

# This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 26 February	10.00 am Mass: Special Intention 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish
Sunday 27 February <i>8th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Julia Mordue 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Waldemar Madej
Monday 28 February	No Mass 10 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11 am - 1 pm St Mary's open for private prayer 2 pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 1 March <i>ST DAVID</i>	10.00 am Mass: Private Intention 6.00 pm Care for Our Common Home
Wednesday 2 March <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls Ashes will be distributed at Mass
Thursday 3 March	10.00 am Mass: People of the parish
Friday 4 March	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: Cecilia Pham Thi Hong 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross @ St Helen's
Saturday 5 March	10.00 am Mass: Peter Freeman 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Deceased of the Tucker and Kellett Families
Sunday 6 March <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: World Peace 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Vasey and Hogg Families

## Quote:

*"If a man does find the solution for world peace, it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known".*

- George C. Marshall (1880-1959)

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# EIGHTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

## GOD AND LOVE

The two most difficult things to get straight in life are love and God. More often than not, the mess people make of their lives can be traced to failure or stupidity or meanness in one or both of these areas.

The basic and biblical Christian conviction is that the two subjects are intricately related. If we want to deal with God the right way, we have to learn to love the right way. If we want to love the right way, we have to deal with God the right way. God and love can't be separated.

*My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love - so you can't know him if you don't love.* 1 John 4:7-8

- Eugene H. Peterson

Following government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer and for Mass. 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.

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.

## Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

**World Peace** The unlawful invasion of the Ukraine affects us all. The brutal disregard for honesty and the democratic rights of people are a scandalous and criminal sign of misuse of power and a complete lack of care about individuals and families. Some dangers are obvious and many as yet unforeseen.

What do we do? First we pray for God's help - for wisdom and courage among world leaders. We make this a daily intention. The Ukraine situation will not be resolved quickly if at all. We also think seriously about how we treat people - about how we personally use what power and influence we have. Is it about ourselves and our own plans and ambitions or genuinely about the welfare of others? Thank you for your prayers for everyone involved in this aggressive and unlawful invasion.

**Lent** begins this Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during Mass. There is no Covid-type restriction to anyone coming to receive ashes. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting & Abstaining from meat.

**Lent Lunches** will be on again this year. The dates are all Wednesdays and the time is 12.00 noon. Here are the details:

**9 March: Woodhouse Close Church, 16 March: BA Baptist Church, 23 March: St Wilfrid's, 30 March: St Anne's Church, 13 April: BA Methodist Church.** All are welcome.

**Lent Extra** is on sale today, price £1.50. A good companion to help you through Lent

**Daily Lenten reflections** can be found in Lent Extra and on the diocesan website at <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>

### **Bishop Auckland Passion Play – Good Friday – 15th April 2022**

Please help us stage an ambitious outdoor production of the Easter story in Bishop Auckland town centre. The Passion Play team are volunteers who are looking for help. We would welcome anyone willing to be an actor with a speaking part, or a 'crowd' actor in a non-speaking part. Alternatively, your skills may lend themselves to the small props team, backstage crew or you may prefer to be an audience welcomer on the day. You may have some props or material for costumes we could use. Please contact Fiona Ewing (email: fiona@conkertree.co.uk), or Linda Gabriele (phone: 07841 681689) or sign up through the website below. At the very least, please tell others about the event. The team will regularly reveal and update information on the website and social media channels. Website: [passionplaybishopauckland.org/](http://passionplaybishopauckland.org/). Information about tickets for attending the event will be available soon. There will be performances at 12 o'clock and 3 pm. Our Good Friday service in church will be at 5.30 pm.

**Hour of Prayer** - one of the sad things about the Covid restrictions is that prayer groups have not been able to meet as they used to. Now that life is a bit easier, all are warmly invited to share in an Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Monday afternoons from 2.00 till 3.00 in the Mass room at St

### Please pray for the health of:

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



Sun	Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7	Ps 91	1 Corinthians 15: 54-58	Luke 6: 39-45
Mon	1 Peter 1: 3-9	Ps 110	Mark 10: 17-27	
Tues	1 Peter 1: 10-16	Ps 97	Mark 10: 28-31	
Wed	Joel 2: 12-18	Ps 50	2 Corinthians 5: 20-6:2	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18
Thurs	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20	Ps 1	Luke 9: 22-25	
Fri	Isaiah 58: 1-9	Ps 50	Matthew 9: 14-15	
Sat	Isaiah 58: 9-14	Ps 85	Luke 5: 27-32	
Sun	Deuteronomy 26: 4-10	Ps 90	Romans 10: 8-13	Luke 4: 1-13

Wilfrid's. The timing is provisional - it could be adjusted, depending what is most convenient for everyone. Join us if you can!

**CAFOD's Lent Walk** - you may recall that last year - when many folks were doing daily walks during Covid's more restricted times, CAFOD had a Walk for Water appeal. As a parish we raised over £4000 through individuals being sponsored for their walks. This year CAFOD have asked for a Walk Against Hunger appeal. Can we support this please for some of the most deprived children and families in the world? I know times are getting difficult locally. Let's see what we can do. Why not walk regularly with family or friends? Sponsor forms available today.

**Covid Safety** - face masks and our usual sanitising procedures and safe distancing of at least one metre will still be a requirement in our churches here. We are in an enclosed space and cannot reduce our safety arrangements. The virus is still strong and active in the north east and every one of us needs to feel we can protect ourselves and each other. Many thanks.

**The Foodbank** a huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, UHT milk and custard and help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs. In this winter weather 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. Any help you can give is invaluable. No one should be living in a house with no heating in this weather. Thank you.

**The Second Collection Next week** is for St Cuthbert's Care Lenten Alms and CAFOD. The annual Family Fast Day is 11 March this year.

**Thank You** - to all who have sent in suggestions and ideas to help in our Care for our Common Home - the Earth. Please continue to send in any suggestions you may have for looking after our ecology and reducing our carbon footprint. Others may be helped by your suggestions. Many thanks.

**Blankets** thank you so much for those who have brought in blankets. We have passed them on for you. **We've been asked to mention that they have enough at present and storage is a current problem.** There may be a new request later. Many thanks.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP SAFE AND HELP OTHERS TO DO THE SAME**