

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 21 November <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>	10.00 am Mass: Special Intention (B)	
Sunday 22 November <i>CHRIST THE KING</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Monday 23 November	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 24 November <i>Vietnamese Martyrs</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Mass Special Intention (L)</i>	
Wednesday 25 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Pamela Harrop</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 26 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention (P)</i>	
Friday 27 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 28 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 29 November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joyce Leo</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"The deepest sin against the human mind is to believe things without evidence."

T H Huxley

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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CHRIST THE KING

Daily Bread

Normal Day, let me be aware of the treasure you are. Let me learn from you, love you and savour you, bless you, before you depart.

Let me not pass you by in the quest of some rare and perfect tomorrow. Let me hold you while I may, for it will not always be so.

One day I shall dig my fingers into the earth, or bury my face in the pillow, or stretch myself taut, or raise my hands to the sky, and want more than all the world: your return.

Mary Jean Irion

Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts will be available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

St Mary's SVP Christmas Appeal Every year we provide Christmas hampers/gifts for local families enduring real poverty and your weekly contributions make this possible. This year we have experienced unprecedented circumstances which have increased the needs of many but with Church closure and lockdown we haven't been able to receive any donations. We have five families who are facing huge financial difficulties through no fault of their own and we would like to show that our Parish community values and wishes to support them. If you are financially able, we would like you to put a donation in an envelope with 'SVP Christmas Appeal' written on it and posit in in Fr Dennis' letterbox by 6 December 2020. As we are under lockdown restrictions, we are not asking for gifts of food. Members of the SVP will purchase what is needed, depending on the composition of the families and observing lockdown restrictions. We hope that you can help. Thank you.

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)

published its Report on the Catholic Church the week before last. It makes grim reading. The Report is 154 pages and can be accessed on [www.iicsa.org.uk.document.roman-catholic-church](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/document/roman-catholic-church). Our Bishops have issued the Statement included last week. If anyone has any concerns please give me a ring. I'm happy to help anyone about these tragic and dreadful crimes committed by the Church people - especially priests, and any failures to help victims and others who have suffered and continue to suffer.

Advent Extra Copies of the usual booklet to help you through Advent (which begins next week) are now available, price £1.50. You'll find copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep at both churches.

Christmas Market some of you may remember the Sisters from St Elizabeth Convent in Belarus who have visited us a couple of times with their handmade goods. They have established their first online Christmas Market which can be found at catalog.obital-minsk.com/christmas-market. They export all over the world. Have a look. Their goods are great quality. Thank you.

Patience and Support - with the new lockdown it's important we not only comply with the rules but do all we can to give encouragement and support to one another. Make phone/video contact, keep as positive as you are able and don't let this second time of further restrictions defeat your own strengths or humour. If this world and local crisis doesn't have a place in your prayers, now's the time to bring it into your conversations with the Lord. Thanks.

New Covid arrangements

- We are not able to have Mass with a congregation during this current second lockdown
- We can and will open St Mary's for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1.00pm. Masks are required.
- We will be streaming Mass daily, except for Mondays, at 10 am

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*
- Tyler Quinn*
- Maureen Nicholson*
- Norah Hutchinson*
- Robin Davis*
- Angela Graham*
- Stephen Gregory*
- Frank Ridley*
- Jack Tobin*
- Jacob Thomas*
- Charlotte Thomas*
- Sheila Campbell*
- John Boyle*
- Teresa Brown*
- Joan Hannon*
- Christina Marsh (3)*
- Ian & Kathy Lloyd*
- Roman Banks*
- Jane Hardy (Kirby)*
- Wilf Teesdale*

Please pray for ERIC WALSH (88) who has died. May he rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17	Ps 22	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28	Matthew 25:31-46
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, 9	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 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8	Ps 79	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:33-37

(access via St Mary's Bishop Auckland You Tube).

- Funeral services can go ahead with 30 people in church and or at the Crematorium or graveside. Any additional attendees at funerals will sadly need to remain outside.

Northern Cross has produced a PRINTED edition for this month. Copies at £1.50 are available in the box on the presbytery doorstep. It's smaller in size but we'll get back to the larger copies when we can get enough subscribers. Please help us to increase our readership. Thanks.

The Foodbank - needs you. Big thanks for what you donate and for money donations. Items needed are **sugar, jam, potatoes-tinned or packet, rice pudding, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shower gel**. At the moment we have plenty of pasta, beans and soup & we now have lots of carrier bags - a sign of your generosity. Lets see what we can do to help. **New opening hours Mon-Thurs 10 - 5 & Fri, 9 - 1.**

Parish Finances - please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white 2nd collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer - any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies of Standing Order forms in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you are new to the Catholic faith and would like to know more, you are invited to join a weekly online programme arranged by the Diocese. It's called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and registration is now open - Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm. The hour long online meetings will enable you to meet others who are also beginning the programme. You can also get in touch, please with Father Dennis. To register or find out more, email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. Thanks.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - is a free online course of 8 sessions on Monday evenings 7.30 to 8.30pm on 23rd November 2020 and 1, 8, 15 and 22nd February 2021. To register or for more information email the address above.

Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.

THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE