

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 26 June	No Morning Mass: 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Shirley Degnan</i>
Sunday 27 June 13th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>In thanksgiving (P)</i>
Monday 28 June St Irenaeus	No Morning Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer 7.00 pm Vigil Mass : <i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday 29 June SS PETER AND PAUL	10.00 am Mass: <i>The Dinsley Family</i>
Wednesday 30 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Michael McCoy</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer 11.30 am Funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium for PETER JOHNSON
Thursday 1 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 2 July	No Morning Mass 11.00 - 12.30 - St Mary's open for private prayer 1.15 pm Requiem Mass for DAVE FLEMING
Saturday 3 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Teresa Geraghty</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>James Halpin</i>
Sunday 4 July 14th Sunday of the Year	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Mary McMahon</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the Parish</i>

Quote:

"The past is a foreign country. They do things differently there".
- *L. P. Hartley*

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

OUR WORLD

It seems that, however grave our mistakes, nature will be able to overcome them, given the chance. The living world has survived mass extinction several times before. But we humans cannot assume that we will do the same. We have come as far as we have because we are the cleverest creatures to have ever lived on Earth. But if we are to continue to exist, we will require more than intelligence. We will require wisdom.

Homo sapiens, the wise human being, must now learn from its mistakes and live up to its name. We who are alive today have the formidable task of making sure that our species does so. We must not give up hope. We have all the tools we need, the thoughts and ideas of billions of remarkable minds and the immeasurable energies of nature to help us in our work. And we have one more thing - an ability, perhaps unique among the living creatures on the planet - to imagine a future and work towards achieving it.

We can yet make amends, manage our impact, change the direction of our development and once again become a species in harmony with nature. All we require is the will. The next few decades represent a final opportunity to build a stable home for ourselves and restore the rich, healthy and wonderful world that we inherited from our distant ancestors. Our future on the planet, the only place as far as we know where life of any kind exists, is at stake. - *David Attenborough*

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.

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.

Marie Curie nurses provide brilliant and expert, sensitive service in times of need. Their reputation is second to none. You can help fund their work by attending the fundraising event at Hillside Cottage, Etherley, this Sunday from 1.30-5.00pm. Look out for Peter Daniels in his big funny hat directing you to the event. Admission is £5 (children £1) and they have a wonderful tombola with a great array of enviable bottles!

Care for the Earth for you and I, for your grandchildren and future generations, the way we live now calls for thought-out decisions. We have an effect individually and collectively by how we live and what we choose to consume, buy, recycle and throw away. I'm sure we are all annoyed by the statistics that suggest 6.7 million tonnes of food is wasted in the UK each year. It totals to costs of £10.2 billion.

We all hate waste. Can we question ourselves about what we buy and whether we really need it? Do we need to buy so much clothes, food, drink and material things? Can what we have last longer, be used more imaginatively and recycled if we don't need it? The classic questions often posed by Martin Lewis' consumer programmes - can I afford it, do I need it, will I use it, is it value for money? These are self-critical questions and more important as we reflect on reducing our carbon footprint.

One World and our eating habits for those with access to computers, check out the Creature Kind website this week; <https://www.creaturekind.org>

Creature Kind provides information, prompts and discussions, shares stories and offers recommendations for flourishing as human creatures without denying the flourishing of animal creatures. Consider adopting a DefaultVeg diet - where plant based foods are chosen over meat based. Creature Kind says when we begin to rely on plant foods, we drastically reduce our ecological footprint. Decreasing demand for animal products improves food and water security, reduces the problem of growing antibiotic resistance and reduces the risk of diseases such as swine and bird flu.

Holy Communion on Mondays we're indebted to Michael Broadbent and Shirley Wallis who have offered to lead Eucharistic Services on Mondays and days when there is no Mass in the parish. These services will be at St Wilfrid's and held in church to conform with social distance requirements. Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to individuals in their homes can resume their ministry. They will need to have agreement from those they visit and masks and careful distancing are requirements. Can I ask that during this week all who take Communion out from church please let me know who you visit and with what frequency. We need to re-construct our lists. Thank you.

Parish Gathering Would you all give some thought to whether, when and where we might have a general get-together, possibly with simple food, to get a sense of what we've learnt so far and to re-visit what our parish is for? Please do let me know your thoughts. Thanks.

CAFOD Gift Aid forms are available in church for all who can gift aid their CAFOD donations. Sponsor money can be gift aided too. New CAFOD collecting boxes are available.

Please pray for the health of:

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

*Please pray for
PETER JOHNSON (74) and
DAVE FLEMING (70)
who have died.
May they rest in peace*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24	Ps 29	2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15	Mark 5: 21-43
Mon	Genesis 18: 16-33	Ps 102	Matthew 8: 18-22	
Tues	Acts 12: 1-11	Ps 33	2 timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19
Wed	Genesis 21: 5, 8-20	Ps 33	Matthew 8: 28-34	
Thurs	Genesis 22: 1-14	Ps 114	Matthew 9: 1-8	
Fri	Genesis 23: 14,19,24: 1-8, 62-67	Ps 105	Matthew 9: 9-13	
Sat	Ephesians 2: 19-22	Ps 116	John 20: 24-29	
Sun	Ezekiel 2: 2-5	Ps 122	2 Corinthians 12: 7-10	Mark 6: 1-6

The Foodbank - is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. The difference it makes helps people get through the week. **Opening hours are 9.00 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday.** The Centre will not be operating on Fridays or across weekends. I keep emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **UNUSUALLY, DUE TO CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SUPERMARKETS, A LACK OF STORAGE SPACE AND TEMPORARY LOWER DEMAND, WE HAVE A LOT OF FOOD AND DON'T NEED MORE FOR THE MOMENT.** In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be invaluable. You can put anything in an envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on. **If you wear a hearing aid** you'll probably find that also wearing a mask causes complications. There's a helpful sheet you can pick up from the back of church - or take one for another person you know.

Parish finances - Please remember to use your green envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer - Any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Used stamps - can be brought to church for helping the work of the Little Sisters of the poor. Thanks.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2021-2022

The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The CCRS course programme is now available for 2021-2022 and there is a short presentation shown on the Diocesan website: www.edurcdhn.org.uk/courses/courses_ccrs.php If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.