

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 19 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>For a successful operation</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Denis Kelly</i>
Sunday 20 November <i>FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For the recovery of Mary Curry</i> 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ian Mackley</i>
Monday 21 November <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm - Craft Group in St Mary's meeting room 2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 22 November	No Mass
Wednesday 23 November	No Mass 12.30 pm Funeral Service at St Mary's for PATRICIA RESTON
Thursday 24 November <i>Vietnamese Martyrs</i>	No Mass
Friday 25 November	No Mass 7.00 pm at St Mary's - Police Choir Concert for Marie Curie
Saturday 26 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Antony Chu Van Xuan & Cecilia Pham Thi Hong</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 27 November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Relton</i> 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's: <i>For the work of Jacinta Nwankwo</i>

Quote

"If the Ten Commandments were not written by Moses, then they were written by another fellow of the same name".

- Mark Twain

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CHRIST THE KING

A Creed to ponder

We believe that where people are gathered together in love God is present and good things happen and life is full.

We believe that we are immersed in mystery that our lives are more than they seem, that we belong to each other and to a universe of great creative energies whose source and destiny is God.

We believe that God is after us that he is calling us from the depth of human life.

We believe that God has risked himself and become man in Jesus.

In and with Jesus we believe that each of us is situated in the love of God and the pattern of our life will be the pattern of Jesus—through death to resurrection.

We believe that the Spirit of Peace is present with us, the Church, as we gather to celebrate our common existence, the resurrection of Jesus, and the fidelity of God.

And most deeply we believe that in our struggle to love we incarnate God in the world. And so aware of mystery and wonder, caught in friendship and laughter we become speechless before the joy in our hearts and celebrate the sacredness of life in the Eucharist.

- John Shea



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Churches with warm spaces during winter - The Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches have made arrangements to have safe and warm places where individuals can come to socialize over a cuppa and biscuits.

Woodhouse Close Church, Proudfoot Drive, DL14 6PD - open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to 2.30pm.

The Parish Centre, Middlewood Avenue, St Helen's, DL14 9DJ - the lounge is open on Tuesdays from 10am - 3pm and Thursdays from 11am - 2pm.

The Ark - at the back of St Helen's Church DL14 9DN—open on a Wednesday from 10.30am to 4pm.

Bishop Auckland Baptist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6AH, from week beginning 31st October their Church will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm, Thursdays—Wellbeing Café, from 9.30am including a light lunch from 12.30pm.

St Mary's Catholic Church, Vart Road, DL14 6PQ—Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 2 pm.

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6DN, Monday and Fridays 10—3 pm.

Coffee morning/Warm Space - Thursdays and Fridays in St Mary's Meeting Room 11am—2pm. Please see the helpers rota at the back of church. Any problems ring Zita on 01388 604926 or 07722219173.

Christmas Dinner will be provided again at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, courtesy of our Fellowship of Christian Churches. This is for anyone who will be alone this Christmas. Please ring 01388 450838 to book by 15 December. Please spread the word. Thank you.

CAFOD's World Gifts Catalogue for 2022/2023 is available to be picked up free from the back of church. They note that we should order by 15 December, free delivery for Christmas. Do take one today.

Can we help the work of Marie Curie nurses? The brilliant and sensitive care and support they provide through terminal illness is superb and needs funding, we have 2 events for your diary:

Friday 25 November at 7pm here in St Mary's church, Durham Police Choir will entertain us. Seasonal refreshments provided. Tickets from Peter Daniels (07733544186). Adults £7.50 children £1.

Monday 28 November at 7pm Curry Night and Quiz at Spice Lounge, Fore Bondgate. Tickets £17 available from Peter as above.

SVP - would like to thank Melvyn Relton for donating his Great North Run sponsorship monies to the parish SVP groups to help us with our ongoing works.

HOLY ISLAND VINNIES CAMP 2022-23 URGENT APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS - Have you got some time spare to help out our Term Time Camp? We urgently need volunteers to work in the kitchen or do a bit of cleaning/ caretaking at Holy Island Camp, washing dishes, serving food and clearing /cleaning the dining hall. We cannot offer glamour but we can offer friendship and a worthwhile cause to help. Term Time Camps take place between Easter and the Summer Holidays and then September and October. Commitment involves training, a DBS check and the choice of anything from a few days to a week helping on the beautiful island itself. We also need volunteers to work as part of a team of helpers to supervise and look after children, taking part in our weekly holidays over July and August. Volunteers would help organise activities and supervise the care of the children, aged between 9 and 12. Again, very little glamour, and admittedly tiring, but so worthwhile! Commitment is for training, a DBS check and a week on the island. All roles can be applied for, in November 2022 on line at <https://www.svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island/> where there is also much more information. We hope to meet you soon!

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dowson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Norah Hutchinson
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
Billy Teague*

Please pray for

PATRICIA RESTON (69)

who has died.
May she rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	2 Samuel 5: 1-3	Ps 121	Colossians 1: 12-20	Luke 23: 35-43
Mon	Apocalypse 14: 1-5	Ps 23	Luke 21: 1-4	
Tues	Apocalypse 14: 14-19	Ps 95	Luke 21: 5-11	
Wed	Apocalypse 15: 1-4	Ps 97	Luke 21: 12-19	
Thurs	Apocalypse 18: 1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3	Ps 99	Luke 21: 20-28	
Fri	Apocalypse 20: 1-4, 11-21:2	Ps 83	Luke 21: 29-33	
Sat	Apocalypse 22: 1-7	Ps 94	Luke 21: 34-36	
Sun	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Ps 121	Romans 13: 11-14	Matthew 24: 37-44

Care for Creation - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

The Laudato Si group are planning to hold a food/cookery event as part of this year's Season of creation. If anyone has any expertise in cookery or recipe ideas and would like to be involved in a small group of us, please get in touch via email - jeanniehardy@gmail.com/mobile Tel: 07708108119, or with Eileen Thornton at St Mary's.

The Laudato Si group the next meeting will take place on **Thursday 23 November** at 6.30pm at St Mary's.

A warm welcome to all who are returning to Mass after careful measures over Covid kept people away. Our churches are safe, we're currently still masked and it'll be great to see you. If you have any questions please ask them. You are part of a living community of faith and continue to be. How we each express that is mainly through Sunday Mass. How can we help?

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, hot dogs, toothbrushes and tinned peas/carrots. 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 heating 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. Thank you.

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.

Christmas Quiz on **Thursday 8 December** in St Mary's meeting room. There will be a bottle raffle (not a bottle stall) if you have any spare bottles of wine or spirits could you please bring them into church and leave them at the back. Thank you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

Catholics in hospital - The Hospital Trust for our region has renewed all its computerised patient infrastructure and, as a result, chaplains no longer have access to lists of patients by religion or denomination. This is likely to be the case for the foreseeable future and means that Father Paul Tully, our Catholic Chaplain based at Durham will only discover Catholic patients by chance unless they are referred to him from their parish or family. A Catholic in Durham hospital will need to ask for Fr Paul Tully or in our other hospitals to ask for a Catholic priest if they want a visit and the sacraments. You can let Fr Dennis know also.