

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 27 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Sunday 28 June SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased of the Kell and Nevin Families</i>	
Monday 29 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Tuesday 30 June	10.00 am Mass: <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>	
Wednesday 1 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joan and Ronnie Banks</i>	
Thursday 2 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Gemma Murray's Intentions</i>	
Friday 3 July ST THOMAS APOSTLE	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Saturday 4 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>Shirley Wallis</i>	
Sunday 5 July 14th Sunday of the Year	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Quote:

"I have come to the conclusion that politics are too serious a matter to be left to the politicians". - Charles de Gaulle

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

In addition to the church collections, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

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FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL

REFUGEES

*They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way*

(now read from bottom to top)

- Brian Bilston

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 no longer be open for private prayer. This is an arrangement no one would otherwise welcome but in the unprecedented circumstances we must take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement

Streaming of Mass - takes place from St Mary's each day, including Sunday, at 10 am. To access the streamed Mass via Facebook you'll need to look for The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid, Bishop Auckland.

The re-opening of churches - As you know from previous bulletins, 5 churches in the diocese have opened for private prayer after careful preparation. A further 20 churches have been named in the next group and our St Mary's is included in the list. Before this is possible, we need more volunteers for cleaning and stewarding. We'll only open if we get the individuals willing to help - so I'm looking to you to make this possible. Just ring me, as soon as possible please. We have the cleaning materials. I asked last week for offers of help to risk-assess local churches, as we rely on help from other parishes to assess us. I've had no offers and the Bishop is waiting to hear from me. I can only ask again. It's not a huge task and simple training will be provided. Help us folks, don't let us down.

You'll be aware that the Government has given leave for churches to open for services. We're waiting for further detailed direction from our Bishops. It won't be happening straight away. The successful opening for private prayers needs to come first. We also need to keep safe spacing etc. so that fewer people than our usual Mass attendances will be the norm. More information will be coming soon. In the meantime please ring if you feel you can help. We also look forward to any directions about use of church for funeral services, baptisms or weddings - step by step. Thank you

Thank you also - to many of you who have phoned or rung the doorbell to have a word and check on how I am. I'm fine, thanks, and am impressed by the patience and endurance of so many people. Please pray especially for those who are not managing too well. Recent Survey work from the Office for National Statistics indicates that people under 30 years of age are much more likely to feel lonely or bored during the pandemic than older age groups. A more worrying concern is the effect that school closures are having on our children and their families. The extended separation of friends, teachers and the experience of school as an affirming and safe place could affect our young people for years. Their confidence and mental health could become a key part of our conversations with the Lord. Thank you.

The Foodbank - is receiving greatly reduced numbers of bags of food from our churches because we are not open yet for our usual generous parishioners. We're very grateful for donations of money and for the occasional donations from supermarkets. Could we ask for your help in supporting our local foodbank and, if possible, making it a regular feature? Many, many thanks. The foodbank is open Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon. Food and other donations can be brought to St Mary's presbytery.

CAFOD News - the response to Cafod's coronavirus appeal is helping to save lives across Africa, the Middle East and also Central and South America. Cafod funded church and community radio stations spread trusted information on health and hygiene and how to access vital supplies. Messages are broadcast in local languages to vulnerable people who are already suffering from the effects of social injustice and climate change. Please go to the Cafod website to see the value of our support or donate on 0303 303 3030. Thank you.

Church offerings - Enormous thanks for all those who have handed in weekly offertory envelopes. It has been a great help in meeting our

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
JOAN CARR (84)
who has died.
May she rest in peace*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 12: 1-11	Ps 33	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19
Mon	Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16	Ps 49	Matthew 8: 18-22	
Tues	Amos 3: 1-8, 4:11-12	Ps 5	Matthew 8: 23-27	
Wed	Amos 5: 14-15, 21-24	Ps 49	Matthew 8: 28-34	
Thurs	Amos 7: 10-17	Ps 18	Matthew 9: 1-8	
Fri	Ephesians 2: 19-22	Ps 116	John 20: 24-29	
Sat	Amos 9: 11-15	Ps 84	Matthew 9: 14-17	
Sun	Zechariah 9: 9-10	Ps 144	Romans 8: 9, 11-13	Matthew 11: 25-30

routine needs. Despite the lockdown and church closure, the parish needs to continue to meet its responsibilities which cover such as light and heat costs, ongoing maintenance and in particular the need to support the number of charity and good causes as determined by the Bishops and which is generally provided for by means of the monthly second collections. We need to address the hole in our income caused by the closure of our churches which has meant that the influx of funds at regular weekend services has largely ground to a halt.

We know that a number of parishioners have continued to contribute by means of regular bank transfers, but what is missing are the cash contributions received at the weekend Masses. If any parishioner has continued to set aside funds in the weekly envelopes but cannot get to church to pass on these funds, it is suggested that you can ring Fr. Dennis who will arrange to get these offerings picked up. Please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. It is suggested that instead of putting your offering in each of the weekly envelopes, that you put your 4 weeks of April contents into one April envelope and one envelope for May. 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 either Fr. Dennis or John Stockton for the necessary bank form.

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 for £14.40 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. Or you can send a cheque for £14.40 payable to Northern Cross and post it to 11, The Grove, Hartlepool TS26 9NB (our office in Darlington is currently closed due to the present emergency). Thank you.

Next Month's Second Collection - is for the tremendous work of the Apostleship of the Sea, looking after the pastoral care of seafarers.

Recipes - Six new recipes this week - howay folks - your 3 favourites, please!

THE VIRUS IS STILL VERY ACTIVE PLEASE STAY SAFE.