

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 23 February <i>St Polycarp</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 24 February <i>7th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Margaret & John Kell, Brigid & Terry Nevin</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 25 February	8.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 1.00 pm - Craft Group	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Tuesday 26 February	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Sick parishioners</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Wednesday 27 February	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary
Thursday 28 February	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Deceased parishioners</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 1 March <i>St David</i>	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Sheila Lynch</i>	St Mary
Saturday 2 March	9.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>John Arthurs</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 3 March <i>8th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Stella Bentley's 18th Birthday</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £559.63
Thank you.

Quote:

"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been" - Mark Twain

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £162.65
Thank you.

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 24 February 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

The miracle of forgiveness

Derived from the Old English 'forgiefan', to forgive is defined as 'to give up resentment; to cease to feel resentment against someone on account of a wrong committed'.

To say 'I forgive you' is to free yourself from the shackles of holding a grudge that weighs on the mind and burdens the soul. Telling someone you forgive them does not condone the wrong, nor is it weak. One must be strong to forgive.

When their only son was struck and killed by a drunk driver, Frank and Elizabeth Morris of Kentucky were consumed with the idea of revenge. 'We wanted him dead'. Mrs Morris admitted.

They soon realised, though, that their reluctance to forgive was eating away at them. They decided to visit the youth in jail. Then Mrs Morris began helping him with his struggle against alcohol abuse. 'The accident had already wiped out one very special life. I didn't want to see it waste this young man's life too' she said.

Since the Morrises made the decision to speak words of forgiveness, the young man has quit alcohol, become an active church member and lectures for Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Christopher News

Today's Mass Page Numbers

Penitential Rite:

Mass & Readings:
Pages
142-144

Creed:
Page 11

Eucharistic Prayer
will usually be:
Page 25 OR 28

Our Father etc.:
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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday
morning Masses by
request and any other
time by simple
arrangement

Food Bank - Many thanks again for your amazing donations of both food and money to the Crisis Fund this makes an enormous difference to local people. We have a big supply of tinned soup, tinned baked beans and dried pasta in stock so these items will not be needed for some time. We do however always have a constant need for all the other items noted on the lists, which are displayed on the wall at the back of church. Once again our grateful thanks to you all, we could not do this without the support of our local churches.

Crisis Fund - please consider helping hard-hit families with gas and electric needs. Donations labelled Crisis Fund can be handed in at any time. Thank you.

Walsingham Pilgrimage - Monday 9-12 September 2019, there are still places available with a £30 deposit. If you are interested please contact Ann Thompson on 01325 318649.

World Day of Prayer - This year's service will be held in St Ann's on Friday March 1st at 11am followed by a light lunch at 12 noon.

Passion Play 2020 - will take place in Bishop Auckland. If you would like to be in it, or help with it, please see me for a form to register your interest. Thanks.

CAFOD Calling - Would you like to inspire the young people in our Catholic schools? CAFOD is seeking volunteers who would be willing to visit Catholic schools around our diocese to speak about CAFOD's work. Full training will be given. To find out more give David Cross a call on 0191 384 4847 or email hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk

Marie Curie - have organised a 60s and 70s night at the Park head Hotel featuring Jenna Highfield on Friday 1 March at 7pm. Tickets are £10 and there is a prize for the best vintage- dressed guest. Food choice is either chicken and chips or scampi and chips in a basket. Tickets from Elizabeth Varley telephone 01388 606075 or from the Park Head Hotel 01388 661727. Don't be shy, dig out your platform soled shoes and flared trousers, girls, why not recapture a bouffant hair style and rock the night away. Come and support a great cause.

SVP National Raffle - Tickets will be available over the next few weekends priced at £1 each of £5 per book. Cash prizes 1st £3000, 2nd 2000 3rd £1000 plus 10 x £100 and 10 x £50. Your generous support would be appreciated.

Bishop Auckland Music Society - have published their events for this year beginning next month and running until September. You can check out the details on the pale yellow coloured A4 poster at the back of church. The concerts take place at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church opposite the hospital.

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
Bill Gillon
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	1 Samuel 26: 2,7-9,12-13, 22-23	Ps 102	1 Corinthians 15: 45-49	Luke 6: 27-38
Mon	Ecclesiasticus 1: 1-10	Ps 92	Mark 9: 14-29	
Tues	Ecclesiasticus 2: 1-11	Ps 36	Mark 9: 30-37	
Wed	Ecclesiasticus 4: 11-19	Ps 118	Mark 9: 38-40	
Thurs	Ecclesiasticus 5: 1-8	Ps 1	Mark 9: 41-50	
Fri	Philippians 3: 8-14	Ps 1	Matthew 5: 13-16	
Sat	Ecclesiasticus 17: 1-15	Ps 102	Mark 10: 13-16	
Sun	Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7	Ps 91	1 Corinthians 15: 54-58	

Calling great parents - St Mary's is looking for a team of catechists - they're the folks we rely on to head up our children's liturgy on a Sunday and who have the wonderful work of preparing our children for First Holy Communion and Confession each year. Some of our present team have been working for us for over 20 years and are ready to initiate you into what we need and how to do it. Where do such wonderful people come from? From concerned parents like you who want the best for their children's journey of faith. Just have a word please with Fr Dennis. Thank you.

Older Persons Youth Club - yes it's a daft title (or is it?). We have forms available for our seniors today seeking your ideas about what we can do for you, or you for us, in the parish. Your thoughts are most welcome. Thank you.

Lent Extra - the very practical companion magazine to see you through each day of Lent (begins Wednesday next week!) is on sale now at the bargain price of £1.50. Grab one before they all go.

Day of Recollection - you'll catch the info on the Partnership Note about a helpful Day of Recollection at St John's School on Saturday 23 March for ourselves and our local parishes. We'll need an idea of numbers attending so we'd be grateful if you'd indicate that you're coming by signing the orange sheet at the back of church. If 3 others are coming with you, just add "3". Thanks.

Next Week's Second Collection - will help us to support CAFOD's Lenten Family Feast Day (Friday 15 March) and the work of St Cuthbert's Care. Thank You.

Bishops Seamus' Retirement - if you took an envelope to make a donation, it can be returned here anytime before the end of March. Thanks.

Social events - dates for diaries:

- Quiz Nights – **20 March** and **15 May** (Please note Quiz nights have been moved to a Wednesday night) – Proceeds from this night to be given to support the Jumbulance.
- Meal at the Pollards – **4 April** – If you are interested please add your name to the list at the back of church.