

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 18 August	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Deceased of the Gabriele Family</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Edith Tague</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 19 August <i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>The Bartley and Casey Families</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 20 August <i>St Bernard</i>	No Mass 9.00 am - Eucharistic Service	St Mary St Wilfrid
Tuesday 21 August <i>Dedication of St Marys Cathedral</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration	St Mary St Wilfrid St Wilfrid
Wednesday 22 August <i>Queenship of Mary</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 7.00 pm - Mass: <i>John and Margaret Oxley</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary
Thursday 23 August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - <i>Private Intention</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 24 August <i>St Bartholomew Apostle</i>	9.30 am - Mass : <i>Holy Souls</i>	St Mary
Saturday 25 August	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Eileen Stockton</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 26 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Catherine (Kate) Bromley</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>The Escomb Partnership</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary

ST MARY'S

Collection: £581.31
Thank you.

Quote:

"The only thing necessary for evil to flourish is that good people do nothing."
Edmund Burke

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £213.63
Thank you.

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 19 August

Twentieth Sunday of the Year

Listen up

Can you imagine a family in which no one speaks? Father never speaks to the children and they never speak to him? Everyone would agree that there would be something very wrong. But are they as ready to believe that something is wrong when God's children never speak to their heavenly Father? Prayer is a conversation with God.

A conversation is always two-way. We would consider someone very bad-mannered if he kept on talking and did not allow us to say a word. Yet how often are prayers like that? We do all the talking and no listening.

In family conversations we would not expect there to be any barriers or restrictions. We would think it most odd if we could only speak to father at certain times in the day. And he would think it peculiar if we could only say thank-you for our pocket money or ask his advice in one particular room at 10.30 on Sunday mornings. Yet there are those who restrict their prayers to God to when they are in church on Sunday mornings. And there are others who never pray at all! The things we accept as normal family life we fail to relate to God.

It is natural too, in a happy family, that those away from home will have a telephone conversation from time to time to speak to parents they cannot see. Many important people and business people have a special telephone hot-line on which they can speak at any time without even having to dial the number.

Prayer is our hot-line to God!

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Eucharistic Prayer
will usually be:
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Our Father etc.:
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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

David Wells - is coming to speak to us again on Friday 14 September at 6.30 for 7 pm in St John's School. We hope we may be able to provide food for the evening as we did last time - it helps with socialising - that's an important part of our Partnership growth. There's a list at the back of church. Please sign up as early as you can. If you heard him last time, you may wish to tell others. Thank you. Tickets probably at £2 each will be available soon.

The Foodbank - The donations we receive are amazing but the need is still urgent. At the moment tinned or packet potatoes, spaghetti and milk are what we have a real need for. We need lots of food items. Many families with children who normally receive free school meals, have to find extra help during the school holidays so that the children can have proper food. That involves our foodbank being under more pressure. Whatever you can give us to help will be a real godsend. Let's see what we can manage. And thank you for whatever you've been able to help with in the past. You're great!

Wanted - Do you have any family photographs or information about relatives or family friends who fought in the First World War? Did they return home or sadly die? We are looking for stories of people who were known to us or to our families. We will be holding a 'get together' in the next few weeks to firm up some ideas and gather information. Trawl those memories, speak to friends and family and search through those old photographs. Speak to Ann Clarkson at St Wilfrid's or Monica, Tony, Jeanette or Zita at St Mary's.

Day's Out! - St Mary's & St Wilfrid's Bishop Auckland are arranging a few outings which will be available to all in our Partnership. A visit to Crook Gardens on Monday 24 September with afternoon tea (optional). A Quiet Day at Minsteracres 17th October. December 4th will see a visit to McArthur Glen shopping outlet which includes going into York to see the Christmas Market. If you would be interested in any of these or like further information please see Jeanette Shaughnessy or Zita White. Lists will be placed at the back of church if you

Please pray for the health of:

*Betty Shoulder
Irene Welford
Winnie Dowson
Michael Dowson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Monica Fuller
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Kate Johnson
Tyler Quinn
Bill Gillon
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Christopher Dawes
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Rose Johnson
Teresa Brown
Margaret Brown*

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	1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30	Ps 83	1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17	John 2: 13-22
Wed	Ezekiel 34: 1-11	Ps 22	Matthew 20: 1-16	
Thurs	Ezekiel 36: 23+28	Ps 50	Matthew 22: 1-14	
Fri	Apocalypse 21: 9-14	Ps 144	John 1: 45-51	
Sat	Ezekiel 43: 1-7	Ps 84	Matthew 23: 1-12	
Sun	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18	Ps 33	Ephesians 5: 21-32	John 6: 60-69

would like to put down your name. You can contact us by e-mail jeanette.shaughnessy@btinternet.com or dandzwhite@tiscali.co.uk

Butterwick Hospice - is holding a special event called Floating Thoughts at Hardwick Country Park from 6.30 pm on Saturday 1st September to remember loved ones. You are invited to write a message for attaching to a floating candlelit lantern which will then be floated onto the lake at the Park. You'll be asked simply to make a donation and provide your message(s). See poster in church or contact telephone 01388 603003 (Mon-Fri 9 am to 5pm) or www.butterwick.org.uk/floatingthoughts.

Eucharistic Ministers - Readers Retreat Day - Saturday 8 September 2018, All Saints, Ferryhill. Please note that the date for this year's retreat has had to be changed from 1 September to 8 September because of the clash with the CAFOD day trip to Holy Island.

Kynren on Saturday 25th August - Would all who signed the lists to join a parish group to attend the Kynren performance please let me know as soon as possible whether or not the proposed date of Saturday 25th August is ok for you. Thank you.

The A Level results - made many very happy last week. St John's did very well. Congratulations to all young people who were rewarded for all their work and we wish them every success for their future. For those who were disappointed with their results, we pray they will not let this bruise the way they think about themselves. Life has many possibilities. Enormous appreciation of all that our schools do for young people and their families.

