

# This week

|   | Services & meetings                          | Location |
|---|--|----------|
| Saturday 25 April                           | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>          |          |
| Sunday 26 April<br>3rd Sunday of Easter     | 10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>   |          |
| Monday 27 April                             | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Eileen Stockton</i>        |          |
| Tuesday 28 April                            | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Evelyn Hagan</i>           |          |
| Wednesday 29 April<br>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Frank Carney</i>           |          |
| Thursday 30 April                           | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Donald Wheatley</i>        |          |
| Friday 1 May<br>St Joseph the Worker        | 10.00 am Mass: <i>For all crisis helpers</i> |          |
| Saturday 2 May<br>St Athanasius             | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>             |          |
| Sunday 3 May<br>4th Sunday of Easter        | 10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>   |          |

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £

## Quote:

"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out" -

*Attributed to various people!*

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

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

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Sunday, 26 April 2020

## Third Sunday of Easter

### IN PRAISE OF THE NHS

*These are the hands that touch us first, feel your head, find the pulse and make your bed.*

*These are the hands that tap your back, test the skin, hold your arm, wheel the bin, change the bulb, fix the drip, pour the jug, replace your hip.*

*These are the hands that fill the bath, mop the floor, flick the switch, soothe the sore, burn the swabs, give us a jab, throw out the sharps, design the lab.*

*And these are the hands that stop the leaks, empty the pan, wipe the pipes, carry the can, clamp the veins, make the cast, log the dose and touch us last.*

- Michael Rosen

**Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts will be available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.**

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will no longer be open for private prayer. This is an arrangement no one would otherwise welcome but in the unprecedented circumstances we must take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

### Confession Times

St Mary

**Saturday**  
10.45 - 11.30 am,

Also by request and any other time by simple arrangement

**Streaming of Mass** - takes place from St Mary's each day, including Sunday, at 10 am. To access the streamed Mass via Facebook you'll need to look for The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland. We will be moving the streaming of our Mass from Facebook to YouTube shortly. The technician who is helping us is the father of a one week old baby boy but is stuck in hospital currently without access to his equipment until the hospital gives clearance for the baby and his parents to go home. We should hear soon. Keep his young family in your prayers please. Thank you. When we are able to stream from YouTube there'll be a note on the parish Facebook page directing you onwards. Masses are available from many places by accessing [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). Having Mass from our own parish helps keep a sense of community in our worship and some solidarity with others even though we're unable to see them.

If you are free and able to take some moments of quiet at home at 10am - to join in a heartfelt way with the power and beauty of the Mass - it will be a sign and experience of our parish family. Just being aware of Mass being offered daily in the parish is a bonding initiative that can become more and more important to us. You may have heard that joining in Mass when not physically present is sometimes called an Act of Spiritual Communion. Do this by sitting quietly and be aware you are in God's presence. Identify with Mass being offered and make a simple prayer like this:

***Great and gentle God, present among us, I love you as strongly as I am able. I deeply desire to receive you at Mass. Join me in Communion with you and all in your body, the Church, and keep me united with you forever. Amen***

**Enormous thanks** - for the generous donations of money given in to help the Foodbank and the Crisis Fund. Actual food items are much less due to our being closed especially on Sundays. The money donated has been a great help in our being able to buy food for those in critical need.

**The Foodbank - is now open each day Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon** and operates from Woodhouse Close Church Centre as the distribution point for the food you generously bring to St Wilfrid's and St Mary's. A smaller amount is usually kept at St Mary's to help individuals outside of the hours the foodbank is open. We still need a range of staple items and ask if you are able to donate food or money, these can be taken direct to Woodhouse Close Church Centre during the times above or brought to St Mary's presbytery. The need is still great and increasing. If you can help at all, many worried people will be very grateful. Thank You.

**Important Prayers** - please pray for the help needed by so many in these restricted weeks. The sick and dying, the bereaved and

**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  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Joan Banks*



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

|       |                  |        |                   |               |
|-------|------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------|
| Sun   | Acts 2: 14,22-23 | Ps 15  | 1 Peter 1: 17-21  | Luke 24:13-35 |
| Mon   | Acts 6: 8-15     | Ps 118 | John 6: 22-29     |               |
| Tues  | Acts 7: 51-8:1   | Ps 30  | John 6: 30-35     |               |
| Wed   | 1 John 1: 5-2:2  | Ps 102 | Matthew 11: 25-30 |               |
| Thurs | Acts 8: 26-40    | Ps 65  | John 6: 44-51     |               |
| Fri   | Acts 9: 1-20     | Ps 116 | John 6: 52-59     |               |
| Sat   | Acts 9: 31-42    | Ps 115 | John 6: 60-69     |               |
| Sun   | Acts 2: 14,36-41 | Ps 22  | 1 Peter 2:20-25   | John 10:1-10  |

those who put themselves at risk for others—all in the NHS, our care professionals and all who keep our shops stocked and open for us. So much is being done in families, keeping an eye on vulnerable members. The support of your prayers helps them. Don't miss the fact that it helps you also.

**Masses** - if you wish to put in Mass intentions, these should be in an envelope with the details clearly indicated and your name and phone number.

**Weekly offerings** - clearly, the parish income is affected by the present arrangements. Direct debits will continue as usual and any weekly packets can be saved until we are able to resume Sunday Masses, or you may wish to put them through the letter box at St Mary's presbytery. Thank you.

**Please note the change in confession times** - we now have to operate behind the curtain rather than face to face.

**Envelopes through the letterbox** - come in each day. Thank you. If you are including money in an envelope other than your printed yellow/white weekly offering packet, please indicate clearly what the money is for. Thank you.

**Vocations Sunday** - is next Sunday. Please recognise the responsibility we all have to pray for everyone's vocation. Yours (yes, you are called by God to live out the Gospel message) mine and all others. Our custom and a requirement from the Lord himself, is that we also pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. That need is being felt more acutely as the years go by and more keenly in countries with fewer priests and religious than ours. Everything is relative. In our lifetime's experience we now have many priests less than we once had. But compared with other countries we are still much better provided for than they are. Our prayers should not be selfish, the world's needs are greater than our own. Thank you.

**STAY SAFE EVERYONE, THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THIS WILL ALL PASS  
TAKE NOTE OF WHAT WE LEARN THROUGH IT ALL.**