

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 23 July <i>ST BRIDGET of SWEDEN</i>	No Morning Mass: 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 24 July <i>17th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>
Monday 25 July <i>ST. JAMES Apostle</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 26 July <i>SS Joachim & Anne</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 27 July	No Mass
Thursday 28 July	No Mass
Friday 29 July <i>SS Martha, Mary & Lazaruss</i>	No Mass
Saturday 30 July	No Morning Mass: 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 31 July <i>18th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Albert & Josie Sankey</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Golden Wedding Mass for Pat and Jean Loye</i>

Quote

"The real discoveries are found in the differences, not in the similarities."
- David Livermore

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17th SUNDAY of the YEAR

Creative Thinking

I asked a student, 'How do you get from this room into that room?' He answered, 'First you stand up. Then you take a step....' I stopped him and said, 'Name all the possible ways you can get from this room into that room.'

He said, 'You can go by running, by walking, you can go by jumping; you can go by hopping, by somersaulting. You can go out that door, go outside the house, come in another door and into the room. Or you could climb out a window if you want to....'

I said, 'If I want to get into that room from this room, I would go out that door, take a taxi to the airport, buy a ticket to Chicago, New York, London, Rome, Athens, Hong Kong, Honolulu, San Francisco, Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, come back by limousine and go in the back yard and then through the back gate into the back door and into that room. And you thought only of forward movement! You didn't think of going backwards, did you?'

- **Sidney Rosen**

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.

St Mary's Church is open for Mass and each Monday for private prayer 11.00 to 1.00 pm. 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's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Volunteers are brilliant! - there are millions of people helping voluntarily in a vast range of homes, organisations, churches, schools, the arts. Without their interest and work the country and many dependent individuals wouldn't function in any meaningful way. We're looking for volunteers to help the parish, would you like to join the choir at St Mary's or be interested in learning flower arranging? Please have a word with Sophie Hassall or Fr. Dennis to learn more. We'd love to hear from you. Thank you.

SVP Box - there was good and positive feedback last weekend to re-start the SVP box at the back of church. We're all aware that we tend to carry less coins around with us these days. You may wish to bring any loose change to church to help the practical caring ministry of our SVP groups. Thank you.

Trip to Hexham Abbey - Fancy an outing to Hexham? Following the success of our visit to Ripon Cathedral, a tour of another of St Wilfrid's churches, Hexham Abbey, is suggested, on a weekday in September. If you might be interested, please sign the list at the back of church so we can get an idea of how many would like to go.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The need for all items is critical at the moment and 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.

The Passion Play - in the Market Place was professionally filmed. The quality of the film is outstanding, using four different cameras. We are conscious this could be a great resource for local churches. If you would like to purchase a copy of the film this is available as either a download (£10), DVD with a commemorative cover (£15) or Blue Ray DVD with a commemorative cover (£25). If you or anyone in your church would like to purchase a copy, please order using the link: <https://aegies.com/shop/> The Passion Play is to be performed again next year. We're hoping that more Christians will take part. There will be two drop-in sessions in early September where you can attend, ask questions and sign up. The Passion Play will be yet better if more Christians are in the cast. This year's Passion Play had about 60% of the cast and crew from communities with no involvement in church. There is a sign-up link on the Passion Play website. Passionplaybishopauckland.org. DL14 0EZ.

Care for Our Common Home - Parish Audit of Environmental activities - thank you to everyone who has returned questionnaires. We have

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Genesis 18: 20-32	Ps 137	Colossians 2: 12-14	Luke 11: 1-13
Mon	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15	Ps 125	Matthew 20: 20-28	
Tues	Jeremiah 14: 17-22	Ps 78	Matthew 13: 36-43	
Wed	Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21	Ps 58	Matthew 13: 44-46	
Thurs	Jeremiah 18: 1-6	Ps 145	Matthew 13: 47-53	
Fri	Jeremiah 26: 1-9	Ps 68	John 11: 19-27	
Sat	Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24	Ps 68	Matthew 14: 1-12	
Sun	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2: 21-23	Ps 89	Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11	Luke 12: 13-21

received 36 forms and these are currently being looked at. Information will be shared once it has been analyzed.

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.

Old Spectacles - please consider donating old/unwanted spectacles to Vision Express (Tindale Crescent branch) who will recycle by sending them to those in need abroad.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion.

Holiday Club - We couldn't do this during the last two years but from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 August there'll be activities at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church for school years 1-6 (as at September 2022) from 2pm to 5pm each afternoon. Booking is £3 per child (or £5 per family). Please contact bacircuitoffice@gmail.com or 07783 946968. The theme is Wonder and the fun of discovery. We need adult helpers and if you have a science background you'll be especially welcome.

Holy Island Children's Vinnies Camp 2022 - There are still some places at this year's Holy Island Children's Camp, particularly in the last week of the School Summer Holiday. If you have a child/children in school years 5-7 who would like a week's residential holiday on Holy Island or you know of any children who would benefit from going to Camp this year please email christinej@svp.org.uk for further information.

Holy Hour - is from 2.00 till 3.00 every Monday afternoon in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. It's a valuable chance to spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - silence interspersed with music, prayers and readings. You don't need to come for the whole hour - just look in when you can, for as long as you can. Many of us have busy lives - and it's all the more reason to step aside for a while and 'touch base'.

A warm welcome - to Frs Paul Tully and Stephen Botto providing Masses for us this week. **In case of emergency please contact Fr. Tony Cornforth on 01325 313611**