

# This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 21 January</b>	<b>9.45 am</b> Requiem Mass for <b>JOHN WATSON HARROP</b> at <i>St Mary's</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> at <b>St Mary's: Mick and Shirley Degnan</b>
<b>Sunday 22 January</b> <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass</b> at <b>St Wilfrid's: People of the parish</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> <b>St Mary's: Marie Green &amp; Margaret Parry</b> <b>4.00 pm Unity Service</b> at <b>Dene Valley Church</b>
<b>Monday 23 January</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls</b> <i>No Eucharistic Service</i> at <i>St Wilfrid's</i>
<b>Tuesday 24 January</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass: Thanksgiving</b> <b>1.00 pm</b> Funeral Service @ <i>St Wilfrid's</i> for <b>JEFFREY ALDWORTH</b> <b>2.00 pm</b> <i>Holy Hour</i> at <i>St Wilfrid's</i>
<b>Wednesday 25 January</b> <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 26 January</b> <i>SS Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 27 January</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass</b> in <b>St John's School Chapel</b> <b>10.00 am Mass: The Ottewell Family</b> <b>12.30 pm</b> Funeral Service for <b>MARY JOYCE BAILEY</b> at <i>Wear Valley Crematorium</i>
<b>Saturday 28 January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass: People of the parish</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass</b> at <b>St Mary's: Alan &amp; Peter Lamb</b>
<b>Sunday 29 January</b> <i>4th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass</b> at <b>St Wilfrid's: For the people of Ukraine</b> <b>11.00 am Mass</b> <b>St Mary's: Ian Lloyd</b>

## Quote

*"To err is human, but to really foul things up requires a computer".*  
- **Paul Ehrlich (1978)**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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## 3rd Sunday of the Year (A)

### APPRECIATE THE DETAILS

*Many years ago two men were on board a sailing ship, going back to their home in a far-off island, when one of them noticed a little grain of corn at his feet. He picked it up and examined it. 'It's a grain of corn', he said. 'If it were a sackful it might be some use!'. And he threw it away again carelessly.*

*But the other man picked it up, put it in his pocket, and treasured it till they reached their island home. Then he sowed it. It grew into a plant, and yielded a tiny crop, so small as to be laughable. But he sowed that again, and the next time the result was enough to fill a cup. This again he sowed, and there was enough to give a few grains to each of his many friends. So the crop grew, and in the end yielded an abundant harvest.*

*The little grain of corn was the means of introducing corn to the islands.*

- **Anon**



### Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**White Flower Appeal** - each year in January we support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) by means of the White Flower Appeal. SPUC works to support mothers and fathers to bring babies into life rather than opt for abortion. Cases are often complicated and their work gets no funding other than voluntary donations. They also campaign and lobby government to uphold the sanctity and dignity of life - before birth and before death by their work to oppose euthanasia. If you are able to help this cause, there'll be a retiring collection after each of our weekend Masses. Thank you.

**The Journey of Faith** - many people do not join the Church because no one ever asks them. Is there anyone in your family or acquaintances to whom you might raise a question about whether they may be interested in learning more about faith, about God, about the Church? You could be a great help in making an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to enter and initiate a journey of faith in an individual's life. I'm always happy to help and to answer any questions.

**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.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
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  
Alan Harrison*

Please pray for

MARY JOYCE BAILEY (94)  
JEFFREY ALDWORTH (66)  
PETER YOUNG

who have died.  
May they rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 8: 23-9:3	Ps 26	1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17	Matthew 4: 12-23
Mon	Hebrews 9: 15, 24-28	Ps 97	Mark 3: 22-30	
Tues	Hebrews 10: 1-10	Ps 39	Mark 3: 31-35	
Wed	Hebrews 10: 11-18	Ps 109	Mark 4: 1-20	
Thurs	Hebrews 10: 19-25	Ps 23	Mark 4: 21-25	
Fri	Hebrews 10: 32-39	Ps 36	Mark 4: 26-34	
Sat	Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19	Luke 1: 69-75	Mark 4: 35-41	
Sun	Zephaniah 2:3, 3: 12-13	Ps 145	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31	Matthew 5: 1-12

**Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's** will start again on Tuesday 17 January at 2.00pm and will continue on Tuesdays to avoid clashing with the Craft Club. It's a great opportunity to step aside and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - why not join us?

**SVP 200 CLUB** - With regards to previous notices, we are pleased to advise that Zita White has agreed to be your contact. Zita has made a good start as one of the members in the parish won a prize in the first month. Well done Zita and the lucky winner, who shall be nameless.

**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 Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, packet mash, hot dogs and toilet rolls . 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.

**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](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

**Cleaning Rota** - the new rota for 2023 is now on display at the back of church.