

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 18 February	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 19 February <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>
Monday 20 February	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Group at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 21 February	No Mass 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
Wednesday 22 February <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	No Mass 7.00 pm <i>Eucharistic Service and Distribution of Ashes at St Wilfrid's</i>
Thursday 23 February	No Mass
Friday 24 February	No Mass 6.30 pm <i>Stations of the Cross at St Helen's church</i>
Saturday 25 February	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday 26 February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Mary Curry's recovery</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Maureen Nicholson (90)</i>

Quote

"Joy is the serious business of heaven"
- C. S. Lewis (1898-1963)

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7th Sunday of the Year (A)

COMPASSION

We give thanks,
gentle one who has touched our soul.
You have loved us from the moment of our first
waking and have held us in joy and in grief.
Stay with us, we pray.

Grace us with your presence and with it, the fullness
of our own humanity.

Help us claim our strength and need,
our awesomeness and fragile beauty,
that encouraged by the truth we might work to
restore compassion to the human family and renew
the face of the earth.

- Janet Schaffran and Pat Kozak



Confession Times
St Mary's

By request and by
simple arrangement.

Grateful thanks to Frs Paul Tully and Gordon Ryan for looking after our weekend Masses. Any emergencies please contact Fr Tony Cornforth at St Mary's, Newton Aycliffe on 01325 313611.

Lent Extra is available and on sale today at £1.50. A great buy.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake - We're all shocked by the devastation and loss of life, homes and livelihoods in Turkey and Syria through the earthquakes. The issues and needs are enormous and CAFOD's Emergency Response Teams are there assessing needs on the ground. CAFOD has already been working in Syria for years providing humanitarian support to the millions of needy people caught up in the conflict there for the last 12 years. This tragedy adds to an already desperate crisis. If you would like to donate, we'll send on any funds in your name to help with emergency food, water, shelter and winter kits such as blankets and heating materials. Thank you.

Lent - begins on Ash Wednesday 22 February. January seemed to go bye very quickly and Lent will be with us sooner than we think. I suggest each of us begins to ponder on how we'd like to spend the weeks of Lent. It's a time to prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter. We need to choose something that brings us closer to the Lord, that improves our lives and relationships. You'll get a lot out of a slow reading of one of the Gospels and our prayer life should be looked at to see if we want to change anything. We may wish to include more thanks and praise alongside any requests we make. Do ask if you need any help. Thanks.

The Journey of Faith - many people do not join the Church because no one ever asks them. Is there anyone in your family or acquaintances to whom you might raise a question about whether they may be interested in learning more about faith, about God, about the Church? You could be a great help in making an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to enter and initiate a journey of faith in an individual's life. I'm always happy to help and to answer any questions.

Churches with warm spaces during winter - The Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches have made arrangements to have safe and warm places where individuals can come to socialize over a cuppa and biscuits.

Woodhouse Close Church, Proudfoot Drive, DL14 6PD - open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to 2.30pm.

The Parish Centre, Middlewood Avenue, St Helen's, DL14 9DJ - the lounge is open on Tuesdays from 10am - 3pm and Thursdays from 11am - 2pm.

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
Alan Harrison
Eileen Kelly*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18	Ps 102	1 Corinthians 3: 16-23	Matthew 5: 38-48
Mon	Ecclesiasticus 1: 1-10	Ps 92	Mark 9: 14-29	
Tues	Ecclesiasticus 2: 1-11	Ps 36	Mark 9: 30-37	
Wed	Joel 2: 12-18	Ps 50	2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Ps 1	Luke 9: 22-25	
Fri	Isaiah 58: 1-9	Ps 50	Matthew 9: 14-15	
Sat	Isaiah 58: 9-14	PS 85	Luke 5: 27-32	
Sun	Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7	Ps 50	Romans 5: 12-19	Matthew 4: 1-11

The Ark - at the back of St Helen's Church DL14 9DN—open on a Wednesday from 10.30am to 4pm.

Bishop Auckland Baptist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6AH, from week beginning 31st October their Church will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm, Thursdays—Wellbeing Café, from 9.30am including a light lunch from 12.30pm.

St Mary's Catholic Church, Vart Road, DL14 6PQ—Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 2 pm.

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6DN, Monday and Fridays 10—3 pm.

Coffee morning/Warm Space - Thursdays and Fridays in St Mary's Meeting Room 11am—2pm. Please see the helpers Rota at the back of church. Any problems ring Zita on 01388 604926 or 07722219173.

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's Will continue on Tuesdays to avoid clashing with the Craft Club. It's a great opportunity to step aside and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - why not join us?

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, pasta sauce, hot dogs and pot noodles . 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.

Quiz - We will be holding a quiz on Wednesday 8 March at 7.30pm, doors open at 7pm in St Mary's meeting room. Look forward to seeing you then.

Becoming St. Patrick – His Slavery - Margaret Lee invites parishioners from the partnership to a presentation by Eric Foster of his debut historical novel on St. Patrick – commencing **after the 6:00pm Mass on Sunday 5th March at St. Mary's Church Hall**, Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 4HT.