

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 24 September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Requiem for The Queen</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Deceased of Coleman and Ottewell Families</i>
Sunday 25 September 26th <i>Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For King Charles III</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>For King Charles III</i>
Monday 26 September	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	10 am Mass: <i>For the work of the SVP</i>
Wednesday 28 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 29 September <i>SS MICHAEL GABRIEL & RAPHAEL ARCHANGELS</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 7.00 pm: <i>The Passion Play film in St Mary's meeting room</i>
Friday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 1 October <i>St Teresa of Lisieux</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Stephen Layton</i>
Sunday 2 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For the health of Mary Curry</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quote

"Art after all is but an extension of language to the expression of sensations too subtle for words."
- **Robert Henri**

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26th SUNDAY of the YEAR

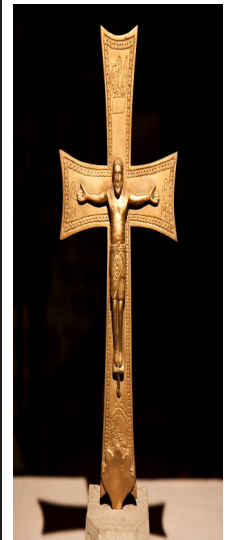
My Goodness!

Many of us would say we revere Mother Teresa. She wasn't macho. She wasn't even successful. In spite of her many years of lauded and dedicated ministry, people still die in poverty in Calcutta. But even after her death, Mother Teresa is admired, respected and revered. Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. are similarly revered not for their success, although they had important successes, but because of the shining example of their goodness. In our own time Nelson Mandela commands the same kind of admiration. He walks into any place, and people are transfixed - not because he is mighty and macho, but because he is gracious and good.

You and I, too, are fundamentally good. We are tuned to the key of goodness. This is not to deny evil, it is to face evil squarely. And we can face evil squarely because we know that evil will not have the last word.

Evil cannot have the last word because we are programmed—no, hard-wired - for goodness. Yes, goodness can be enlightened self-interest. Kindness builds goodwill. Generosity invites reciprocation. But even if there were absolutely no material benefit to being kind, you can't counterfeit the warm glow that you have inside when you have been kind. You just can't! That glow is something you relish because that's how we've been created. To be hateful and mean is operating against the deepest yearnings that God placed in our hearts. Goodness is not just our impulse. It is our essence.

- **Desmond Tutu**



Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

COVID Clarification — news from the Bishop this week. He informs us that all the restrictions have now been removed, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice, which is still not permitted. The wearing of face masks and the use of hand sanitizer is entirely optional. Holy Communion may be received either on the tongue or in the hand. We can also shake hands again at the sign of peace. These former usual practices have been emerging lately as most restrictions have disappeared generally in other places. I want to record an enormous vote of thanks to everyone who has taken care with the COVID arrangements so that we keep people safe. I am also very grateful to everyone who has cleaned the church after services to ensure surfaces have been treated with our protective fluids. You may still want, should space be available, to maintain reasonable space between individuals, respecting that they may prefer that we continue with that for the moment.

Holy Communion preparation programme for 2022-23 - please forward names and contact details to Fr Dennis if your child is in Year 4 or above and wishes to be involved in our next Holy Communion preparation programme which is planned to start in October.

The Passion Play Film - will be shown in St Mary's Meeting Room at 7 pm on Thursday 29 September. Please do come and see this sacred story acted dramatically last Good Friday in Bishop Auckland Market Place. Feel free to bring others. Admission is free.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - this takes place on Friday 7 October. The current world situation has created a food crisis that could well be worse than has been known in recent history. This is a crisis created by other disasters: climate change, coronavirus and conflict in Ukraine, mean food prices are skyrocketing. The contributions to this Fast Day will help relieve the crisis being felt so severely by many of the world's poorest people.

CAFOD Emergency Pakistan Floods Appeal - as we know over 30 million people have been affected by the flood and 10 million made homeless, they have lost homes, cattle, and livelihoods. Families are in urgent need of safe drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Community (DEC) launching an appeal in response to this emergency. CAFOD specifically is working with the local Pakistani Organisation Community World Service Asia in the Sindh Province, one of the worst affected areas. You can donate at church today or in the following ways:

By post: send a cheque payable to CAFOD to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. By phone: card payment call CAFOD on 0303 303 3030. To Gift Aid your donation boosting it by 25% at no extra cost to you, collect a CAFOD Gift Aid Form from church here. To donate by Bank Transfer the account name is CAFOD account number 11769410 sort code 160030 Royal Bank of Scotland. Please send an email to dpd@cafod.org.uk confirming the amount, date of remittance and your details. Thank you very much indeed.

Care for Creation - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

Please pray for the health of:

- Irene Welford*
- Michael Dowson*
- Mrs Aitken*
- Val Mundell*
- Joan Lightfoot*
- Michael Nicholson*
- Adam Hudspeth*
- Christopher Browne*
- Tyler Quinn*
- Norah Hutchinson*
- Robin Davis*
- Angela Graham*
- Frank Ridley*
- Jacob Thomas*
- Charlotte Thomas*
- Teresa Brown*
- Christina Marsh*
- Kathy Lloyd*
- Roman Banks*
- Jane Hardy (Kirby)*
- Margaret Pattenden*

Please pray for

- DAVID CLOUGH (83)
- MAUREEN NICHOLSON (89)
- and BETTY TUCKER

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



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Amos 6: 1, 4-7	Ps 145	1 Timothy 6: 11-16	Luke 16: 19-31
Mon	Job 1: 6-22	Ps 16	Luke 9: 46-50	
Tues	Job 3: 1-3, 11-17, 20-23	Ps 87	Luke 9: 51-56	
Wed	Job 9: 1-13, 14-16	Ps 87	Luke 9: 57-62	
Thurs	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Ps 137	John 1: 47-51	
Fri	Job 38: 1, 12-21, 40: 3-5	Ps 138	Luke 10: 13-16	
Sat	Job 42: 1-3, 5-6, 12-17	Ps 118	Luke 10: 17-24	
Sun	Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4	Ps 94	2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14	Luke 17: 5-19

The next meeting of our parish Laudato Si group will be on Wednesday 14 September at 6pm in St Mary's meeting room. Write it on your arm and come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

The Laudato Si group are planning to hold a food/cookery event as part of this year's Season of creation. If anyone has any expertise in cookery or recipe ideas and would like to be involved in a small group of us, please get in touch via email - jeanniemariehardy@gmail.com/mobile Tel: 07708108119, or with Eileen Thornton at St Mary's.

The Craft Group — the craft group will start again on Monday 3 October at 1 pm to 3pm in St Mary's Meeting Room and each Monday after that. Everyone is welcome. Bring any work you would like to do with you or just come for the company. Many thanks.

A warm welcome to all who are returning to Mass after careful measures over Covid kept people away. Our churches are safe, we're currently still masked and it'll be great to see you. If you have any questions please ask them. You are part of a living community of faith and continue to be. How we each express that is mainly through Sunday Mass. How can we help?

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, and biscuits. **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 heating 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.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. **Your donations over recent weeks have enabled us to send £626.60 to CAFOD for the Ukraine Appeal.**

We're looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and the return of any of our helpful folks who have served us in these ways previously. Singers, musicians, flower arrangers, CAFOD, SVP members all do great work for us. How can you help? Please have a chat. Thank you.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota - A rota is now on the notice board on the left hand side as you enter church. We will always take more volunteers if anyone else would like to join our small band!

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.