

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 18 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>George and Rose Wallis</i>	
Sunday 19 July 16th Sunday of the Year	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Monday 20 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention</i> 11am - 1.00 <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 21 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Mary Harburn</i>	
Wednesday 22 July ST MARY MAGDALEN	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased of the Ottewell Family</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 23 July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	10.00 am Mass: <i>Julie Ann Banks</i>	
Friday 24 July MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 25 July St James Apostle	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Michael Hickey</i>	
Sunday 26 July 17th Sunday of the Year	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

## Quote:

"Misery loves company"

- **John Ray (1627-1705)**

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

**In addition to the church collections, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.**

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Sunday, 19 July 2020

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

### Try Something Different

It's just past noon, late July, and I'm listening to the desperate sounds of a life-or-death struggle going on a few feet away. There's a small fly burning out the last of its short life's energies in a futile attempt to fly through the glass of the windowpane. But it's not working.

It is impossible for the fly to try hard enough to succeed at breaking through the glass. Nevertheless, this little insect has staked its life on reaching its goal through raw effort and determination. This fly is doomed. It will die there on the windowsill.

Across the room, ten steps away, the door is open. Ten seconds of flying time and this small creature could reach the outside world it seeks. With only a fraction of the effort now being wasted, it could be free of this self-imposed trap. The breakthrough possibility is there. It would be so easy.

Why doesn't the fly try another approach, something dramatically different? How did it get so locked in on the idea that this particular route and determined effort offer the most promise for success? What logic is there in continuing until death to seek a breakthrough with more of the same?

No doubt this approach makes sense to the fly. Regrettably, it's an idea that will kill. *Trying harder* isn't necessarily the solution to achieving more. It may not offer any real promise for getting what you want out of life. Sometimes, in fact, it's a big part of the problem.

If you stake your hopes for a breakthrough on trying harder than ever, you may kill your chances for success. People get locked into a rut of trying harder without trying smarter.

- *Price Pritchett*

**Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts will be available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.**

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

### Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

**Streaming of Mass** - takes place from St Mary's each day, including Sunday, at 10 am. To access the streamed Mass via Facebook you'll need to look for The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland. **Please check our Facebook site for the usual streaming of Mass. We plan to be starting to stream Mass on YouTube rather than Facebook and this may begin this weekend - hopefully! More people will be able to access Mass on YouTube - not everyone has Facebook. I'm told that the quality is better on YouTube. We've been ok'd by YouTube for streaming.** Thanks to all who've been joining us in our cyber community so far. I hope that you'll not only stay with us, but spread the word to all laptop, iPad or phone owners about our YouTube site so that more folks can join us for our streamed Mass. Details of how to find us on YouTube will be given on our usual Facebook site.

**Church opening** - St Mary's church is open this week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 am to 1 pm for private prayers. New information is coming to us from the Bishop and diocesan departments about opening for Mass, funerals, baptisms, weddings and confession. Further information will be added, I'm sure. Clearly, being open for Mass is what we all want and we'll let you know when we can begin that. I hope it will be soon.

If you hear of other places opening for Mass, please do not assume this applies everywhere. Each church has to undergo assessment and to have a team of volunteers to make it work. We progress step by step. The virus is still active. We are not back to normal. The Government's latest relaxation of lockdown and places opening is good news only if good sense prevails and we avoid a new surge in infections. Thanks for your understanding.

**The Foodbank** - has been increasingly busy over the last few months and as work prospects change, we foresee greater demand when redundancies become more likely. If you can help at all, we'd love your support. **At present the Foodbank would be helped by corned beef, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and any other nutritious foodstuffs you are able to offer.** Donations of money have been generous and we hope that will continue. Bringing the actual goods is a direct help as it saves a further task of someone having to go and source the items needed. Thank you in advance.

**Help needed** - I'd be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to be part of some new groups:

- ◆ A Care Group, including the work of the SVP, of individuals who'll keep in touch with vulnerable people. Thank you.
- ◆ A Communications Group - anyone to help with the ways we can improve parish contacts and communications. Any techies would be very welcome. Please get in touch. Thank you.

**Talk to us** - please let Fr Dennis know if anyone is ill at home, is in hospital or is housebound. Please tell us if you know that a person would appreciate receiving Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Often the first I hear of a parishioner having died is through a call from a funeral director. The spiritual comfort of the simple Last Rites can be a visible and peaceful help to those who are terminally ill. Your help would be a great help to them. Do let us know. We can't do anything about something we don't know about. Don't assume that 'someone' will have told us. The 'someone' may well need to be you. Thank you.

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  
Sheila Campbell  
John Boyle  
Teresa Brown  
Joan Hannon  
Christina Marsh (3)  
Ian & Kathy Lloyd  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Wilf Teesdale*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19	Ps 85	Romans 8: 26-27	Matthew 13: 24-43
Mon	Micah 6: 1-4, 6-8	Ps 49	Matthew 12: 38-42	
Tues	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20	Ps 84	Matthew 12: 46-50	
Wed	Song of Songs 3: 1-4	Ps 62	John 20: 1-2, 11-18	
Thurs	Galatians 2: 19-20	Ps 33	John 15: 1-8	
Fri	James 1: 2-4, 12	Ps 93	Matthew 10: 17-22	
Sat	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15	Ps 125	Matthew 20: 20-28	
Sun	1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12	Ps 118	Romans 8: 28-30	Matthew 13: 44-52

**Church offerings** - Enormous thanks for all those who have handed in weekly offertory envelopes. It has been a great help in meeting our routine needs. Despite the lockdown and church closure, the parish needs to continue to meet its responsibilities which cover such as light and heat costs, ongoing maintenance and in particular the need to support the number of charity and good causes as determined by the Bishops and which is generally provided for by means of the monthly second collections.

We need to address the hole in our income caused by the closure of our churches which has meant that the influx of funds at regular weekend services has largely ground to a halt.

We know that a number of parishioners have continued to contribute by means of regular bank transfers, but what is missing are the cash contributions received at the weekend Masses. If any parishioner has continued to set aside funds in the weekly envelopes but cannot get to church to pass on these funds, it is suggested that you can ring Fr. Dennis who will arrange to get these offerings picked up. Please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. It is suggested that instead of putting your offering in each of the weekly envelopes, that you put your 4 weeks of April contents into one April envelope and one envelope for May. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

**Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer** - Any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See either Fr. Dennis or John Stockton for the necessary bank form.

**Loss of Weekly Offerings Envelopes** - Some parishioners may not have received their boxes of envelopes for the new Tax year starting in April. See John Stockton (St Wilfrid's) or Tony Murphy (St Mary's) or Fr. Dennis. This applies to all, not just those who gift aid.

**Northern Cross** - is struggling from no back of church sales. This will last for some time but our funds are very limited. It's a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a year's online subscription for £14.40 by bank transfer to **A/C Number 81602292 sort code 40-43-11** using your surname and postcode as a reference (eg Tindall DL14 6PQ). An online standing order would be a lifesaver for us. Or you can send a cheque for £14.40 payable to Northern Cross and post it to 11, The Grove, Hartlepool TS26 9NB (our office in Darlington is currently closed due to the present emergency). Thank you.

**Recipes** - no new recipes this week - howay folks - your 3 favourites, please! What recipes did you inherit from your mother, grandmother, social friends or from your favourite TV chefs? Everyone has their own favourites, we just want you to tell us. Make our mouths water!

**THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE.**