

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 22 April</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>1st Communion Mass (1)</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 23 April</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Mary Curry's recovery</i> <b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's:</b> <i>50th Wedding Anniversary Mass</i>
<b>Monday 24 April</b> <i>ST GEORGE</i>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club</i>
<b>Tuesday 25 April</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Hale and Bailey Families</i> <b>2.00 pm</b> <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
<b>Wednesday 26 April</b>	<b>No Mass at St Mary's</b> <b>10.00 am Mass at</b> <i>Our Lady &amp; St Thomas, Willington</i> <b>6.30 pm</b> <i>Laudato Si Meeting</i>
<b>Thursday 27 April</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday 28 April</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass in</b> <i>St John's School chapel</i> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Jean Johnston</i>
<b>Saturday 29 April</b> <i>ST CATHERINE of SIENA</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Denis Jackson</i>
<b>Sunday 30 April</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>William John McIntyre</i> <b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's:</b> <i>The Ottewell Family</i>

**Quote:**

*"Let no man pull you so low as to hate him"*  
- **Martin Luther King**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

### ALERT!

Millions of smartphones and tablets in the UK will ring out and vibrate for up to 10 seconds as part of an emergency alert test at 3pm on Sunday 23 April. Here's what you need to know.

Public emergency alerts, which will use the 4G and 5G mobile networks, enable urgent messages to be broadcast to a defined area when there is an imminent risk to life, such as wildfires or severe flooding.

Other countries – including Canada, Japan, the Netherlands and the USA – already use the alerts to warn people about severe weather events.

#### Who will – and won't – get the test alert

Millions of mobile devices connected to any of the UK's 4G or 5G networks will get the alert on Sunday 23 April – but not all. You WON'T get the alert if your device is:

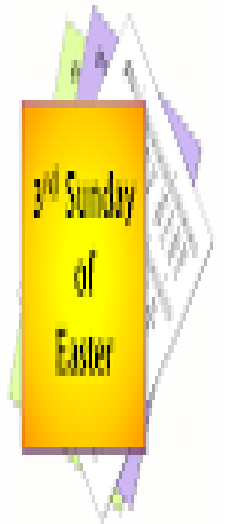
- Only connected to a 2G or 3G network (not 4G or 5G)
- Wi-Fi only.
- Running an older version of iOS or Android
- Turned off or in airplane mode.

#### What the alert will look like

Depending on the device you have and its settings, your mobile or tablet may do one or more of the following:

- Make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent.
- Read out the alert.
- Vibrate.

The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds. Here's what the alert will say: This is a test of Emergency Alerts, a new UK government service that will warn you if there's a life-threatening emergency nearby. In an actual emergency, follow the instructions in the alert to keep yourself and others safe. Visit [gov.uk/alerts](http://gov.uk/alerts) for more information. This is a test. You do not need to take any action.



### Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**First Holy Communion Masses:** Masses will be on **Saturday 13th May and Saturday 20th May.** Please pray for our young people who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion for the last 5 months. We need to also support their families in their continuing appreciation of their journey of faith. Your prayers can make a difference. Thank you.

**SVP 200 Club** - the winning numbers for April are 199 and 77. Sorry no winners at our Parish.

**Laudato Si Meeting** will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 6.30pm in St Mary's meeting room.

**Thank you** from the Little Sisters of the Poor for used postage stamps and foreign currency. These all help to raise much needed funds for the Home and contribute in very practical ways to the care of the elderly residents. One of our much loved neighbours Fr Brian Murphy, is now living in the Home and being cared for by the wonderful Community and staff. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

**Next Month's Second Collection** is for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

**Next Sunday** is World Day of Peace for Vocations

**An invitation** Bishop Auckland warmly invites you to join a PRAYER WALK OR DRIVE AROUND BISHOP AUCKLAND (inc. ST HELEN'S & WEST AUCKLAND) THIS ROGATIONTIDE – that is SUNDAY 14th MAY. Christians from all the town's churches are invited to recreate the ancient Rogationtide tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' of a place to pray for God's blessing to come down on it. Those walking will split into two groups, one walking clockwise and the other anticlockwise, for about six miles each, starting from The Batts and ending together at Broom Mill Farm. For a shorter walk, you can join one group at Bracks Farm. A third group will follow our prayer route for drivers around the town. Ideally it would be good if you can let us know in advance if you're going to participate. Contact Catherine Knights: email [wegotoutoftheboat@gmail.com](mailto:wegotoutoftheboat@gmail.com) or phone 07434 833888. Please say if you will be driving or walking and at what point in the route you hope to join us. Our aim is to provide lifts back to the start point as we finish. But you can simply join us on the day itself. Remember to wear appropriate footwear, especially if wet.

12 noon: Bring a picnic to The Batts car park.

12.30pm: Most participants start at The Batts car park – 6 miles walking/12 miles driving.

1.30pm: Or you can join one group at the Bracks Farm Auckland Way car park - 3.5 miles walking.

3-3.30pm: We end together at Broom Mill Farm, where refreshments can be purchased

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  
Eileen Kelly*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Ps 15	Luke 24: 13-35	
Mon	Apocalypse 12: 10-12	Ps 125	John 15: 18-21	
Tues	1 Peter 5: 5-14	Ps 88	Mark 16: 15-20	
Wed	Acts 8: 1-8	Ps 65	John 6: 35-40	
Thurs	Acts 8: 26-40	Ps 65	John 6: 44-51	
Fri	Acts 9: 1-20	Ps 116	John 6: 52-59	
Sat	1 John 1:5-2:2	Ps 102	Matthew 11: 25-30	
Sun	Acts 2: 14, 36-41	Ps 22	1 Peter 2: 20-25	John 10: 1-10

**New parishioners** grace our community. On **Thursday 4 May at 7pm in St Mary's** meeting room we'll hold a hospitality evening for all who have joined our worshipping community in the last few years. It's always a joy to see new faces amongst our regulars and we hope more will get to know our newer parishioners in the months ahead. New people and visitors may well have messages and suggestions to make to us that improve our ways and community life. All are welcome.

**As the year moves on** could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

**Cost of living** - There's shocking new research about Bishop Auckland. Funded by the 38 Degrees community, it reveals how the cost of living crisis is affecting every single constituency in Britain - including ours. From missing rent payments to being unable to afford heating, it tells a bleak story. **Here's how people are struggling in Bishop Auckland: 36% couldn't afford to turn the heating on when cold in the past month, 17% missed a rent payment in the last six months, 31% are worried about having to use a food bank in the next year and 44% of people's mental health has worsened due to the cost of living crisis. This is us. We must continue to help.**

**The Big Cafod Walk** - This year Cafod has set the Lent challenge of a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, hot dogs and tinned tomatoes.** **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.

**Gossip**—This would be funny if it wasn't serious.

Gossip: A woman says to her friend, 'Peggy told me that you told her the secret I told you not to tell her'. 'Well,' replies her friend in a hurt tone, 'I told her not to tell you I told her.' 'Oh dear!' says the woman. 'Well, don't tell her I told you that she told me.'