

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 27 August <i>St Monica</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 28 August <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Fr Dermot Donnelly</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Shirley Wallis' birthday intentions</i>
Monday 29 August <i>The Death of St John the Baptist</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 30 August <i>SS Margaret Clitherow, Ann Line & Margaret Ward</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 31 August <i>St Aidan & The Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>for sick people</i>
Thursday 1 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the Care of Creation</i> 5.00 pm Finance Committee
Friday 2 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 3 September <i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Lily & Derek Brown</i>
Sunday 4 September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ida Herbert</i>

Quote

"Be yourself - everyone else is already taken"
- Oscar Wilde

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

In the Escomb Partnership of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle
Fr Dennis Tindall, St Mary's, Vart Road, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6PQ: (01388) 603431
website: Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid : Bulletin e-mail: office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk
To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **28 August, 2022**

22nd SUNDAY of the YEAR

The pace of life

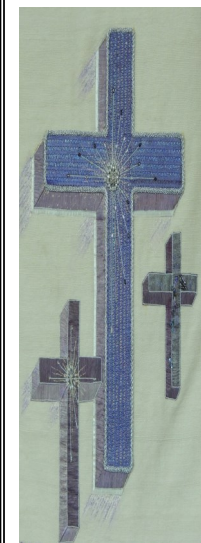
The motorway isn't evil. In many ways it is a good thing and a means for us to come together quickly. The motorway however possesses of itself a subtle illusion. A life lived at eighty miles an hour doesn't feel fast. You'll barely notice your life passing by. The fast lane is about destinations. The hard shoulder is about crises. There is little in between other than various rates of fast.

Slow down and you'll suffer abuse, since a mind bent upon destinations rarely sees another human, only the car in front. This is where our road rage comes from. We forget we are human.

In our effort to reach our destination we can lose sight of the fact that most of our lives are lived getting there. The journey is what life is all about and so the pace of the journey and what we learn from it actually matters. I became acutely aware of my desire to live for Friday night, or the end of term, or my next vacation, or my retirement. These are all destinations. These are not where God lives.

If we want to get the most from our lives we have got to learn to appreciate what it means to wait, and to slow down. The alternative is a fast journey to becoming lost to ourselves. As Blaise Pascal puts it: "By means of a diversion, a man can avoid his own company". Have you met yourself recently?

- David Wells



Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Care for Creation - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

Thursday this week is a Day of Special Prayer for the Care of Creation. Our Mass that day is for that intention and I hope it will be a God-given reminder to encourage us to do what we can to prevent waste and harm and to work by positive choice to make a healing difference. Why not start the day by joining us for Mass at 10am and staying for a cuppa afterwards? Hoping to see you there.

The next meeting of our parish Laudato Si group will be on Wednesday 14 September at 6pm in St Mary's meeting room. Write it on your arm and come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

Bishop Auckland Green Fair - is on Saturday 10 September at the Methodist Church on Cockton Hill Road, 10am to 4pm. It's free entry, there are all age activities, food, stalls, workshops and much, much more. Please look in and stay a while if you can.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned spaghetti, packet soup, sweets and toothpaste. **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 heating 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.

Changes to meetings - apologies if this upsets anyone's plans, but we need to re-arrange the dates of our Parish Finance Committee and our Parish Council meeting. The new dates are:

Finance meeting now is 5pm on 1st September

Parish Council meeting is now 5pm on 8th September. Thanks to you all.

CAFOD—thank you so much for putting your small change in the CAFOD boxes. Every little bit counts and £200 has been sent for people who are struggling to survive. Boxes now available at the back of church.

Trip to Hexham Abbey - On Wednesday 21st September - we are all set for what promises to be an enjoyable and interesting day. The cost will be £25, including lunch at the abbey. If you signed the list but now can't go, please let Michael know (01388 488569). As things stand, there are a couple of places left - again, please contact Michael if you would like one of them. Money payable to Michael at St Wilfrid's or to Jeanette at St Mary's.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. **Your donations over recent weeks have enabled us to send £626.60 to CAFOD for the Ukraine Appeal.**

FIRST STEPS – Exploring the Catholic Faith Online - are you looking to

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Frank Ridley
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*

Please pray for

**STEPHEN LAYTON
(90)
who has died.
May he rest in
peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29	Ps 67	Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Mon	1 Corinthians 2: 1-5	Ps 118	Mark 6: 17-29	
Tues	1 Corinthians 2: 10-16	Ps 144	Luke 4: 31.37	
Wed	1 Corinthians 3: 1-9	Ps 32	Luke 4: 38-44	
Thurs	1 Corinthians 3: 18-23	Ps 23	Luke 5: 1-11	
Fri	1 Corinthians 4: 1-5	Ps 36	Luke 5: 33-39	
Sat	1 Thessalonians 2: 2-8	Ps 95	Matthew 16: 13-19	
Sun	Wisdom 9: 13-18	Ps 89	Philemon 9-10, 12-17	Luke 14: 25-33

explore the Catholic faith? Are you wondering about your relationship with God and not sure where to start? Join us on a journey this Autumn and see if the Catholic Church can help your relationship grow. This may be the right path for you. It may even help you take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom and invite you to come along to find out more. The course starts on Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm. If you are interested to find out more, you can enquire/register using the Online Enquiry Form (<https://forms.office.com/r/4jwBpFuRvb>) or email us (adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

We're looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and the return of any of our helpful folks who have served us in these ways previously. Singers, musicians, flower arrangers, CAFOD, SVP members all do great work for us. How can you help? Please have a chat. Thank you.

Holy Hour - is from 2.00 till 3.00 every Monday afternoon in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. It's a valuable chance to spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - silence interspersed with music, prayers and readings. You don't need to come for the whole hour - just look in when you can, for as long as you can. Many of us have busy lives - and it's all the more reason to step aside for a while and 'touch base'.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota - a rota is now on the notice board on the left hand side as you enter church. We will always take more volunteers if anyone else would like to join our small band!

The Passion Play - in the Market Place was professionally filmed. The quality of the film is outstanding, using four different cameras. We are conscious this could be a great resource for local churches. If you would like to purchase a copy of the film this is available as either a download (£10), DVD with a commemorative cover (£15) or Blue Ray DVD with a commemorative cover (£25). If you or anyone in your church would like to purchase a copy, please order using the link: <https://aegies.com/shop/> The Passion Play is to be performed again next year. We're hoping that more Christians will take part. There will be two drop-in sessions in early September where you can attend, ask questions and sign up. The Passion Play will be yet better if more Christians are in the cast. This year's Passion Play had about 60% of the cast and crew from communities with no involvement in church. There is a sign-up link on the Passion Play website. Passionplaybishopauckland.org. DL14 0EZ. **We'll show the film here soon.**

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.