

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 21 September ST MATTHEW	9.30 am - Mass - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 12.30 pm Wedding of PAUL KELLY AND KIMBERLEY CUNNINGHAM 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary St Mary
Sunday 22 September <i>25th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 23 September	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - No Mass 1.00 PM - Craft Group	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Tuesday 24 September	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - No Mass 7.00 pm - Prayer Group and Adoration	St Mary St Wilfrid St Wilfrid
Wednesday 25 September	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 7.00 pm - Mass - <i>Jim Breslin</i> 7.30 pm - Social Committee	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Thursday 26 September	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass - <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 pm - Partnership Development Group	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Friday 27 September	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Mass in church - <i>People of the parish</i> 10.00 am - Macmillan Coffee Morning	St Mary St Mary
Saturday 28 September	9.30 am - Mass - <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Deceased of the Arthurs family</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 29 September <i>26th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>For the SVP</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Julie Plattenden</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £493.49

Thank you

Quote:

"Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening" - Gandhi

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £227.31

Thank you

In addition to the church collections above, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 22 September 2019

TWENTYFIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

HOW BLIND ARE WE?

John Newton wrote a great hymn which the Church sings - 'Glorious things of thee are spoken'. When he wrote it he was sitting in the sunshine on a ship's deck while in the hatches slaves were groaning in anguish, shackled and being taken to be sold in some hellhole in London or America. We might call Newton a hypocrite. But he wasn't. He was morally asleep. Now is the time for good people everywhere to awake from their moral slumber, else some future generation will look upon us as insensitive to the evils arounds us as was John Newton who described the voyage as one of sweet communion with Jesus. The opportunity is here, let's not let it pass.

Today's Mass Page Numbers

Penitential Rite:

Mass & Readings:
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140-142

Creed:
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Eucharistic Prayer
will usually be:
Page 24 OR 27

Our Father etc.:
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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday morning
Masses by request and any
other time by simple
arrangement

Our Local Foodbank - Enormous thanks to all who have helped and continue to help. The usual broad range of staple non-perishable food items remains a constant and necessary expression of our Gospel requirement to feed the hungry. Let's see what we can do. The gratitude of many, many people is heartfelt. **This week we need tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, cook in sauces, long life milk, jam, rice, sweets and corned beef.**

Care for our buildings - we now have our 5 yearly reports on our buildings, carried out by the diocese. If you have any skills which may help us in the constant work required for repairs and maintenance, would you please let us know. Thank you.

Forgotten your reading glasses? St Mary's now have three pairs at the back of church which may just help you out. Please return them to their spot after use. Many thanks

Social Event - Meal at Pollards on **Thursday 3 October**, please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to join us.

A Macmillan Coffee Morning - will be held in St Mary's meeting room after 9.30 am Mass this Friday 27 September. Do come along if you can. Any cakes etc that could help will be a great boon. Bakers, biscuit makers and our wonderfully generous supporters will be greeted with open arms. Thank you. You have another choice to attend a Macmillan Coffee Morning on the same day from 10.30am to 12.30 at Bishopsgate Lodge Care Home next to St Wilfrid's. They also have a Harvest Festival on at the same time.

Samaritans Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - If you would like to fill a shoe box for a deprived child, please pick up a leaflet at the back of church for information. Prepared shoe boxes will be available to buy (50p, to cover cost) after Mass each weekend. For more information contact Marie Anderson (01388 664223). Filled boxes to be returned to church before 10 November please. **PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTION LEAFLET CAREFULLY TO NOTE CHANGES.**

St Wilfrid's Safeguarding check - will take place on **Sunday 20 October** after Mass for all with DBS checks. Please provide your passport, birth certificate and two recent utility bills or letters to validate your current address. Any queries please contact Fiona Ottewell on 07730375422.

Book Club - it's a while since the Book Club met to look at an agreed book. The next meeting will be at **St Mary's at 7pm on Tuesday 1st October** to discuss Pope Francis' brilliant document 'Laudato Si' on the environment. Copies can be obtained from Ronnie Pounder or Ann Wake. Everyone's welcome.

Youth Ministry Module - All those who work with young

Please pray for the health of:

*Betty Shoulder
Irene Welford
Michael Dowson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Monica Fuller
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Kate Johnson
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Clare Musgrave
Kathy Lloyd*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Amos 8: 4-7	Ps 112	1 Timothy 2: 1-8	Luke 16: 1-13
Mon	Ezra 1: 1-6	Ps 125	Luke 8: 16-18	
Tues	Ezra 6: 7-8, 12, 14-20	Ps 121	Luke 8: 19-21	
Wed	Ezra 9: 5-9	Tobit 13:2,4,6-8	Luke 9: 1-6	
Thurs	Haggai 1: 1-8	Ps 149	Luke 9: 7-9	
Fri	Haggai 1: 15-2:9	Ps 42	Luke 9: 18-22	
Sat	Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15	Jeremiah 31: 10-13	Luke 9: 43-45	
Sun	Amos 6: 1, 4-7	Ps 145	1 Timothy 6: 11-16	Luke 16: 19-31

people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two **Saturdays 12th October and 23rd November** at the Emmaus Village. Further information or to book a place, email education@diocesehn.org.uk

St Wilfrid's Social Evening - yes, the highlight of your social year has come round again! Quizzes, bingo, raffle, refreshments and an opportunity to relax and chat, on **Friday 11 October at 7.00pm** in the presbytery. Tickets available now, £1 as always - grab yours before they all go! Offers of food and raffle prizes would be very welcome.

Future Church Group - sincere thanks to those who put their names down on the bright green or bright orange list to say they'll come together to look at how we understand and work towards being the Church locally over the coming years. I'd be very grateful if you could come to an initial get together on Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm in St Mary's meeting room. Help yourself to tea and coffee and we'll begin with a short liturgy.

The Sisters from Croatia - who came to us a couple of years ago bringing lots of hand-crafted religious items for sale in order to finance their work are visiting us again. Do come and see what they bring. This could solve some of your Christmas presents! Everyone who came last time was impressed and readily bought items for themselves or others. They'll be here setting up before our 7pm Mass at St Mary's this Wednesday and similarly setting up in the tea room at St Wilfrid's before 9.30am Mass this Thursday and items will be for sale following the Masses. If you can come, you'll be delighted. Lets give them our best support.

Climate Strike - we received info too late to let you know of the Global Day of Action in Bishop Auckland last Friday. Remember Greta Thunberg, the young girl who has alerted so many to the dangers of climate change and the devastating harm to our environment if we do nothing? Across the world, beginning with student demonstrations, adults are now asked to join in and demand change from governments. Meet next Friday 10am to 2 pm in Bishop Auckland Market Place. Work out what changes you can make. Thank you.