

**Fr David Coxon** will be here from the weekend of 7 & 8 September. I know you will make him welcome. Let's arrange to have a simple get together on the Monday evening of 9th September with some food as an enjoyable way to facilitate introductions. More on this later. Thank you.

**The Foodbank** - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, small tinned meats, tinned fruit and sugar. 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.

**SVP raffle** we have recently received tickets for the above Annual Raffle and the prizes start at £5000 for first prize and £1000 for second, plus additional prizes with all details on the sheet on the porch notice board. Tickets will be on sale now and during August. The draw date is 26 September. Please give the raffle your usual support.

**Laudato Si** - A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed our annual environmental survey. We had a good response this year. Thank you to Tom Bowman who has again collated the results and put them into a display which will be available shortly in both churches. If anyone has any comments they would like to give us, we would be very happy to receive alongside any suggestions for ways we can help with care of our environment.

Plant Swap - this was part of the Laudato Si week in May. Thanks to all who took part in bringing and exchanging plants.

Care of Creation will be celebrated in September and we are hoping to have a parish event of displays. Anyone interested would be most welcome to get involved, more information to follow.

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)  
Margaret Pattenden  
Mary Curry  
Adam Quarmby  
Eileen Kelly  
John Green  
Lynette Stott  
Mary Oldfield  
Brenda Dawes  
Jayne Littlefair*



**Scripture Readings** for this week's Masses:

Sun	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18	Ps 33	Ephesians 5: 21-32	John 6: 60-69
Mon	2 Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 11-12	Ps 95	Matthew 23: 13-22	
Tues	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3, 14-17	Ps 95	Matthew 23: 23-26	
Wed	2 Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18	Ps 127	Matthew 23: 27-32	
Thurs	1 Corinthians 1: 1-9	Ps 144	Matthew 24: 42-51	
Fri	1 Corinthians 1: 17-25	Ps 32	Matthew 25: 1-13	
Sat	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31	Ps 32	Matthew 25: 14-30	
Sun	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8	Ps 14	James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Our wild flower garden** the Laudato Si wild lawn is flourishing. It's unbelievable what doing nothing to a lawn produces. Have a look and be truly amazed. But also take time to admire the beautiful variety of the front garden. Much praise and thanks to the hard work and expertise of Tommy Nevin.

**Bible Alive** - September copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

**Pope Francis** recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

**Little Sisters of the Poor** - Used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families help the Sisters and residents of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.

**World Peace** - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

**Seated Exercise Classes - Falls Prevention Exercise Class** every Wednesday at 2.15pm (for one hour) at Coundon and Leeholme Community Centre. Price is £4.50 to include Tea and Coffee. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

**Over 50's Keep Fit class** starting 3 September at the Memorial Hall, West Auckland at 7pm - price is £5. Please call Bernadette Rogers on 07030944810.

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 24 August</b> <i>ST BARTHOLOMEW</i>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Ellen and Denis Jackson</i>
<b>Sunday 25 August</b> <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Vasey, Hogg &amp; Cruddace families</i>
<b>Monday 26 August</b>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 27 August</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Terry Carrigan</i>
<b>Wednesday 28 August</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Blessings on the family</i>
<b>Thursday 29 August</b>	10.00am Mass: <i>Special Intention (A)</i>
<b>Friday 30 August</b>	No Mass
<b>Saturday 31 August</b>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 1 September</b> <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>George and Rose Wallis</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Thanksgiving</i>

## Quotation

*"You know you're getting old when people tell you how well you look".*  
- Alan King

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# 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## ***Gentle Care***

*A child's inability to learn or relate, the horrific effects of trauma and abuse, the depths of depression, the heights of mania, or the far edges of schizophrenia, the rock bottom of an addiction, the slipping into senility, these are extraordinarily painful, affecting every human community. No armies, no personal wealth or powers, no walled estate or individual achievement can ultimately protect the fragility of our feelings, the vulnerable complexity of our minds and the tenderness of our psyche and soul.*

*In the end our mental and emotional health rests in the gentleness with which we care for one another, the sensitivity and compassion by which we organise our lives together, and the grace we experience as beloved, even when we are most estranged.*

- Craig Rennebohm

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

## Confession Times

### **St Mary's**

**Saturdays at  
10.45-11.30  
and by request.**

### **St Wilfrid's**

**before  
Sunday  
Mass**