

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King.

Next weekend the first Sunday of the season of Advent

Youth Sunday – A message from YMT: Today, we celebrate Youth Sunday, The Feast of Christ the King and the vital role young people play in our Church. Bishop Stephen has written a letter which highlights the inspiring contributions of our youth and the dedication of the Youth Ministry Trust (YMT). Please see the poster at the back of the church, showcasing the ways youth ministry has flourished this year, from the return of *The Source* gathering to successful summer festivals and the JPIL and Faith in Action Awards. Your support is essential; a special collection will be taken today. Gift Aid envelopes are available for those who wish to contribute, they can be returned at a later date. Thank you.

Christmas Quiz: We are to have our amazing quiz on **Thursday 5 December, 6.30pm**. Put the date in your diary. If you have any bottles for the bottle stall please take a bottle bag from the back of church.

Shoe Box Appeal: A donation of £44 was sent to the Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal for transport costs. Many thanks to all who sent boxes/donated.

Foodbank: We have received fewer items for the food bank over the last few weeks but, if you are able to bring anything at all, it is always much appreciated. As the weather gets cooler it really can be a choice between food or heating. **This week we need sugar, UHT milk and chocolate for the children.** A big thank you!

St Wilfrid's Social Evening: Thank you to all who came along to our social evening on Friday evening.

'The Season of Singing out Loud is Soon Upon Us': If you feel inhibited about singing within the congregation try joining us in the choir and release your worship inhibitions. Reading music is not required. A "good" voice is not necessary. Enthusiasm helps. Simply join us before mass and add so much to the joy of your faith.

Contact details: Thank you to all who have already filled in those new mauve coloured contact lists. Unfortunately, I forgot at first to ask for phone numbers! Many thanks to those who have nonetheless provided them. Do, please, continue to give me your forms. - David Coxon

Volunteer census: Jeannie Hardy and Fiona Ottewell spoke at masses recently with a message from the diocese thanking parish volunteers for their ongoing sterling work. They also invited people to fill in a simple 'volunteer census form'. Please return your forms as soon as possible so that they can be sent off to the diocese to allow them to see what great work is being done here.

World Gifts: Sometimes, at Christmas, we give and receive gifts that are not necessarily 'wanted'. It can be useful to look through a simple

Please pray for the health of:

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)
Mary Curry
Adam Quarmby
Eileen Kelly
John Green
Lynette Stott
Brenda Dawes
Jayne Littlefair



CAFOD catalogue. With this, you can certainly give a gift to a friend, but poorer people in our world can also benefit. Pick up a CAFOD catalogue from the back of church or, for a more extensive range, go to cafod.org.uk/world_gifts

Laudato Si Group : Would you like to help to reduce the waste we create at Christmas? In December a large Christmas card will be placed in both St Mary's and St Wilfrid's churches. If you want to share Christmas greetings with friends in our parish, please add your name and wishes to the card instead of sending individual cards. A donation can be made to the SVP at the same time if you wish. Hopefully this will help to reduce some of the waste this year. Thank you.

Christmas essentials : Please remember when buying wrapping paper and cards: avoid foil/ plastic wrap. If it scrunches, it is paper and can be recycled. Avoid cards with glitter, foil and decorations. In both cases, remove ribbons, bows, tags, Sellotape or any decorations before recycling. Check out this excellent special festive waste site at durham.gov.uk/christmas_recycling

Weekday masses: We don't get a lot of people at our weekday masses at St Mary's but some of those who attend have suggested having mass in the meeting room during the colder months. It's easier to heat! Also, any thoughts our having our Wednesday morning mass at St Wilfrid's church in the small 'mass room'? It would be good if we had a reasonable number come along so that we could gather around the altar. Let me know what you think. - DC

SVP200 Club: It is now the time of year to renew our annual subscriptions if you hold a number. The amount is £12 per number - some of you have more than one. The money raised supports St Vincent's in Newcastle providing 150 hot meals weekly to the homeless and emergency food parcels via the food bank. The new draw will take place from December and see us through until November 2025. Your continued support to this cause is beyond simple words. Please contact Zita 07722219173 via text or phone if you have any questions. I know some kind soul at St Wilfrid's will collect their subs and get it down to us. Once again many thanks.

SVP200Club: November winning numbers 56 & 49. No winners for us this month.

SVP: The SVP have supported the Sudan for many years but it remains a divided country and women and children suffer greatly. Latest figures are that 2 million women and children face acute malnutrition. See posters at back of church.

Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Concert : The Newcastle Male Chorus and Gibside Singers will be performing a Christmas Concert in the Chapel at St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) on Saturday 7th December 2024 at 7.00pm. The concert is in aid of the work of the Little Sisters at St Joseph's Home.

Tickets are £8 (interval drink included), available from St Joseph's Home – 0191 273 1279.

The **Assisted Dying Bill** was introduced in Parliament last month and, on Friday, November 29th, the Bill is to have its second reading. This the point where there will be a general debate and MP's will have the opportunity to vote on the Bill. Do give this subject some time for reflection and prayer and, yes, do think about writing to our MP, Sam Rushworth, with your own views.

Northern Cross: There are still some copies of the November edition of the 'Northern Cross' at the back of church at £1.50 with news from around the diocese.

St Joseph's Coundon will be showing the film Apparition Hill on Saturday 30th November at 11am. The cost will be £1. This is either the biggest scam in the history of the Church or the most important thing since the Birth of Our Blessed Lord. All are welcome.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 23 November <i>Christ the King (B)</i>	- No mass or confessions this morning. - 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>For everyone in our parish</i>
Sunday 24 November <i>Christ the King (B)</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Relton</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Dave Fleming</i>
Monday 25 November	No Mass today 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 26 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>
Wednesday 27 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 28 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>Healing for a lapsed Catholic</i>
Friday 29 November	8.15 am mass in St John's school chapel
Saturday 30 November <i>St Andrew, apostle.</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Lina & Luigi Quagliari</i> followed by confessions. 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>For all who have died</i>
Sunday 1 December <i>First Sunday of Advent (Year C)</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Deceased members of the Gabriele and Catchpole Families</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Laura Rea & Mario Rea, the Giovannone Family, Norman & Phyllis Bayles</i>

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CHRIST THE KING

The New Lectionary

Many years ago, when we came to mass, the Scripture readings were in Latin. In our missals we often had an English translation alongside so that we knew what the reading was about.

When we began to celebrate the mass in English over 50 years ago, the Scripture readings were read in English from a book called 'the lectionary' by someone standing at the lectern. Both these words are from a Latin word which means 'to read'. The English translation of the bible that has largely been used since then is the Jerusalem Bible version.

Some time ago, the bishops of England and Wales said they would like a different translation of the bible to be used in churches so, from next weekend, at the beginning of Advent, we are to use the 'English Standard Version' of the bible in church. This a good translation - though at an exorbitant cost for the lectionaries, and for the Parish Mass Books that we use at St Wilfrid's.

The layout of the new text should make it easier to read and to understand though people with their own missals, I'm afraid, will be left with texts that are *similar*, but not *the same*, as what is being read out from the lectern. Apologies for this.

David Coxon

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Jeannie Hardy for St Mary's and Fiona Ottewell for St Wilfrid's or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Confession Times

St Mary's

Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.

St Wilfrid's

before Sunday Mass