

The Bible Alive free copy you received last week may have interested you enough to want to purchase a copy each month. If we can sell more than 10 copies we can let you have your monthly copy for £1.50 rather than £3.00. Please sign the orange sheet at the back of church so that we can know how many are interested. I recommend it very highly. Thank you.

Day of Recollection - next Saturday 2 September, we'll have a Day of Recollection for Northern Cross personnel and anyone who wants to come. Eucharistic Ministers will fulfil their annual obligation by attending, so this could be a help. It's here at St Mary's, starting with Mass at 11am and ending at 3pm. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring something for your lunch. And it's free!

Bishop Stephen our new Bishop will be visiting us on 2nd and 3rd December, the First Sunday of Advent. I know you'll make him very welcome. Make a note. This is a great opportunity to meet our Bishop.

Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries - Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, (AFCM) Newcastle is organising a Youth Retreat with specific focus on 17-24 year old students who are embarking on the journey to Universities and Higher Studies. The 3-day residential retreat 8-10 Sept, 2023 held at the Emmaus Youth Village, Consett DH8 9BA will be facilitated by AFCM ministers from Birmingham. The retreat starts at 10am on Friday and wraps up at 4pm on Sunday. Please register your interest at <https://afcmuk.org/register/> or get in touch with Santhosh Joseph 07545-861400 or Deacon Alison Rebello 07931-136243 for more details.

Outing to Blanchland - Tuesday 12th September - we still have a few places left on the bus. The cost is £25 including lunch and we'll be leaving St Mary's at 9.45 and returning by 4.45. We'll have a guided visit to the Abbey and time to explore the historic village before we have lunch in the White Monk Tearoom. We'll call at the Dales Centre in Stanhope on the way back. Please sign the list in church if you are interested - deposit of £10 please to Jeanette Shaughnessy (St Mary's) or Michael Broadbent or Melvyn Relton (St Wilfrid's).

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, sugar, rice pudding, jam, bars of soap and good quality bags for life. 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 fuel costs 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.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Frank Ridley
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden
Mary Curry
Adam Quarmby
Eileen Kelly
Patrick Fogarty*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 22: 19-23	Ps 137	Romans 11: 33-36	Matthew 16: 13-20
Mon	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10	Ps 149	Matthew 23: 13-22	
Tues	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8	Ps 138	Matthew 23: 23-26	
Wed	1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13	Ps 138	Matthew 23: 27-32	
Thurs	1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13	Ps 89	Matthew 24: 42-51	
Fri	1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8	Ps 96	Matthew 25: 1-13	
Sat	1 Thessalonians 4: 9-11	Ps 97	Matthew 25: 14-30	
Sun	Jeremiah 20: 7-9	Ps 62	Romans 12: 12	Matthew 16: 21-27

Help with the Foodbank and crisis work is required more in school holidays when children do not have the benefit of school meals. Could we help keep this in mind during the long school summer break please? Thank you.

A warm (and dry!) welcome to our visitors over the holiday weeks. We thank you for joining us for Mass and hope your time in the area will be enjoyable.

The Passion Play is scheduled for next Good Friday in the Market Place. If you are interested in being part of the cast or helping in practical ways, please do get in touch. Thank you.

School Governors do an invaluable job helping our schools here. We have vacancies at present, so if you'd love to help in giving back in gratitude for what school gave us, please have a word.

As the year moves on could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's - in view of the low attendance there will be no Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's for the rest of the summer. If there is a demand we will start again in the autumn.

The Faith Museum - is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It opens on 7 October. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

SVP Raffle Tickets - tickets are available at St Wilfrid's from Catherine Donovan. Catherine can only get to every Mass Sunday. Her contact number is 07790 352023.

KYNREN - I hope you'll book up to enjoy the amazing spectacle. There are more new things to see each year!

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 26 August <i>St Ninian</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 27 August <i>21st Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Thanksgiving (B)</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Vasey, Hogg and Cruddace families</i>
Monday 28 August <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	No Mass 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 29 August <i>The Passion of John the Baptist</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 30 August <i>SS Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward</i>	10.00 am Mass @ Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington
Thursday 31 August <i>St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Agnes and Michael Coleman</i>
Friday 1 September	9.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Ciaran McDonnell & Fr Peter Jarrett</i>
Saturday 2 September	11.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Antony Chu Van Xuan and Cecilia Pham Thi Hong</i>
Sunday 3 September <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>World Peace</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Laura Rea</i>

Quote:

"The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for your senses to grow sharper" - W. B. Yeats

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

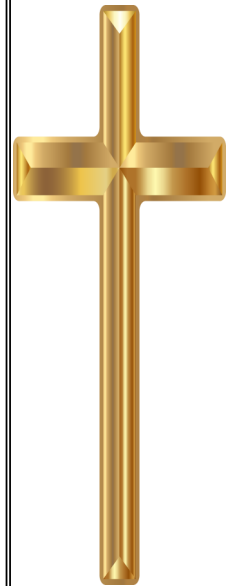
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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **27 August, 2023**

21st SUNDAY of the YEAR

A human, being

Your worth is you. Your worth is your presence. Your worth is right there. Your worth isn't something you *earn*. Your worth isn't something you *buy*. Your worth isn't something you gain through *status* or *popularity* or *stomach crunches*, or *having a really chic kitchen*. Your worth is your existence. You were born with worth, as all babies are, and that worth doesn't disappear simply because you have grown a little older. You are a human, being.

- Matt Haig



Confession Times
St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.