

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, UHT milk, custard and tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat and good quality bags for life. 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 fuel costs 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. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

World Peace—please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

Pope Francis' brilliant document on caring for creation (Laudato Si) is now 8 years old! Not enough has happened over this time so he has written a further document called Laudate Deum (meaning 'Praise God') about the climate crisis. We have some copies at £4.95 at the back of church.

St. Mary's November Church Cleaning - The Nevin Family.

Marie Curie Nursing - have gladly arranged an evening in St Mary's when we'll enjoy the music of Durham Police Brass Band on Friday 8 December at 7.30pm. Seasonal refreshments will be provided. If you're ready for a night out, come and join us. Adults £7.50, children £1 and it's pay on the door.

Advent Extra copies are now available at £2.00—great value at a great price.

November Envelopes please take an envelope and put in it your personal list of people who have died and we'll remember them during our November Masses. Place your envelope on the altar. Any money given in the envelopes will be put to offerings for Holy Souls Masses. If you'd like Mass to be offered for particular individuals, please use a different envelope. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT with a bottle stall on 7 December. Please pencil the date in your diary. Can we also ask if you

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
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
Eileen Kelly
Senara Wilton
Joan Vasey*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 6: 12-16	Ps 62	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Matthew 25: 1-13
Mon	1 Maccabees 1: 10-15, 41-43	Ps 118	Luke 18: 35-43	
Tues	2 Maccabees 6: 18-31	Ps 3	Luke 19: 1-10	
Wed	2 Maccabees 7: 1, 20-31	Ps 16	Luke 19: 11-28	
Thurs	1 Maccabees 2: 15-29	Ps 49	Luke 19: 41-44	
Fri	1 Maccabees 4: 36-37, 52-59	1 Chronicles 29: 10-12	Luke 19: 45-48	
Sat	1 Maccabees 6: 1-13	Ps 9	Luke 20: 27-40	
Sun	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17	Ps 22	1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28	Matthew 25: 31-46

have any spare bottles for the stall could you bring them to either St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Many thanks.

Bible Alive – November's copies are available at the back of church. Please collect yours if you ordered a monthly copy. Tick against your name on the list for November. £1.50. Thank you.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW—Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. We have some raffle tickets.

The Faith Museum – is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It has opened now. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

SVP200 Club - November winning numbers are 76 and 57. No winners here. Many thanks.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 18 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 19 November <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Mark Docherty</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Peter and Agnes Hall</i>
Monday 20 November <i>St Edmund King</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 21 November <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>	No Mass
Thursday 23 November	No Mass
Friday 24 November <i>The Vietnamese Martyrs</i>	No Mass
Saturday 25 November	10.00 am Mass: 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Elizabeth Beatrice, Dennis Benedict, Stanley Chrisanth, Rowland Benedict, Dennister Leopold</i>
Sunday 26 November <i>34th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Thanksgiving for 90th birthday</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Helena and Andrzej Zapotoczny</i>

Quote:

*"He who deliberates fully before taking a step will spend his entire life on one leg".
- Chinese proverb*

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33rd SUNDAY of the YEAR

The Velveteen Rabbit

'How can I become real?' the little velveteen rabbit asked the old rocking horse.

'It's something that happens to you when someone loves you, for a long time, really loves you'.

'Does it hurt?'

'Sometimes', answered the rocking horse, 'but when you are real you don't mind being hurt. It doesn't happen all at once, you slowly become it. It takes a long time, and it does not often happen to people who break easily, or have sharp edges.

'By the time you are real your velvet will be worn out and loved off, and you will look really shabby, but these things don't matter at all because once you are real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't know how to love'

- by Margery Williams (1881-1944)



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