

Oppose Assisted Suicide: Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/> Thank you for your prayers and action. - Bishop Stephen.

St Wilfrid's Social Evening: will now be on **Friday 22nd November at 7.00pm** in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. If you have a ticket for the earlier date, please hang on to it - if not, tickets (£1 only!) are at the back of each church. It's always a fun evening- come and join us for quizzes, bingo and a chance to meet and chat! Offerings of food and raffle prizes would be very welcome.

Christmas Quiz: it's that time of year again when we have our amazing quiz. **Thursday 5 December** put the date in your diary. If you have any bottles for the bottle stall could you please leave them at the back of church.

Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal: please pick up a leaflet at the back of church. Fill a box for a deprived child for Christmas. Collection week **11-18 November**. Or please give a donation for transporting boxes, there's a tin at the back of church. For further information see poster at back of church.

Today one of our parish safeguarding representatives will say a few words at the end of our masses with a message from the diocese which seeks to celebrate and support all who volunteer in our parishes.

Foodbank: very many thanks for your ongoing generosity in bringing in items for our local food bank. You would never believe how much it is appreciated by local people in great need. As the weather gets cooler it really can be a choice between food or heating. A big thank you. **The following items are needed this week, tinned vegetables, UHT milk and bars of soap. Help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs.**

Laudato Si: BIG MISTAKES - the main reasons why recycled loads are rejected: **FOOD WASTE** - gets crushed and spread over the load making it too difficult to sort. **BLACK BIN BAGS** - please do not use them. **NAPPIES**. **BATTERIES** and **VAPES** cause fires in collection vehicles. Strangely, shredded paper is rejected because it gets everywhere. Other common items not recyclable - books with glued spines (cut pages away from glue with scissors). Pizza boxes and similar, contaminated with food. Empty meds blister/foil packaging. Despite manufacturers claims toothpaste tubes are best not put in the recycle bin. Tin caps from wine bottles are accepted either left on bottles or separate. Hope this helps - Please spread the word. From Laudato Si group.

Please pray for the health of:

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
John Green
Lynette Stott
Brenda Dawes



SVP: Melvin Relton has just passed the money raised from his Great North Run exploits to the SVP. His sponsorship raised £699 in total which is a wonderful effort and we cannot thank him enough. These funds will be split between the two conferences and will be put to good purpose.

FLAME 2025: Flame 2025 takes place on **Saturday 15th March**. The theme is **'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). **COST: £45** per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact mary.hughes@ymt.org

Life in the Spirit Seminars: an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit, an opportunity for people to find out more about that life, and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. To be held at St Mary's, Newton Aycliffe - **please see poster at the back of churches**. It is not necessary to book onto these sessions in advance, although it would be helpful in managing the numbers. Refreshments will be served from 6.30 - 7.00 pm before the start of the seminar each Monday evening. Please book your place via <https://bit.ly/CDSCLifeInTheSpirit> or scan the QR code on the poster.

Tea/coffee - remember we have tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass each Sunday at St. Wilfrid's. All are very welcome.

First Steps 2024 - Exploring the Catholic Faith: are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? **Welcome to First Steps!** Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFIRSTSteps>.

'Northern Cross': the October edition of the diocesan newspaper is now available at the back of church for £1.50. Many thanks to all who support this.

Knitted and crocheted poppies: this year St John's School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. With this in mind we would like to do something extra special for this year's Remembrance Day. Using knitted and crocheted poppies, we would like to create a cascading poppy display at the front of school. However, in order to do this, we need A LOT of poppies. We are appealing to our families and friends to help us create this special display. There are patterns here you can follow to help you or you are welcome to use a different pattern. Poppies of any size would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. Knitting patterns are available at the back of church.

Parish email address: please see new parish email address in heading on front cover.

The Little Sisters of the Poor: Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA are having a Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 9th November from 12pm to 3pm**. Lots of stalls, home baking, Santa's Grotto, and Arts & Crafts. All are welcome.

Marie Curie: are holding a Curry Night and Quiz at the Spice Lounge, Fore Bondgate on **Monday 11 November at 7pm**. Tickets costing £20 are available from Elizabeth Varley 07816306910/01388606075.

St John's Secondary School: (1.) On Monday, 10.00am – 2.00pm, students from St John's School will be using St Mary's church for a music retreat day. (2.) Some students from St Johns hope to join us for mass on occasional Tuesdays at **9.15am** - including this Tuesday. (3.) Year 7 from St John's school will be joining us for our 10.00am mass on Wednesday.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 19 October	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Holy Souls
Sunday 20 October <i>29th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Mark Docherty 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: For everyone in our parish
Monday 21 October	10.00 am—2pm Students from St John's School in St Mary's church for Music Retreat Day 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's
Tuesday 22 October	9.15 am Mass: Margery Harrop
Wednesday 23 October	10.00 am Mass: For everyone in our Schools <i>(St John's School Year 7 Mass in St Mary's church)</i>
Thursday 24 October	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls
Friday 25 October	No 8.15 am Mass: In St John's School today
Saturday 26 October <i>SS Chad and Cedd (Bishops)</i>	5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Irene Welford
Sunday 27 October <i>30th Sunday of the Year (B)</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: For everyone in our parish 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Ellen and Denis Jackson

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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **20 October 2024**

29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Father John Francis Krajicek

Father John Francis Krajicek was born in London in 1877 to parents who had been born in Moravia and then he trained for the priesthood at Ushaw College. By the beginning of the Great War in 1914, aged 38, he was priest in St Chad's, Witton Park and he was instrumental in securing houses there for Belgian refugees. He witnessed the end of the war but, one month later died from Spanish Flu which swept through Britain and Europe. Fr Krajicek is buried in Escomb cemetery. However, his damaged headstone has now been repaired and, on Thursday 24 October at 12.30pm we are to have a little service at the cemetery to rededicate his memorial. Everyone is very welcome to come and take part.

David Coxon



Confession Times

St Mary's

**Saturdays at
10.45-11.30
and by request.**

St Wilfrid's

**before
Sunday
Mass**