

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 25 June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ann Scanlon</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Jim Arthurs</i>
Sunday 26 June <i>13th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Monday 27 June <i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 - 1 pm St Mary's open for private prayer 2pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 28 June <i>St Irenaeus</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Audrey Hartley</i> 7.00 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Wednesday 29 June SS PETER & PAUL	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 30 June	9.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Joe Park</i> 9.30 am - Trip to Ripon
Friday 1 July	10.00 am: Deceased of the Tucker and Kellett Families
Saturday 2 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
Sunday 3 July <i>14th Sunday of the year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>

"When I came back to Dublin, I was court martialled in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence".

- Brendan Beham (1923-1964)

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13th SUNDAY of the YEAR

The Wonder of the Mass

The burst of glory that takes place when the body and blood of the Lord are made present on the altar, cannot be known by the senses, nor can it be grasped by the mind. What has happened is so beyond the human realm of experience or understanding, that it can only be accepted on the authority of God. It is by faith that we accept our Lord's stark words. 'This is my body - this is my blood'. Once we start trying to understand how this can be, we get lost in endless human speculation. It is true, it can be argued that perhaps the Lord did not mean us to take his words literally, as when he talked about cutting off our right hand when it scandalizes us; but there are enough texts about eating and drinking his body and blood to suggest that he meant what he said.

Faith is beyond reason, not opposed to it. Our senses and our minds remain untouched; but faith tells us that we stand before the most important event in the history of the world. We stand present before the mystery of Christ; we are made present to the One who died for our sins and rose to new life so that we might live in a new way. All the hosts of heaven are prostrate around us, worshipping before this mystery.

In the midst of this company we stand blind in our senses, uncomprehending in our minds. If we could but grasp the holiness of the moment made present to us, we, too, would lie face down calling out, 'Holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts'.

- Fr Ian Petit OSB

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

St Mary's Church is open for Mass and each Monday for private prayer 11.00 to 1.00 pm. See this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Outing to Ripon Cathedral - the coach is now full, so there will only be room if someone drops out at the last minute. Mass is at 9.00 on Thursday morning, and we will be leaving St Mary's straight afterwards. There will be some free time in Ripon before the concert, which begins at 1.00 and is followed by the tour and tea. We aim to leave by 4.00 so should be back soon after 5.00. The total cost (tour plus transport) is £20 - if you could give that to Michael Broadbent or Jeanette Shaughnessy it would save time on the day. Any queries - please contact Michael (01388 488569).

The Passion Play - in the Market Place was professionally filmed. The quality of the film is outstanding, using four different cameras. We are conscious this could be a great resource for local churches. If you would like to purchase a copy of the film this is available as either a download (£10), DVD with a commemorative cover (£15) or Blue Ray DVD with a commemorative cover (£25). If you or anyone in your church would like to purchase a copy, please order using the link: <https://aegies.com/shop/> The Passion Play is to be performed again next year. We're hoping that more Christians will take part. There will be two drop-in sessions in early September where you can attend, ask questions and sign up. The Passion Play will be yet better if more Christians are in the cast. This year's Passion Play had about 60% of the cast and crew from communities with no involvement in church. There is a sign-up link on the Passion Play website. Passionplaybishopauckland.org.

Next Month's Second collection - will be for the Apostleship of the Sea.

St Mary's Church Cleaning - As we are returning to a "New Normal" and numbers at Mass are steadily increasing, could we ask for volunteers to help with the cleaning of our church? Over the last two years the cleaning has been done by only a couple of people. Increased footfall not so surprisingly brings in more dirt etc. There is a note pad - with very fetching Oyster Catchers at the back of church, for anyone interested to add their name, contact number and preferred day and time most suitable for you. If you are a family with older children - perhaps you could do the task as a family. If we get sufficient volunteers you may only be on the rota once or twice a year. I have left my number on the note pad - please text/call me if I can help with any queries. (Thanks to Zita for arranging this).

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
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

**PAUL COGLAN (75)
and
JOAN HANNON (89)
who have died.**

May they rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	1 Kings 19: 16, 19-21	Ps 15	Galatians 5:1, 13-18	Luke 9: 51-62
Mon	Amos 2: 6-10	Ps 49	Matthew 8: 18-22	
Tues	Amos 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12	Ps 5	Matthew 8: 23-27	
Wed	Acts 7: 1-11	Ps 33	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19
Thurs	Amos 7: 10-17	Ps 18	Matthew 9: 1-8	
Fri	Amos 8: 4-6, 9-12	Ps 118	Matthew 9: 9-13	
Sat	Amos 9: 11-15	Ps 84	Matthew 9: 14-17	
Sun	Isaiah 66: 10-14	Ps 65	Galatians 6:1, 14-18	Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

Care for Our Common Home - Parish Audit of Environmental activities - thank you to everyone who has returned questionnaires. We have received 36 forms and these are currently being looked at. Information will be shared once it has been analyzed.

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.

Old Spectacles - please consider donating old/unwanted spectacles to Vision Express (Tindale Crescent branch) who will recycle by sending them to those in need abroad.

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.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned or packet potatoes, vegetables and long life milk. **No tinned beans, soup or dried pasta required. 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.

A Way Home, a play about The fight for a place to belong - in 1951 a third of County Durham's villages are classified as 'D', no longer worthy of investment. Expected to die quietly, they refuse to go without a fight. Rooted in stories and memories of those who called D village home, a county-wide fight lasting over 25 years becomes a 12 month journey at Bet's kitchen table as her family grapple with identity, loss and belonging. With humour, tenderness and not a small amount of grit, the play speaks of fighting to be heard when no one's listening and of finding a place to belong. **Sun 26/06 at 7pm at Witton Park Village Hall, Witton Park.**