

**Clocks go BACK** : Early this Sunday morning, clocks go BACK by one hour.

**Oppose Assisted Suicide:** Bishops are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide. On Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Kim Leadbeater MP. The proposed legalisation undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. We are a praying community. Please pray that our lawmakers will act wisely and will value human life. Please contact your local MP to express your views. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to do this with a provided factual letter. It can be found on the Bishops' Conference website together with materials explaining the Church's grave concerns about the proposed legislation at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>. Thank you for your prayer and your action.

- Bishop Stephen.

**St Wilfrid's Social Evening:** will now be on **Friday 22nd November at 7.00pm** in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. If you have a ticket for the earlier date, please hang on to it - if not, tickets (£1 only!) are at the back of each church. It's always a fun evening-. Come and join us for quizzes, bingo and a chance to meet and chat! Offerings of food and raffle prizes would be very welcome.

**Christmas Quiz:** it's that time of year again when we have our amazing quiz. **Thursday 5 December, 6.30pm.** Put the date in your diary. If you have any bottles for the bottle stall could you please leave them at the back of church.

**Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal:** please pick up a leaflet at the back of church. Fill a box for a deprived child for Christmas. Collection week **11-18 November**. Or please give a donation for transporting boxes, there's a tin at the back of church. For further information see poster at back of church

**Parish email address:** please see new parish email address in heading on front cover.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor:** Westmorland Road, Newcastle NE4 7QA are having a Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 9th November from 12pm to 3pm.** Lots of stalls, home baking, Santa's Grotto, and Arts & Crafts. All are welcome.

**Marie Curie:** are holding a Curry Night and Quiz at the Spice Lounge, Fore Bondgate on **Monday 11 November at 7pm.** Tickets costing £20 are available from Elizabeth Varley 07816306910/01388606075.

**Bible Alive:** November copies of Bible Alive are now available at the back of church for those on the list. Price £1.50.

**Foodbank:** very many thanks for your ongoing generosity in bringing in items for our local food bank. You would never believe how much it is appreciated by local people in great need. As the weather gets cooler it really can be a choice between food or heating. A big thank you. **The**

Please pray for the health of:

Mrs Aitken  
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  
John Green  
Lynette Stott  
Brenda Dawes



**following items are needed this week, tinned vegetables, UHT milk and bars of soap. Help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs.**

**SVP:** Melvin Relton has just passed the money raised from his Great North Run exploits to the SVP. His sponsorship raised £699 in total which is a wonderful effort and we cannot thank him enough. These funds will be split between the two conferences and will be put to good purpose.

**SVP200 Club:** The winning numbers for October are 14 & 37. No winners this month. Many thanks.

**Michael Crowe:** has decided to retire from his position as Treasurer of the St Marys conference. Michael has carried out this role for more than 13 years, despite not being an SVP member. We would like to thank him for his dedication in this work and enjoy your retirement. If anyone would like to consider taking on this role, which is not a busy one, then please speak to John Stockton or Ann Wake about it.

**FLAME 2025:** Flame 2025 takes place on **Saturday 15th March**. The theme is **'UNSTOPPABLE. FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE'**. It is open to anyone from school year 9 to University/young adult age. Under 18s must be part of an organised group. Please talk with your school chaplain, catechist or parish priest if you would like to come along. Two years ago, over 700 young people from our Diocese travelled to Wembley Arena for this national Catholic youth gathering. Once again YMT is hoping to take a large number of young people (up to 1,000 including accompanying adults). **COST: £45** per person (includes return rail travel, Wembley ticket and London travel card). The cost has been generously subsidised by Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. For further information contact [mary.hughes@ymt.org](mailto:mary.hughes@ymt.org)

**Tea/coffee** - remember we have tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass each Sunday at St. Wilfrid's. All are very welcome.

**First Steps 2024 - Exploring the Catholic Faith:** are you someone, or do you know someone, who is wondering about their relationship with God and not sure where to start? **Welcome to First Steps!** Join Deacon Shaun and the First Steps team on a journey this autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you, and it may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly online via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. This programme is for people new to the faith and to anyone accompanying them on their journey in faith. Starts on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm for 8 weeks. (First Steps is not an RCIA programme, but we can offer guidance to anyone wishing to continue their journey in faith.) You can register here: <https://bit.ly/DHNFIRSTSteps>.

**Knitted and crocheted poppies:** this year St John's School is celebrating its 60th Anniversary. With this in mind we would like to do something extra special for this year's Remembrance Day. Using knitted and crocheted poppies, we would like to create a cascading poppy display at the front of school. However, in order to do this, we need A LOT of poppies. We are appealing to our families and friends to help us create this special display. There are patterns here you can follow to help you or you are welcome to use a different pattern. Poppies of any size would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. Knitting patterns are available at the back of church.

**Contact details:** In May/June 2023 Fr Dennis left out some sheets at the back of church, inviting people to offer their contact details. He told me he didn't get a chance to collate the information. However, these sheets have already been a great help to me coming new to the parish. I have adapted them slightly but if you are happy to take a copy, complete it, then return it, this will enable me to try to draw up a parish address book. Thank you. - David Coxon

**Once Sung - Twice Prayed:** If you feel inhibited about singing within the congregation try joining us in the choir and release your worship inhibitions. Reading music is not required. A "good" voice is not necessary. Enthusiasm helps. Simply join us before mass and add so much to the joy of your faith.

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 26 October</b> <i>SS Chad and Cedd</i>	<b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Irene Welford; Paul Robinson.</i>
<b>Sunday 27 October</b> <i>30th Sunday of Year (B)</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>For everyone in our parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Ellen and Denis Jackson</i>
<b>Monday 28 October</b> <i>Saints Simon &amp; Jude</i>	<b>No Mass today</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 29 October</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b>
<b>Wed 30 October</b> <i>Douai Martyrs</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b>
<b>Thursday 31 October</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>7.00 pm Vigil Mass for All Saints at St Mary's</b>
<b>Friday 1 November</b> <i>ALL SAINTS</i>	<b>10.00 am mass at St Wilfrid's</b> <b>12.15 pm mass at St Mary's</b>
<b>Saturday 2 November</b> <i>ALL SOULS</i>	<b>10.00 am mass :</b> <i>For all who have died</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>For all who have died</i>
<b>Sunday 3 November</b> <i>31st Sunday of Year (B)</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>For everyone in our parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>For all who have died</i>

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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **27 October 2024**

## 30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### Detecting the Pattern

It may not always be evident but every weekend there is particular pattern to the Scripture readings at mass. The pattern is that there is a common thread or theme running through the first reading, its accompanying psalm, and the gospel. Some weeks this is clearer than others. Meanwhile, the second reading at mass tends largely to be unrelated and so just 'does its own thing'. It's simply an additional piece of the bible thrown in for our faith development.

If you take a look at the bible readings for today you may notice that there is a theme about blind people being healed by God. In the first reading we have God saying: 'The Lord has saved his people; I will gather all of them from the ends of the earth: the blind, the lame, women in labour ...'

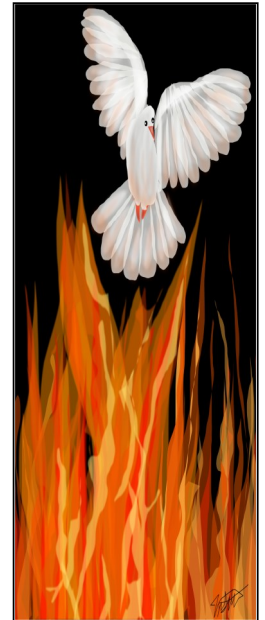
In the gospel, Jesus meets a blind beggar called Bartimaeus and puts to him a question: 'What do you want me to do for you?' Bartimaeus says, 'Master, let me see again'.

Jesus replies: 'Go; your faith has saved you'. And immediately his sight returned and Bartimaeus followed Jesus along the road.

Meanwhile, the response to the psalm today is: 'What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad!'

In what areas of my own life do I think I may be blind?

David Coxon



### **Confession Times**

**St Mary's**

**Saturdays at  
10.45-11.30  
and by request.**

**St Wilfrid's**

**before  
Sunday  
Mass**