

A FREE copy of Bible Alive is yours today. This is a monthly publication that is produced to enhance our love and appreciation of the Scriptures - specifically, of the readings at Mass each day during the month. It gives, as you'll discover, helpful reflections on each day's readings. If you decide you'd like the parish to stock this each month, please let us know. There'll be a sign up sheet available next weekend. Thank you.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries - Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat 8-10 Sept, 2023 held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham. The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details.

Summer Holidays - occasionally bring back school day memories when a six week break from the classroom was a time when we did mad things with mates and the weather seemed to be sunny - if the memory can be reliable.

Despite our changing climate, I hope these weeks are kinder to our young people so they can explore the outdoors and not be restricted by more rain. So much importance for people of various ages now seems to depend on looking at a screen. The technology that gives us so much can become the gatekeeper to how we live our personal time and fresh air and outdoor activity seem less important to many than they used to be - and continue to be. I had a full week away recently without television. Frankly, I didn't miss it!

Outing to Blanchland - Tuesday 12th September - we still have a few places left on the bus. The cost is £25 including lunch and we'll be leaving St Mary's at 9.45 and returning by 4.45. We'll have a guided visit to the Abbey and time to explore the historic village before we have lunch in the White Monk Tearoom. We'll call at the Dales Centre in Stanhope on the way back. Please sign the list in church if you are interested - deposit of £10 please to Jeanette Shaughnessy (St Mary's) or Michael Broadbent or Melvyn Relton (St Wilfrid's).

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, pasta sauce, tinned fruit 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

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
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
Patrick Fogarty*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7	Ps 66	Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32	Matthew 15: 21-28
Mon	1 Kings 8: 22-23, 27-30	Ps 83	John 4: 19-24	
Tues	Judges 6: 11-24	Ps 84	Matthew 19: 23-30	
Wed	Judges 9: 6-15	Ps 20	Matthew 20: 1-16	
Thurs	Apocalypse 21: 9-14	Ps 144	John 1: 45-51	
Fri	Ruth 1: 1, 3-6, 14-16, 22	Ps 145	Matthew 22: 34-40	
Sat	Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17	Ps 127	Matthew 23: 1-12	
Sun	Isaiah 22: 19-23	Ps 137	Romans 11: 33-36	Matthew 16: 13-20

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.

Help with the Foodbank and crisis work is required more in school holidays when children do not have the benefit of school meals. Could we help keep this in mind during the long school summer break please? Thank you.

A warm (and dry!) welcome to our visitors over the holiday weeks. We thank you for joining us for Mass and hope your time in the area will be enjoyable.

The Passion Play is scheduled for next Good Friday in the Market Place. If you are interested in being part of the cast or helping in practical ways, please do get in touch. Thank you.

School Governors do an invaluable job helping our schools here. We have vacancies at present, so if you'd love to help in giving back in gratitude for what school gave us, please have a word.

As the year moves on could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's - in view of the low attendance there will be no Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's for the rest of the summer. If there is a demand we will start again in the autumn.

The Faith Museum - is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It opens on 7 October. 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.

SVP Raffle Tickets - tickets are available at St Wilfrid's from Catherine Donovan. Catherine can only get to every Mass Sunday. Her contact number is 07790 352023.

KYNREN - has begun the 2023 run. I hope you'll book up to enjoy the amazing spectacle. There are more new things to see each year!

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 19 August <i>St Oswin King</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>In Thanksgiving</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 20 August <i>20th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Ruth Suddes</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>
Monday 21 August DEDICATION OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL	No Mass 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 22 August <i>Our Lady Queen</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the people of Hawaii and Ukraine</i>
Wednesday 23 August <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	10.00 am Mass @ Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington
Thursday 24 August <i>ST Bartholomew Apostle</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>John Watson Harrop</i>
Friday 25 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>Paul Mary Chu Sinh</i>
Saturday 26 August <i>St Ninian</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 27 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Thanksgiving (B)</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Vasey, Hogg and Cruddace families</i>

Quote:

"A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always rely on the support of Paul"
- **George Bernard Shaw**

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20th SUNDAY of the YEAR

Where do you think you're going?

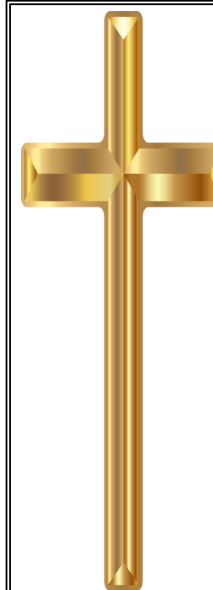
It seems to me that knowing where we are going encourages us to stop seeing and hearing and allows us to fall asleep.

Not knowing where you are going creates more than uncertainty; it fosters a sense of aliveness, an appreciation of the particulars around you. It wakes you up much the same way that illness does.

In fact, perhaps we only think we know where we are going as all the while we are really going somewhere quite different. I have done many things in order to achieve a valued goal only to discover in time that the real goal my choices have led me toward is something else entirely. Something I could not even have known existed when I first set foot upon the path. The purpose underlying life often wears the mask of whatever has got our attention at the time. The very reason that we were born, our greatest blessing, or our way to serve may come into our lives looking like a new car, a chance to travel, or a cup of the finest coffee.

The truth is that we are always moving toward mystery and so we are far closer to what is real when we do not see our destination clearly.

- **Rachel Naomi Remen**



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.