

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 27 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>John Morris</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Michael Gill</i>
Sunday 28 February 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Agnes & Michael Coleman</i>
Monday 1 March <i>ST DAVID</i>	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer 11.30 am: Funeral service for ANGELA REA at Wear Valley Crematorium
Tuesday 2 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>Angela and Pamela Harrop</i>
Wednesday 3 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr. Gerard Martin</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer 12.30 pm Funeral service for ANN DOWSON at Wear Valley Crematorium
Thursday 4 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 5 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>In memory of Jack Moran</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Saturday 6 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>James Halpin</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 7 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>George and Rose Wallis</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Fr Peter Jarrett & Fr Michael Finnigan</i>

Quote:

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children"
- Nelson Mandela

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT IS

A time for a change of heart. A time for a new and closer look at the way our lives are lived, for repentance and reconciliation.

A time for concern for others. Caring for others is a valuable weapon in our fight against selfishness. Almsgiving has always been a part of Lent.

A time for prayer which costs. That means in terms of time and personal effort.

When any 'giving up' or mortification is spoken of at the outset of Lent these three things must be kept in mind; our need for a change of heart, an outward and genuine concern for others and, underlying everything, a need to pray much more.

Each of these three parts to Lent must be present if the season is to have any real and lasting value. To go into Lent with a resolution to give up sugar in our tea, for example, is only of any value if it is part of our 'change of heart' campaign. The money saved should go to our deprived brothers and sisters and the action supported by an increased effort at prayer.

- Paul Frost

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

By request and by simple arrangement.

CAFOD - To walkers, joggers, dog owners, globe trotters and all who like some fresh air including kids - will you help change the world? Would you please join **Cafod's Big Walk for Water challenge**. **Sponsor forms are available from the back of church, the boxes on our doorstep or just ring up and ask.**

During Lent please help people in Ethiopia like Abdella, a man who walks for 10 hours a day to find water for his family. He's shattered and exhausted. He has no time for anything else. We need to help him and others.

So I'm looking for another 10 people to do a 4 mile walk once a week each week of the 6.5 weeks of Lent. I have 22 people already. Ring me (Fr D) on 603431 if you're on. We're also looking for sponsorship. Remember the money will help Abdella and others by providing solar-powered water pumps, flowing water to cultivate their land and training in farming techniques. Let's see how much we can raise. Walkers please ring me and see if you can get sponsors for your walking. Be inspired by Captain Sir Tom Moore. Step up and out. Pick up the phone. Thank you.

Lent - Given the restrictions we live with, could we be more focussed and imaginative about how we choose to spend our Lenten time? Most folks have experienced a loss of simple human contact. Although we cannot break the rules about meeting people, it is easily within our ability to make contact by other means - phones, laptops and so on. Writing and posting a card (if you're able) can mean a great deal to the recipient. Contacting 2 or 3 people each day will help a lot.

A great offer from Michael Broadbent - If you are using 'Lent Extra', you might have noticed a review of a film called 'The Way', starring Martin Sheen, which follows an unlikely group of pilgrims as they follow the Camino, the journey to the tomb of St James at Compostela. It's the kind of film you want to watch more than once because there's so much to learn from it. There is a copy of the DVD in each church - feel free to borrow it!

The Foodbank - If you are able to consider helping the foodbank or our crisis fund as a Lenten exercise, this is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. Believe me, the difference it makes is so obvious I wonder why we don't have more contributions to help people get through the week. The foodbank is now needing your help with food for distribution. Please note the new hours for the foodbank operating back at Woodhouse Close Church Centre. **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. **Could we request the following for the foodbank please: hot dogs, tinned or packet potatoes, tinned carrots and UHT milk and we also need carrier bags. 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.

Jeannie and Mike Hardy have been participating in the Global Catholic Movement addressing the environmental crisis affecting the whole world. Please read Jeannie's reflection on the back of this

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
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)
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)*

**Please pray for
ANGELA REA (89)
and
ANN DOWSON (78)
who have died.
May they rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18	Ps 115	Romans 8: 31-34	Mark 9: 2-10
Mon	Daniel 9: 4-10	Ps 78	Luke 6: 36-38	
Tues	Isaiah 1: 10, 16-20	Ps 49	Matthew 23: 1-12	
Wed	Jeremiah 18: 18-20	Ps 30	Matthew 20: 17-28	
Thurs	Jeremiah 17: 5-10	Ps 1	Luke 16: 19-31	
Fri	Genesis 37: 34,12-13, 17-28	Ps 104	Matthew 21: 33-43, 45-46	
Sat	Micah 7: 14-15, 18-20	Ps 102	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32	
Sun	Exodus 20: 1-17	Ps 18	1 Corinthians 1: 22-25	John 2: 13-25

month's Conversations sheet for more information. Our standard bulletin note continues below.

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to "Global Healing" - in 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about that is happening to our world and who want to take action.

WHEN: Six Thursdays from 18th February - 25 March 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

HOW TO JOIN? To register please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global.

St Mary's is open for private prayer Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 am to 1pm.

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.

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.

Northern Cross - thank you all for your prayers and support for our editor, Emma and her family. They are progressing well. The February edition of your favourite newspaper is now available at the back of church or from the box on the presbytery doorsteps. Price £1.50.

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

**INFECTIONS AND DEATHS CONTINUE TO RISE
PLEASE ABIDE BY THE RULES. IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR THE
VACCINE TO BE GIVEN TO US ALL.**