

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 26 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Jim Arthurs</i>	
Sunday 27 September <i>26th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>	
Monday 28 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>No Mass</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 29 September <i>Michael Gabriel & Raphael Archangels</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Wednesday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Anna Coleman</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Thursday 1 October <i>St Teresa of Lisieux</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>	
Friday 2 October <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Claire Bowes</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 3 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ann and Joe Tindall</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Shirley Degnan</i>	
Sunday 4 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"So often in life things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune" -
Ruth Baden Ginsburg

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

In addition to the church collections, we also now receive on average £883 per month from standing orders. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 27 September 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY of the YEAR

Do you want to learn from this?

There once lived a man so godly that even the angels rejoiced at the sight of him. But, in spite of his great holiness, he had no notion that he was holy. He just went about his humdrum tasks, diffusing goodness the way flowers unselfconsciously diffuse their fragrance and streetlights their glow.

His holiness lay in this - that he forgot each person's past and looked at them as they were now, and he looked beyond each person's appearance to where they were innocent and blameless and too ignorant to know what they were doing. Thus he loved and forgave everyone he met - and he saw nothing extraordinary in this, for it was the result of his way of looking at people.

One day an angel said to him, 'I have been sent to you by God. Ask for anything you wish and it will be given to you'. Would you wish to have the gift of healing?' 'No,' said the man, 'I'd rather God did the healing himself'. 'Would you want to bring sinners back to righteousness?' 'No,' he said that is the work of angels. 'Would you like people to imitate you?' 'No,' said the saint, 'for that would make me the centre of attention'. 'What, then, do you wish for?' 'The grace of God', was the man's reply. 'Having that, I have all I desire'. 'No, you must ask for some miracle,' said the angel. 'Well then, I shall ask for this: let good be done through me without my being aware of it.'

So it was decreed that the holy man's shadow would be endowed with healing properties whenever it fell behind him. So everywhere his shadow fell - provided he had his back to it - the sick were healed, the land became fertile, fountains sprang to life, and colour returned to the faces of those who were weighed down by life's sorrow.

*But the saint knew nothing of this because the attention of the people was so centred on the shadow that they forgot about the man. And so his wish that good be done through him and he be forgotten was abundantly fulfilled. -
Anthony de Mello*

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 be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

Cafod - thank you so much for your generous response to the Beirut disaster. Parishioners have donated by post, phone and on-line. Also £775 donated at church, has been sent off via our Cafod group. Our parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid has also given £1220 to support Cafod's work in the fight against coronavirus. Please continue to bring your loose change and any donations to St Mary's. Gift Aid forms are available at the back of church. Your generosity is saving lives.

Emails please - to bring us into the 21st century we would appreciate having email addresses and phone numbers of our parishioners. Sometimes it involves considerable time and work to find people when needed. Would everyone be good enough please to email us at office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk so that we have your details. This information will be kept safe and secure in accordance with GDPR requirements. Many thanks. We can email you the bulletin and Partnership Note and other information each week.

Church opening - where we are

- As of now, facemasks are required in church
- We are open at St Mary's on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1pm for private prayer
- Tune into our streamed daily Mass at 10am on YouTube. To access this, go to St Marys Bishop Auckland YouTube or [HTTP://bit.ly/StMaryYouTube](http://bit.ly/StMaryYouTube)
- Mass with a congregation will currently only take place on Saturday evenings at 5.30pm and booking in advance with a contact number is essential. Places are limited to 50 with social distancing. **Please book in for each time**
- Arrangements can now be made to use St Mary's for funerals, baptisms and weddings, limited to 30 people. Contact should be made with Fr Dennis as a first requirement

The Foodbank - has been increasingly busy over the last few months and as work prospects change, we foresee greater demand when redundancies become more likely. If you can help at all, we'd love your support. **At present the Foodbank would be helped by corned beef, tinned veg, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and any other nutritious foodstuffs you are able to offer.** Donations of money have been generous and we hope that will continue. Bringing the actual goods is a direct help as it saves a further task of someone having to go and source the items needed. Thank you in advance.

Help needed - I'd be very grateful to hear from anyone willing to be part of some new groups.

- A Care Group, including the work of the SVP, of individuals who'll keep in touch with vulnerable people. Thank you.
- A Communications Group - anyone to help with the ways we can improve parish contacts and communications. Any techies would be very welcome. Please get in touch. Thank you.

Parish finances - Please remember to use your yellow 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.

Huge thanks to everyone continuing to hand in their weekly envelopes. Many have chosen to change their weekly donations to a standing order with their bank. This has meant that over recent months our income from standing orders has increased from £420 to £883 - a wonderful 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
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Ian & Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale*

**Please pray for
MAUREEN BLACKETT (89)
who has died.
May she rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ezekiel 18: 25-28	Ps 24	Philippians 2: 1-11	Matthew 21: 28-32
Mon	Jon 1: 6-22	Ps 16	Luke 9: 46-50	
Tues	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Ps 137	John 1: 47-51	
Wed	Job 9: 1-13, 14-16	Ps 87	Luke 9: 57-62	
Thurs	Job 19: 21-27	Ps 26	Luke 10: 1-12	
Fri	Job 38: 1,12-21,40:3-5	Ps 138	Luke 10: 13-16	
Sat	Job 42: 1-3,5-6,12-17	Ps 118	Luke 10: 17-24	
Sun	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Ps 79	Philippians 4: 6-9	Matthew 21: 33-43

reliable help. Thank you all.

Our parish income for April/May/June this year saw a drop of 37% or £6500 over the same quarter in 2019. Costs were similar to 2019 but included CCTV installation at St Wilfrid's and St Mary's sites costing £3100. This resulted in a deficit of £7000 in this period.

We have recently drawn up a budget forecast for the full year - not an easy task. This looks at a gradual return to attendances at Masses and small increases in income. We're forecasting cost reductions in some areas but will incur additional costs for streaming equipment. The result is a forecast deficit of £16,200. please do what you can to keep up your parish contributions. Thank you all very much indeed.

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.

Gift aid - We would usually produce Gift Aid Donation Statements around this time to confirm for parish Gift Aiders the amount they donated during the last tax year and the amount of tax reclaimed for the parish in their name as a result. The letters can be used by parishioners when completing their tax returns if necessary, and also form an important part of our diocese's audit process. However, due to churches not yet being fully re-opened as a result of Covid-19, this year we will only provide this information where specifically requested by an individual. This is because it would be unfair to expect our Gift Aid Organisers to distribute the letters when most parishioners are not able to attend Mass as normal. If anyone does specifically request confirmation of their donation details however, please contact either the Gift Aid office (gift.aid@diocesehn.org.uk) or Michelle Dixon (michelle.dixon@diocesehn.org.uk) or Andrea Emson (andrea.emson@diocesehn.org.uk) and confirmation will be provided for them on an individual basis.

Loss of Weekly Offerings Envelopes - Some parishioners may not have received their boxes of envelopes for the new Tax year starting in April. See John Stockton (St Wilfrid's) or Tony Murphy (St Mary's) or Fr. Dennis. This applies to all, not just those who gift aid.

Northern Cross - is struggling from no back of church sales. This will last for some time but our funds are very limited. It's a digital issue again this month but we're unable to provide it for free. You can get a year's online subscription or postal subscription by bank transfer to **A/C Number 81602292 sort code 40-43-11** using your surname and postcode as a reference (eg Tindall DL14 6PQ). An online standing order would be a lifesaver for us. Please check out the blue form with your bulletin. Thanks.

Lily Arthurs and family would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely cards, Mass cards, prayers and support received from friends and parishioners at Jim's sad death. Your support has meant a lot to us at a difficult time.

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