

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 23 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention (M)</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Sunday 24 January 3rd Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Ann Francis</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Jan Walton</i>	
Monday 25 January CONVERSION of St. Paul	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer	
Tuesday 26 January SS Timothy and Titus	12.00 Mass: Requiem Mass (St Mary's) for JOE McGALE	
Wednesday 27 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Garry Seal's Recovery</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer	
Thursday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas	10.00 am Mass: <i>Kathleen Boyle</i>	
Friday 29 January	9.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00- 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer	
Saturday 30 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Elaine Miller</i>	
Sunday 31 January 4th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>James Halpin</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Special Intention (P)</i>	

Quote:

"True reconciliation does not consist in merely forgetting the past"
- **Nelson Mandela**

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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THIRD SUNDAY of the YEAR

A BLESSING FOR ONE WHO HOLDS POWER

May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation, keep you mindful of the providence that calls you to serve.

As high over the mountains the eagle spreads its wings, may your perspective be larger than the view from the foothills.

When the way is flat and dull in times of grey endurance, may your imagination continue to evoke horizons.

When thirst burns in times of drought, may you be blessed to find the wells.

May you have the wisdom to read time clearly and know when the seed of change will flourish.

In your heart may there be a sanctuary for the stillness where clarity is born.

May your work be infused with passion and creativity and have the wisdom to balance compassion and challenge.

May your soul find the graciousness to rise above the fester of small mediocrities.

May your power never become a shell wherein your heart would silently atrophy.

May you welcome your own vulnerability as the ground where healing and truth join.

May integrity of soul be your first ideal. The source that will guide and bless your work.

- **John O'Donohue**

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 the most recent 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

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

Today is Sunday of the Word of God. We are, as always, encouraged to love and read the Scriptures. Why not make a decision to read some of the passages mentioned at the top of the opposite page here.

Next Sunday is a day of special prayer for racial unity.

This Year has been named by Pope Francis as the Year of St Joseph - a great saint about whom we'd love to know more.

Christian Unity - This last week we have been joining Christian churches around the world to pray for increasing unity among Christians. We share so much in common, and different churches and traditions contribute much to our world. Locally the leaders of our Christian churches meet online every fortnight for sharing prayer, study and information. We are good friends and recognise great experience, learning and practical action among our communities.

Normally we would be holding our main United Service this Sunday afternoon but COVID makes that not possible. So through Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches we have produced the Service with a mixture of our voices. The Service can be accessed via the BAFCC Facebook page, also @bishopaucklandfellowship, via BAFCC YouTube channel, the Methodist YouTube channel and on their website - www.bishopmethodist.org.uk and ALSO on radio! Bishop FM at 11 am this Sunday. Thanks everyone.

Next Sunday's Second Collection will be for the Lay Training Fund of our diocese.

The Foodbank - Please note the new hours for the foodbank operating back at Woodhouse Close Church Centre. **The new opening hours are 9.00 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday.** The Centre will not be operating on Fridays or across weekends. I keep emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **Could we request the following for the foodbank please, hot dogs, meat paste, tinned or packet potatoes, custard and we also need carrier bags. In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be invaluable.** You can put anything in an envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on.

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to "Global Healing" - in 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to

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)
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale

Please pray for
JOE MCGALE (90)
who has died.
May he rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	Ps 24	1 Corinthians 7: 29-31	Mark 1: 14-20
Mon	Acts 22: 3-16	Ps 116	Mark 16: 15-18	
Tues	Hebrews 10: 1-10	Ps 139	Mark 3: 31-35	
Wed	Hebrews 10: 11-18	Ps 109	Mark 4: 1-20	
Thurs	Hebrews 10: 19-25	Ps 23	Mark 4: 21-25	
Fri	Hebrews 10: 32-39	Ps 36	Mark 4: 26-34	
Sat	Hebrews 11: 1-2,8-19	Luke 1: 69-75	Mark 4: 35-41	
Sun	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	Ps 94	1 Corinthians 7: 32-35	Mark 1: 21-28

respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about that is happening to our world and who want to take action.

WHEN: Six Thursdays from 18th February - 25 March 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

HOW TO JOIN? To register please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global.

St Mary's is open for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 am to 1pm.

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 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 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 7.30 pm. 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@diocesahn.org.uk. Thanks.

Used stamps - can be brought to church for helping the work of the Little Sisters of the poor. Used Christmas cards are not accepted this year. Please dispose of them at home if you would. Thanks.

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

**INFECTIONS AND DEATHS CONTINUE TO RISE
PLEASE ABIDE BY THE RULES. IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR THE
VACCINE TO BE GIVEN TO US ALL.**