

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
<b>Saturday 22 August</b> <i>Our Lady Queen</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Private Intention</i> <b>5.30 pm Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>	
<b>Sunday 23 August</b> <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>	
<b>Monday 24 August</b> <i>ST BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Health of Geraldine Collins</i> <b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b>	
<b>Tuesday 25 August</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Fr Joe Tynan</i>	
<b>Wednesday 26 August</b> <i>St Niniah</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Special Intention</i> <b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b>	
<b>Thursday 27 August</b> <i>St Monica</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Catherine Bromley</i>	
<b>Friday 28 August</b> <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Deceased of the Arthurs Family</i> <b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b>	
<b>Saturday 29 August</b> <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 30 August</b> <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>No Mass</b>	

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

## Quote:

*"Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration"* -  
**Thomas Edison**  
Inventor 1847-1931

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

**In addition to the church collections, we also now receive on average £883 per month from standing orders. Enormous thanks.**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 23 August 2020

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY of the YEAR

### Warning - When I am an old woman I shall wear purple

*When I'm an old woman, I shall wear purple with a red hat that doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.*

*And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves and satin slippers, and say we've no money for butter.*

*I shall sit down on the pavement when I am tired and gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells and run my stick along the public railings and make up for the sobriety of my youth.*

*I shall go out in my slippers in the rain and pick flowers in other people's gardens and learn to spit.*

*You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat and eat three pounds of sausages at a go or only bread and pickles for a week and hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.*

*But now we must have clothes that keep us dry and pay our rent and not swear in the street and set a good example for the children.*

*We will have friends to dinner and read the papers. But maybe I ought to practise a little now? So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised when suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.*

- Jenny Joseph

**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.

**Cafod's work in Lebanon** - Local Caritas staff and volunteers are on site in Beirut working in hospitals and assisting the injured. Throughout the coronavirus pandemic they have been continuing to provide food, shelter, water and medical supplies to refugees and their host communities. Through female led co-operatives they also work to promote social cohesion and greater understanding. Please donate at St Mary's where gift aid forms will be available. Thank you

**Emails please - to bring us into the 21st century we would appreciate having email addresses and phone numbers of our parishioners. Sometimes it involves considerable time and work to find people when needed. Would everyone be good enough please to email us at [office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk) so that we have your details. This information will be kept safe and secure in accordance with GDPR requirements. Many thanks. We can email you the bulletin and Partnership Note and other information each week.**

**Church opening - where we are**

- As of now, facemasks are required in church
- We are open at St Mary's on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1pm for private prayer
- Tune into our streamed daily Mass at 10am on YouTube. To access this, go to St Marys Bishop Auckland YouTube or [HTTP://bit.ly/St Mary YouTube](http://bit.ly/StMaryYouTube)
- Mass with a congregation will currently only take place on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and booking in advance with a contact number is essential. Places are limited to 50 with social distancing. **Please book in for each time**
- Arrangements can now be made to use St Mary's for funerals, baptisms and weddings, limited to 30 people. Contact should be made with Fr Dennis as a first requirement

**Drive-in church services** - this Sunday and next at 3pm in North Bondgate car park. There's space for 70 cars and the services will be led from a 45 foot trailer. You stay in your car and open a window. You need to book a place on [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bishop-auckland-drive-in-church](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bishop-auckland-drive-in-church) or access this via Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian churches website (BAFCC). There is no charge. A good initiative since many churches have been closed for months.

**The Foodbank** - has been increasingly busy over the last few months and as work prospects change, we foresee greater demand when redundancies become more likely. If you can help at all, we'd love your support. **At present the Foodbank would be helped by corned beef, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and any other nutritious foodstuffs you are able to offer.** Donations of money have been generous and we hope that will continue. Bringing the actual goods is a direct help as it saves a further task of someone having to go and source the items needed. Thank you in advance.

**Help needed** - I'd be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to be part of some new groups.

- A Care Group, including the work of the SVP, of individuals who'll keep in touch with vulnerable people. Thank you.
- A Communications Group - anyone to help with the ways we can improve parish contacts and communications. Any techies would be very welcome. Please get in touch. Thank you.

**Parish finances** - Please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The

**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  
Sheila Campbell  
John Boyle  
Teresa Brown  
Joan Hannon  
Christina Marsh (3)  
Ian & Kathy Lloyd  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Wilf Teesdale*

**Please pray for  
JIM ARTHURS (89)  
who has died. May he rest  
in peace**



**Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:**

Sun	Isaiah 22: 19-23	Ps 137	Romans 11: 33-36	Matthew 16: 13-20
Mon	Apocalypse 21: 9-14	Ps 144	John 1: 45-51	
Tues	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3,14-17	Ps 95	Matthew 23: 23-26	
Wed	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-10,16-18	Ps 127	Matthew 23: 27-32	
Thurs	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	Ps 144	Matthew 24: 42-51	
Fri	1 Corinthians 1: 17-25	Ps 32	Matthew 25: 1-13	
Sat	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31	Ps 32	Mark 6: 17-29	
Sun	Jeremiah 20: 7-9	Ps 62	Romans 12: 1-2	Matthew 16: 21-27

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.

Huge thanks to everyone continuing to hand in their weekly envelopes. Many have chosen to change their weekly donations to a standing order with their bank. This has meant that over recent months our income from standing orders has increased from £420 to £883 - a wonderful and reliable help. Thank you all.

Our parish income for April/May/June this year saw a drop of 37% or £6500 over the same quarter in 2019. Costs were similar to 2019 but included CCTV installation at St Wilfrid's and St Mary's sites costing £3100. This resulted in a deficit of £7000 in this period.

We have recently drawn up a budget forecast for the full year - not an easy task. This looks at a gradual return to attendances at Masses and small increases in income. We're forecasting cost reductions in some areas but will incur additional costs for streaming equipment. The result is a forecast deficit of £16,200. please do what you can to keep up your parish contributions. Thank you all very much indeed.

**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 in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

**Gift aid** - We would usually produce Gift Aid Donation Statements around this time to confirm for parish Gift Aiders the amount they donated during the last tax year and the amount of tax reclaimed for the parish in their name as a result. The letters can be used by parishioners when completing their tax returns if necessary, and also form an important part of our diocese's audit process. However, due to churches not yet being fully re-opened as a result of Covid-19, this year we will only provide this information where specifically requested by an individual. This is because it would be unfair to expect our Gift Aid Organisers to distribute the letters when most parishioners are not able to attend Mass as normal. If anyone does specifically request confirmation of their donation details however, please contact either the Gift Aid office ([gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk)) or Michelle Dixon ([michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk)) or Andrea Emson ([andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk)) and confirmation will be provided for them on an individual basis.

**Loss of Weekly Offerings Envelopes** - Some parishioners may not have received their boxes of envelopes for the new Tax year starting in April. See John Stockton (St Wilfrid's) or Tony Murphy (St Mary's) or Fr. Dennis. This applies to all, not just those who gift aid.

**Northern Cross** - is struggling from no back of church sales. This will last for some time but our funds are very limited. It's a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a year's online subscription or postal subscription by bank transfer to **A/C Number 81602292 sort code 40-43-11** using your surname and postcode as a reference (eg Tindall DL14 6PQ). An online standing order would be a lifesaver for us. Please check out the blue form with your bulletin. Thanks.