This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 23 November	**9.30 am - Mass -** *Holy Souls* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass -** *Denis Jackson*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 24 November *FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Eileen Relton* **11.00 am - Mass:** *People of the Parish* **4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**
Monday 25 November	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **8.30 am - No Mass**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Tuesday 26 November	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **9.30 am - No Mass** **2.30 pm -** Funeral Service for QUEENIE JONES at Wear Valley Crematoruim **7.00 pm - Prayer Group and Adoration**	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid** **St Wilfrid**
Wednesday 27 November	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **9.30 am - Mass -** *Hugh Ottewell's birthday* **2.30 pm - Pilates** **7.00 pm - Social Committee**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Thursday 28 November	**9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **9.30 am - Mass -** *For a successful operation* **7.00 pm - Partnership Development Group**	**St Mary** **St Wilfrid** **St Mary**
Friday 29 November	**9.30 am - Mass -** *Sheila Stobbs*	**St Mary**
Saturday 30 November ST ANDREW	**9.30 am - Mass -** *People of the parish* **9.30 am - Eucharistic Service** **3.00 pm - Wedding of** MACAULEY JARDINE and LYNDSAY CHAPMAN **5.30 pm - Vigil Mass -** *Rita Desai*	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Mary** **St Mary**
Sunday 1 December *1st Sunday of Advent*	**9.30 am - Mass:** *Anne Delaney* **11.00 am - Mass:** *Priests and people of our Partnership* **5.00 pm - "From Darkness to Light"**	**St Wilfrid** **St Mary** **St Wilfrid**

ST MARY'S
Collection: £405.55
Thank you

Quote:
"Prejudice is never easy unless it can pass itself off for reason" - William Hazlitt

ST WILFRID'S
Collection: £222.79
Thank you.

In addition to the church collections above, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

HOW DO WE DESCRIBE HIM?

In Lloyd Douglas' book The Robe, the slave Demetrius pushed his way through the crowd on Palm Sunday, trying to see who was the centre of attraction. He got close enough to look upon the face of Jesus.
Later another slave asked, "See him - close up"?
Demetrius nodded.
'Crazy?'
Demetrius shook his head emphatically.
'King!'
'No', muttered Demetrius, 'not a king'.
'What is he, then?' demanded the other slave.
'I don't know,' mumbled Demetrius, 'but he is something more than a king'.

- Lloyd Douglas

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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

Our Local Foodbank - We are still in need of **tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, tinned meats, biscuits, jam, tinned fruit and UHT milk.** The need of help with food is constantly ongoing. On behalf of all of those you help, we thank you. At present there is a large stock of tinned beans, tinned soup and dried pasta - these items are not needed at this time.

Prayers for the Climate - at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church in the Prayer Room every Wednesday at 9.30am. All are very welcome.

St Mary's Piety shop - Christmas items now in stock and ready for sale including Fair Trade Advent Calendars. Pop in and have a peep!

Advent - This Advent we will be holding services each Sunday afternoon for all the parishes in our Escomb Partnership. You may wish to make note of the following:
Sunday 1 December: "From Darkness to Light". St Wilfrid's, Bishop Auckland at 5pm. **Refreshments will be served. Contributions of food would be very welcome.**
Sunday 8 December: Taize Evening, Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington at 5pm
Sunday 15 December: Carol Service with the Police Band, All Saints, Ferryhill at 3pm
Sunday 22 December: Blue Christmas Service (for all experiencing loss or hardship), St Charles, Tudhoe at 3pm.
Individual parishes will hold their own Penitential Services. Our Service of Forgiveness and Reconciliation will be at St Mary's on **Monday 9 December at 7pm.**

St Mary and St Wilfrid Grand Christmas Raffle - tickets are on sale today for the raffle which will be held on 11 December during our seasonal Quiz night. Over the next few weeks we will hand out bottle bags (empty ones!) in the hope that you may return them to us with a bottle of wine or other similar drinks. Make a note to come along to a most enjoyable evening and you may well go home with a prize or at least the satisfaction that you've had a great night out. Why not bring a few pals and form a team for the quiz? Let your brilliance and knowledge of extraordinary trivia be shared with us all. 1st prize £50 cash, 2nd prize a hamper, 3rd prize £25 M&S Voucher and 4th prize a bottle of alcohol.

A Town Quiz - hosted by Bishop Auckland Civic Society is on Wednesday 4 December at 7.30pm at the Rugby Club. You are invited to submit a team (up to 6 members for £10 per table). The bar is open and pie and peas are on for £3.50. All money raised will help Woodhouse Close Community Centre Crisis Fund which supports multiple need. You'll need to book your team early. See Fr Dennis for a form. Thank you.

The Good Friday Passion Play - in Bishop Auckland Market Place next year is still seeking more men . Come on fellers, we can make this happen.

The Passion Play will be performed twice on Good Friday - in the morning and early afternoon. To encourage participation or attendance, the usual 3pm Good Friday Liturgy in St Mary's, Bishop Auckland will be moved to 5.30 pm.

St Wilfrid SVP - The annual list for Xmas vouchers will be at the back of church this Sunday and for the next few weeks. As previously, if we have missed anyone off or names need to be deleted, please add or delete as needed.

Shoe Boxes - Total number of boxes collected from both churches was 152, plus £78 donation for transport. Massive thanks to everyone for their support and help with this.

Advent Reflections - each Monday of Advent, from 10.30am until 11.30am, there will be time to reflect on the Advent Sunday Gospels. Take some time out, during the build-up to Christmas, to have a cuppa and think about what The God Who Speaks is saying to us.

CAFOD - if you are wondering what to buy for someone this Christmas, please take a look at a World Gifts catalogue. One small gift bought by you, in the name of your loved one, can make a huge difference to the lives of others. A card will be sent from CAFOD for your special person with details of the gift and thanks on behalf of the families who will benefit.

Escomb Partnership Annual Christmas Lunch at St John's - the lunch will take place on Thursday 12 December at 12 noon with arrival from 11.30am. If you would like to attend could you please add your name to the sheet at the back of church by **Thursday 5 December latest**.

A Marie Curie Care Carol Concert by The Andreas Ensemble. The carol concert will take place on Friday 6 December in St Mary's, Bishop Auckland at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 to include interval refreshments. Please see notice at back of church.

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
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Kathy Lloyd
Rowan Banks

Please pray for
QUEENIE JONES (100)
CHRISTOPHER DRISCOLL (57)
RONNIE BANKS (73)
who have died.
May they rest in peace

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	2 Samuel 5: 1-3	Ps 121	Colossians 1: 12-20	Luke 23:35-43
Mon	Daniel 1: 1-6, 8-20	Daniel 3: 52-56	Luke 21:1-4	
Tues	Daniel 2: 31-45	Daniel 3: 57-61	Luke 21: 5-11	
Wed	Daniel 5: 1-6,13-14,16-17, 23-28	Daniel 3: 62-67	Luke 21: 12-19	
Thurs	Daniel 6: 12-28	Daniel 3: 68-74	Luke 21: 20-28	
Fri	Daniel 7: 2-14	Daniel 3: 75-81	Luke 21: 29-33	
Sat	Daniel 7: 15-27	Daniel 3: 82-87	Luke 21: 34-36	
Sun	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Ps 121	Romans 13: 11-14	Matthew 24:37-44