

Our local Methodist Minister - Rev John Purdy and his wife, Vanessa, will be moving after next weekend to take up new work in the Methodist circuit in Sunderland. They have been with us for eight years and have been a hardworking gift to us all. Next Sunday there will be informal refreshments in the Baptist Church opposite the Methodist church from about 10.30 am and a formal service in the Methodist church at 6pm. I'll be sorry to see them go and wish them every blessing in their new work. The new minister will be Rev Rachel Pinkney. A warm welcome to her work here in the town and the local area.

A warm (and dry!) welcome to our visitors over the holiday weeks. We thank you for joining us for Mass and hope your time in the area will be enjoyable.

The Passion Play is scheduled for next Good Friday in the Market Place. If you are interested in being part of the cast or helping in practical ways, please do get in touch. Thank you.

School Governors do an invaluable job helping our schools here. We have vacancies at present, so if you'd love to help in giving back in gratitude for what school gave us, please have a word.

Marie Curie Group - are holding a Garden Tea Party next Sunday 30 July at Woodside House, Witton Park from 1pm to 5pm. Admission £5. See poster at back of church.

The Family Contact Centre provides contact with children for separated parents/grand parents. It takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers only attend for 8 Saturdays across the year. This takes place at the Methodist Church Hall. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Joanne Walton on 07887 954943.

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!

The Big Cafod Walk - This year Cafod has set the 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

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
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
Eileen Kelly
Patrick Fogarty*

Please pray for
**FRANCIS LAWRENCE
HANKIN (83)**

**who has died. May
he rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19	Ps 85	Romans 8: 26-27	Matthew 13: 24-43
Mon:	James 1: 2-4, 12	Ps 93	Matthew 10: 17-22	
Tues	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15	Ps 125	Matthew 20: 20-28	
Wed	Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15	Ps 77	Matthew 13: 1-9	
Thurs	Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20	Daniel 3: 52-56	Matthew 13: 10-17	
Fri	Exodus 20: 1-17	Ps 18	Matthew 13: 18-23	
Sat	Exodus 24: 3-8	Ps 49	John 11: 19-27	
Sun	1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12	Ps 118	Romans 8: 28-30	Matthew 13: 44-52

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, rice pudding, pasta sauce and tinned fruit. 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 fuel costs 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.

Help with the Foodbank and crisis work is required more in school holidays when children do not have the benefit of school meals. Could we help keep this in mind during the long school summer break please? Thank you.

SVP Summer Raffle - tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle are now on sale. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. Prizes are £5,000, £1000 and 15 prizes of £100, so plenty to be won. Ann Carney will be dealing with this at St Mary's. We hope to have some books to sell at St Wilfrid's. This to be arranged.

Church Cleaning - cancelled for Monday 24th July. Apologies for this change.

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's - in view of the low attendance there will be no Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's for the rest of the summer. If there is a demand we will start again in the autumn.

Quiz - thank you to everyone who joined the quiz night, a total of £75 was raised and a great night had by all.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 22 July ST MARY MAGDALEN	10.00 am Mass: <i>Dominic and Tony Ottewell</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 23 July <i>16th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Margaret Jane McIntyre</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday 24 July MARTYRS OF THE DIOCESE	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i>
Tuesday 25 July ST JAMES Apostle	10.00 am Mass: <i>Lily Murray</i>
Wednesday 26 July SS Joachim and Anne	10.00 am Mass @ <i>Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington</i>
Thursday 27 July	10.00 am Mass: Diamond Jubilee of Sr Maria 5.30 pm <i>Finance Committee</i>
Friday 28 July	No Mass <i>4pm Presbytery Meeting @ St Wilfrid's</i>
Saturday 29 July SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margaret Marshall</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 30 July <i>17th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Stockton</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Chris Bartley</i>

Quote:

*"There are so many hungry people in the world that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.
- Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)*

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16th SUNDAY of the YEAR

Take Note

My dear children,

I am dying, and I want to take one last opportunity to tell you how much I love you and how much your actions have hurt me.

I gave life to your parents and their parents before them. I provided you with the food you needed, with fresh water and with clean air to breathe.

The rivers and seas are my life blood, you have clogged my arteries with your untreated sewage and with chemicals from your factories. This had killed so much of the sea life which was there for your benefit. You have been greedy. You over-fished and over-hunted, putting at risk your food supplies and endangering some of my most beautiful creatures—the whales.

I can no longer breathe because you have cut down so many of my life-giving trees. Without their vital oxygen we will all die, but you put profit before our very lives, and my tears have not turned to acid rain.

My face is marked and scarred by your bombs and guns and my body is the burial ground for the victims of your wars.

I have said goodbye to the many old friends who will soon be joined by others: the tiger, the elephant, the rhinoceros and the panda. Unless you act now to mend your ways, they will be joined by you and I. Please help me!

Mother Earth

From Heather Hughes, aged 9 from Paisley. Written in 1995



Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.