

**Fr Tony Cornforth** (01325 313611) will be conducting funerals during my holiday and attending to any emergencies. I'm very grateful. Grateful also to Frs Gordon Ryan and Paul Tully for celebrating our weekend Masses for us.

**The Second Collection** next weekend will be for The Apostleship of the Sea, supporting the Church's work for seafarers, as we do also by contributing suitable clothing regularly. Thank you.

**A Listening Exercise** - The Diocese has created opportunities for anyone to share thoughts and concerns for the future in our Diocese. There are times and dates for priests, for religious sisters and brothers and for parishioners. The dates for parishioners are:

11 July at St Bede's Church Hall, Bedlington. NE22 5TZ

12 July at St Michael's Church Hall, Houghton le Spring, DH5 8NF

13 July at English Martyrs Church, Stockton. TS19 9BY

The meetings start at 7pm prompt and finish at 8.30pm. Please attend one of these if you would like to contribute or to share in the listening exercise. Thank you.

**Marie Curie Group** - are holding a Garden Tea Party on Sunday 30 July at Woodside House, Witton Park from 1pm to 5pm. Admission £5. See poster at back of church.

**Plant Swap** - WOW - what a generous Parish we have. Plants for swapping keep coming - please help yourselves. But please NO MORE PLANT POTS. Storage is overflowing. Thank you all very much.

**ECO-Walk** - Thank you to everyone who came on the Parish Eco-walk on Sunday 11th June. It was a beautiful day enjoyed by all. Also a very big thankyou to the ladies who provided a delicious Sunday tea for us all, it was very enjoyable. A collection for the work of CAFOD was taken and raised in excess of £50.

**LET IT BLOOM JUNE** - Please consider leaving your lawns to grow longer and show off the pretty wildness hidden within. It will also save you having to water the lawn. If you must mow set the blades high and let the clippings fall uncollected thus mulching and keeping the soil moist.

**The Family Contact Centre** provides contact with children for separated parents/grand parents. It takes place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Volunteers only attend for 8 Saturdays across the year. This takes place at the Methodist Church Hall. We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Joanne Walton on 07887 954943.

**As the year moves on** could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

**The Big Cafod Walk** - This year Cafod has set the challenge of a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
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  
Patrick Fogarty*

Please pray for  
**MARGARET THOMPSON  
(76) and  
TONY BALDWIN (89)**

who have died.  
May they rest in  
peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Jeremiah 20: 10-13	Ps 68	Romans 5: 12-15	Matthew 10:26-33
Mon	Genesis 12: 1-9	Ps 32	Matthew 7: 1-5	
Tues	Genesis 13:2, 5-18	Ps 14	Matthew 7: 26, 12-14	
Wed	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18	Ps 104	Matthew 7: 15-20	
Thurs	Acts 12: 1-11	Ps 33	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19
Fri	Genesis 17: 1, 9-10, 15-22	Ps 127	Matthew 8: 1-4	
Sat	Genesis 18: 1-15	Luke 1:46-50, 53-55	Matthew 8: 5-17	Luke 1: 57-66, 81
Sun	2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16	Ps 88	Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11	Matthew 10: 37-42

parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tea, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, pasta sauce and tinned fruit. 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. Thank you.

**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR FR DERMOTT DONNELLY—INVITATION TO EMMAUS YOUTH VILLAGE OPEN DAY** - You are warmly invited to the Emmaus Youth Village on **Saturday 1st July** for a unique opportunity to learn about our new initiatives and redevelopment plans. The day is also a celebration, remembering Fr Dermott Donnelly's significant ministry on the first anniversary of his death. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Emeritus Seamus Cunningham and young attendees will share inspiring stories about the impact of Fr Dermott's ministry. With a barbecue, a bar and music entertainment, it's bound to be a fantastic day out! Barbecue tickets: £10 (free for children under 16). Proceeds for the day will support Fr Dermott's charity "Significance," ensuring his work continues. Please confirm attendance for the Mass and/or barbecue tickets. Accommodation can also be booked. Contact: [admin@ymt.org](mailto:admin@ymt.org) or 01207 592244.

**Quiz Night** - Thursday 13 July in St Mary's meeting room. Doors open at 7 pm quiz starts at 7.30 pm.

**St. Mary's Church Cleaning June** - Group 3 Tuesday 27th after 10am Mass. We are always looking for extra people as our numbers are very small for such a large church to be cleaned. So if you have a spare hour please do come along you will be warmly received. Many thanks.

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 24 June</b> <i>BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	<b>10.00 Mass:</b> <i>Waldemar Madej</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Angela Fraser and Eddie Rossi</i>
<b>Sunday 25 June</b> <i>12th Sunday of the year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Joan Hannon</i> <b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's:</b> <i>Dave Fleming</i>
<b>Monday 26 June</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club</i>
<b>Tuesday 27 June</b>	<b>1.30 pm Funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium for TONY BALDWIN</b> <b>2.00 pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</b>
<b>Wednesday 28 June</b> <i>St Irenaeus</i>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>7.00 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Thursday 29 June</b> <i>SS PETER &amp; PAUL</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
<b>Friday 30 June</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 1 July</b>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday 2 July</b> <i>13th Sunday of the year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Private Intention</i> <b>11.00 am Mass St Mary's:</b> <i>Dominic Ottewell</i>

**Quote:**

*"If all economists were laid end to end, they still wouldn't reach a conclusion".  
- George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)*

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# 12th SUNDAY of the YEAR

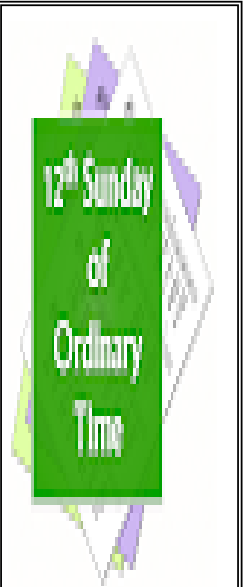
### A PRAYER TO THE LORD OF CREATION

*Help us O Lord to hear your voice, in the thunder of the waterfall, the sweet call of the songbird and in the cry of the child suffering from hunger and thirst.*

*May the cries of the poor and of the earth wake us from inaction and stir us to renew our lives. Help us accept the change and sacrifice we need to recover harmony with this beautiful abundant earth you gave us.*

*Guide us Lord to be fruitful in our endeavors and sustain us in any hardships we may face.*

*Through the darkest of times Lord keep us confident that your grace will bring us to a new dawn when we can celebrate together the community of creation.*



### **Confession Times** St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.