *Louis Pasteur was only a mediocre pupil in undergraduate studies and ranked 15th out of 22 in chemistry*

Don't label people, eh?

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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

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - the main United Service is this Sunday afternoon at 3pm at Woodhouse Close Church. The Speaker is Rev. Richard Andrew, Chair of the Darlington District Methodist Church. Could we manage a good turnout from our Catholic community please? The morning services through the week - all at 9.30am are as follows:

- Monday 20th January The Valley Methodist Church DL14 8UB
- Tuesday 21st January Bishop Auckland Baptist Church DL14 6AH
- Wednesday 22nd January St Mary's Church DL14 6PQ
- Thursday 23rd January Bishop Auckland Methodist DL14 6EP
- Friday 24th January St Anne's Church, Market Place DL14 7NJ
- Saturday 25th January Woodhouse Close Church DL14 6PD

Remember that Jesus prayed that his followers should all be one - you can read it in St John's Gospel in chapter 17. The movement to encourage unity among the various strands of the Christian Church began over 100 years ago and we now recognise our local churches as friends, sharing a rich heritage through different traditions. We have a lot to share and a lot to learn. Our Catholic communities are not as familiar with the Scriptures as other Christians. This year is a time when we will be helping ourselves to be better informed about the Word of God. How will you, personally, engage with the Scriptures? It's a question we should each ask and answer. Thank you.

Our Local Foodbank - We are still in need of **tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meats, biscuits, jam, tinned fruit and UHT milk.** The need of help with food is constantly ongoing. On behalf of all of those you help, we thank you. At present there is a large stock of tinned beans, tinned soup and dried pasta - these items are not needed at this time.

Prayers for the Climate - at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church in the Prayer Room every Wednesday at 9.30am. All are very welcome.

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)
Joan Banks

Please pray for EDDIE FLETCHER (67) who has died. May he rest in peace.

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6	Ps 39	1 Corinthians 1: 1-3	John 1: 29-34
Mon	1 Samuel 15: 16-23	Ps 49	Mark 2: 18-22	
Tues	1 Samuel 16: 1-13	Ps 88	Mark 2: 23-28	
Wed	1 Samuel 17: 32-33,37,40-51	Ps 143	Mark 3: 1-6	
Thurs	1 Samuel 18: 6-9,19:1-7	Ps 55	Mark 3: 7-12	
Fri	1 Samuel 24: 3-21	Ps 56	Mark 3: 13-19	
Sat	Acts 22: 3-16	Ps 116	Mark 16: 15-18	
Sun	Isaiah 8: 23-9:3	Ps 26	1 Corinthians 1: 10-13,17	Matthew 4: 12-23

Calling all singers - we really need to have some extra members of our choirs at St Mary's and St Wilfrid's. Please don't be shy. Your contribution to the singing will be a great support for others. Do have a word. Thanks.

St Wilfrid's Prayer Group and Adoration will now meet on a Monday evening at 7pm rather than Tuesday. You are always welcome to come for a time of quiet and prayer.

A Meaningful Ageing Course is being held and led by our churches here in Bishop Auckland. It's 8 weekly sessions 10am -12.00 Wednesday mornings or 1.00-3.00 Wednesday afternoons 5th February to 25th March. Are you ageing? - then yes it's for you. Are you caring for a loved one who is ageing and struggling with what it all means? - then yes, it's for you. Do you visit and/or care for those who are ageing in a community or family setting or have a role in church or community where you meet older people and want to offer the best love and care? - then yes, it's for you. To sign up and book your place or find our more contact Rev. John Purdy on 001388 603142 or email john.purdy@methodist.org.uk. See the additional information sheet at the back of church.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota for 2020 is now on the notice board.

Thank you - Lily and Jim Arthurs with to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers at the sad loss of their daughter Christine. Your thoughtfulness has meant a lot and is greatly appreciated.

Smile *- Pooh and Piglet walked home thoughtfully together in the golden evening, and for a long time they were silent. 'When you wake up in the morning, Pooh,' said Piglet at last, 'What's the first thing you say to yourself?' 'What's for breakfast said Pooh. What do you say, Piglet?' 'I say, I wonder what's going to happen exciting today?' said Piglet. Pooh nodded thoughtfully. 'It's the same thing,' he said. - A. A. Milne*