

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 22 January</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Deceased of the Tucker and Kellett Family</i>
<b>Sunday 23 January</b> <i>3rd Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Monday 24 January</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>11 am - 1 pm</b> <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
<b>Tuesday 25 January</b> <i>CONVERSION of ST PAUL</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Joyce Pavalarnie Leo</i> <b>6.00 pm</b> <i>Synod Meeting</i>
<b>Wednesday 26 January</b> <i>SS Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	<b>7 pm Mass:</b> Alan & Peter Lamb
<b>Thursday 27 January</b>	<b>10 am Mass:</b> <i>The health of Peter Kazsefko</i>
<b>Friday 28 January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Dave Fleming</i>
<b>Saturday 29 January</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Rita Desai and Frs Joe and Terry Tynan</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Fr John F Brady</i>
<b>Sunday 30 January</b> <i>4th Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Special Intention</i>

## Quote:

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek"  
- **Barack Obama**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# THIRD SUNDAY of the YEAR

## *Nurturing a Hopeful Heart*

*Read a bit*  
*Listen to a favourite song*  
*Call a friend*  
*Remember a kindness*  
*Help the poor*  
*Keep perspective*  
*Smile broadly*  
*Laugh loudly*  
*Close doors gently*  
*Do what you can*  
*Live gratefully*  
*Relax for a moment*  
*Breathe deeply*  
*Tease yourself often*  
*Take a quiet walk*  
*Tell God a funny story*

- **Bob Wicks**

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

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

## Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**Covid Safety** - face masks and our usual sanitising procedures and safe distancing of at least one metre will still be a requirement in our churches here. We are in an enclosed space and cannot reduce our safety arrangements. The virus is still strong and active in the north east and every one of us needs to feel we can protect ourselves and each other.

**Synod meeting** on Tuesday evening will be at St Mary's at 6pm. We are asked to see what we think the Church needs to be and to do in order to serve the world today. This involves all of us. You'll be very welcome to come to the meeting and share in the discussion.

**Priesthood vocations** the Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood. **Date:** Friday 25 February 2022 5pm to Saturday 26 February (after lunch). **Place:** Ministeracres Retreat Centre, Ministeracres, Consett, DH8 9RT. **Cost:** £50 (including meals and accommodation). Spaces are limited. Please contact Fr Shaun Purdy to book a place or for more information [vocationspromoter@diocesahn.org.uk](mailto:vocationspromoter@diocesahn.org.uk) or 01670 812 200. Bookings to be made by Thursday 10 February. Please pass this on to anyone you think may be interested. Thank you.

**Would you like to change the world?** If you're recycling, cutting back on waste, avoiding excess and not spending on unnecessary clothing and other goods, then you're changing the world. If you pick up litter, use less water and use water wisely, if you avoid plastic and re-use shopping bags, switch lights off when not needed and walk short distances rather than drive, you're protecting the Earth - God's gift entrusted to us. Please do something rather than nothing to reduce your and our carbon footprint. And thank you many times over.

**Care of Our Common home - Support our bird friends** - bags of wild bird seed are available at the back of church to take to feed the birds over this winter. The RSPB survey of birds takes place between 28 and 30 January. Could we encourage everyone to consider taking part? This means counting the birds that come

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Michael Dowson  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Tyler Quinn  
Maureen Nicholson  
Norah Hutchinson  
Robin Davis  
Angela Graham  
Stephen Gregory  
Frank Ridley  
Jacob Thomas  
Charlotte Thomas  
Teresa Brown  
Joan Hannon  
Christina Marsh  
Kathy Lloyd  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Margaret Pattenden  
Brian Gilpatrick*

Please pray for

**MONICA ROBINSON (79)**  
*who has died.*  
**May she rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Nehemiah 8: 2-6, 8-10	Ps 18	1 Corinthians 12: 12-30	Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21
Mon	2 Samuel 5: 1-7, 10	Ps 88	Mark 3: 22-30	
Tues	Acts 22: 3-16	Ps 116	Mark 16: 15-18	
Wed	2 Samuel 7: 4-17	Ps 88	Mark 4: 1-20	
Thurs	2 Samuel 7: 18-19,24-29	Ps 131	Mark 4: 21-25	
Fri	2 Samuel 11: 1-10, 13-17	Ps 50	Mark 4: 26-34	
Sat	2 Samuel 12: 1-7, 10-17	Ps 50	Mark 4: 35-41	
Sun	Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19	Ps 70	1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13	Luke 4: 21-30

into your garden or backyard for an hour and reporting to the RSPB on line via [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk).

**Thank You** - to all who have sent in suggestions and ideas to help in our Care for our Common Home - the Earth. Please continue to send in any suggestions you may have for looking after our ecology and reducing our carbon footprint. Others may be helped by your suggestions. Many thanks.

**The Foodbank** now has an urgent need for food of all kinds mainly sugar, UHT milk, rice pudding, tinned potatoes and toothpaste and for help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs. In this winter weather 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. Any help you can give is invaluable. No one should be living in a house with no heating in this weather.

You may never have been in critical need, or you may have been helped by someone at a difficult time. As followers of our God who came to us at this time and didn't ask but commanded us to love one another, we can't just do nothing. I thank God for our generous people. Please help now to help some of our neighbours. We do have plenty of tinned beans, spaghetti, soup, and dried pasta. Please help us. Thank you.

**Blankets** are in short supply for asylum seekers struggling to live in the north east and coping with our winter temperatures. Bring them to church and we'll pass them on. Other items of bedding are not required. Thanks for any help.

**Used postage stamps** and foreign money can be brought in to church and we'll pass them onto provide funds for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor who care for elderly people.