

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat and good quality bags for life. 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. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

Copies of Bible Alive are available at the back of church. I have ordered copies for those who signed for them. Please refer to the orange list, take your copy for £1.50 and leave the money in the Northern Cross box. There are a couple of spare copies for each church. Let me know if you want one. Thank you.

CAFOD - This is a great opportunity to show our talents in the home and garden. Share any fresh produce you may have grown or made with the parish, raise money for charity and most of all, give thanks and worship to our loving and generous God. Fruit, vegetables, jams, cakes etc. can be brought along before Mass. Any money raised to go to CAFOD.

ALSO - to celebrate the Harvest Weekend we would like to invite parishioners to decorate a windowsill with a 'Creative Harvest' theme. The Theme chosen by LAUDATO SI for this year is 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', so this could generate an idea....Please put names on a list at the back of church (St. Mary's) if you would be willing to produce a display. Thank you in advance for your support.

Marie Curie have a fundraiser to help with their great work. Make a date for Sunday 8th October (11am to 2pm) for soup and a bun at the wonderful Open Garden at Hillside Cottage, Low Etherley. Admission is £5. You'll find everyone down the lane opposite No.63. Thanks

The Second Collection - next Sunday will be jointly for CAFOD's autumn Family Fast Day and World Mission Sunday.

St Wilfrid's Social - Covid put a stop to the annual **St Wilfrid's Social** but we think it's time to revive it, so get your tiara from the pawn shop, dust off your tuxedo and head for St Wilfrid's on Friday 13th October at 7.00pm. Tickets now available (only £1) at the back of both churches. Quizzes, bingo and a raffle will definitely feature - offers of raffle prizes and food contributions would be very welcome!

First Steps – Exploring the Catholic Faith online - Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or their relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic, but didn't make First Communion, or receive Confirmation, or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church, or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward. For further information, or to register, please visit <https://bit.ly/3sHgZOF>. First Steps online begins on Wednesday 11 October at 7 pm for 7 weeks and will be delivered via Zoom.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
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
Senara Wilton
Joan Vasey*

Please pray for

**VICTOR COGLAN
(83)**

and

**VALERY MUNDELL
(70)**

**who have died.
May they rest in
peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 55: 6-9	Ps 144	Philippians 1: 20-24, 27	Matthew 20: 1-16
Mon	Ezra 1: 1-6	Ps 125	Luke 8: 16-18	
Tues	Ezra 6: 7-8, 12, 14-20	Ps 121	Luke 8: 19-21	
Wed	Ezra 9: 5-9	Tobit 13:2, 4, 6-8	Luke 9: 1-6	
Thurs	Haggai 1: 1-8	Ps 149	Luke 9: 7-9	
Fri	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Ps 137	John 1: 47-51	
Sat	Zechariah 2: 5-9, 14-15	Jeremiah 31: 10-13	Luke 9: 43-45	
Sun	Ezekiel 18: 25-28	Ps 24	Philippians 2: 1-11	Matthew 21: 28-32

Cancer Support — No one should have to face cancer alone. Team Solan Cancer Trust will be available at Woodhouse Close Church Centre each Wednesday morning, providing a Drop-In session from 10.00 to 12.00. Their aim is to help improve the quality of life for those living with a cancer diagnosis or a cancer bereavement. It's a bespoke support service to adults and children who have been impacted by cancer. If you need support or further information please contact: admin@teamsolan.org.uk or telephone 01388 205294. You'll be welcome to call in to meet the team members during the Drop-In sessions each week.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW—Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. Raffle tickets can be sent to you by contacting Mary Hughes at significance316@gmail.com

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.

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.

The Faith Museum — is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It opens on 7 October. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

SVP200 Club - September winning numbers are 84 and 93. No winners for us this month.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 23 September <i>St Padre Pio</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Mary Baker</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>for Sue Broomhead</i>
Sunday 24 September <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Thanksgiving (B)</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 25 September	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 26 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the SVP intentions</i>
Wednesday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	10.00 am Mass @ Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington
Thursday 28 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Recovery of Ann Filand</i>
Friday 29 September <i>SS MICHAEL GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>For prayers answered</i>
Saturday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Joseph Grero</i>
Sunday 1 October <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Michael Pugh & Jayne Streatfield</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Cec & Frank Johnson</i>

Quote:

“Tradition is not the worship of ashes but the preservation of fire”
- **Gustav Mahler (Composer 1860-1911)**

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25th SUNDAY of the YEAR

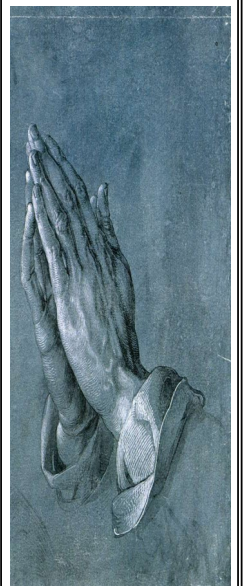
The Candle I Light

May the candle I light
be more than itself.
May it be for you:
the touch of a lover,
the smile of a child,
a drench of fresh rain,
a garden of sunflowers,
a good meal,
a dog to stroke,
a cup of clear water,
flowers for a friend,
a yes of breath,
a seed of hope,
a given moment

May it be:
healing for your sickness;
closeness in your loneliness;
comfort in your mourning;
self-respect when you are rejected;
love to share.

May it be a moment
of shining in a tiny bit
of the darkness:
a hope,
a prayer,
a blessing.

- Joy Mead



Confession Times
St Mary's

By request and by
simple arrangement.