

# This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 27 October	9.30 am - Mass : <i>People of the parish</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Private Intension</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 28 October <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>50th Wedding Anniversary</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Baby Patrick Thomas Bennett</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 29 October	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 11.30 am - <i>Funeral Service for Anthony Joseph Dobson at Wear Valley Crematorium</i> 7.00 pm - Bingo Night	St Wilfrid  St Mary
Tuesday 30 October <i>Douai Martyrs</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Peter Brogan</i> 10.30 am - <i>Being a Catholic Today</i> 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration 7.00 pm - Parish Council	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Wednesday 31 October	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 7.00 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary
Thursday 1 November ALL SAINTS	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.15 pm - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 2 November <i>All Souls</i>	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Mass - <i>Bob Norris</i>	St Mary
Saturday 3 November	9.30 am - <i>People of the parish</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Agnes and Lenny Strong</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 4 November <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Rita Desai</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 28 October 2018

# Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

## Saint Oscar Romero

Two weeks ago, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador in Central America was declared a saint. He worked to support the poor people of his diocese and confronted a vicious and murderous regime by the government in El Salvador.

He had been a safe pair of hands when appointed as a bishop. Not one to rock the boat, a calm administrator of a rather traditional conservative kind. But he was brought constant news of men disappearing overnight and their bodies being found on rubbish heaps the next morning. The growing sense of injustice was brought to a head when three Jesuit priests who were doing great work with the poor were murdered.

Oscar then began to name the disappeared men every Sunday in his homilies, preaching justice and integrity and having meetings with politicians to object to their inhumanity. He had a simple radio station and his homilies were broadcast around the diocese. The government blew up his radio station more than once. CAFOD helped to reinstate it.

He became a very strong and able preacher, building his weekly homilies with the help of a group of close laymen and women. He had a number of threats made on his life. He lived with the likelihood that he would be killed for denouncing injustices in his country and defending human rights.

He was shot by a government marksman while saying Mass on 24 March 1980.

Read the last words he was speaking - you'll find them printed on the back of the CONVERSATIONS handout page this weekend.

### Today's Mass Page Numbers

Penitential Rite:

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Eucharistic Prayer  
will usually be:  
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Our Father etc.:  
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### Confession Times

St Mary  
Saturday  
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid  
Before Sunday morning  
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday  
morning Masses by  
request and any other  
time by simple  
arrangement

### ST MARY'S

Collection: £471.47  
Thank you.

Quote:  
"There is nothing  
permanent except change"

- Heraclitus - (born 540 BC)

### ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £212.57  
Thank you.

**Food Bank** - Once again many thanks for your truly amazing donations. The request for food at the moment is quite staggering. Your weekend offerings fill the shelves again and again. We would just like to make you aware that at this time we have a surplus of all types of dried pasta, tinned beans and soup. We are very low on long-life milk, rice pudding and tinned or packet potatoes for the foodbank. We are very short of these items Many thanks, you are all stars. If you would like to make any one-off or regular money donations to the foodbank, please put your donation(s) in a suitably marked envelope and hand it in here and we'll pass it on. Thank you.

**Day Trip to York** - Tuesday 4th December. We have six spare seats if anyone would like to take them (first come first served!) We will depart St Mary's Bishop Auckland 9.15 am for MacArthur Glen and depart there for York Christmas Market 12.45 - this will give people time for a spot of lunch. Departure from Christmas market 4pm. The coach fare will be £10. As there will be 60 plus people attending could we please ask for the fare by Sunday 25th November. You can drop cash into St Mary's but please clearly mark what this is for or you can post a cheque payable to Z M White 14 Brinkburn Close Bishop Auckland DL14 0SS. Many thanks - you can contact me on 01388 604926 or 07722219173 for any queries.

**Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** - If you would like to fill a shoe box for a deprived child please pick up a leaflet at the back of church. All prepared shoe boxes are now sold. Please return filled boxes to church **from** 27/10/18 to 11/11/18 at the latest. Thank you.

**Please help:** we need two new Governors for St Wilfrid's School. Please contact the school or Father Dennis.

**Bishop Auckland Hospital Ward closure** You'll have heard that there's a proposal to close another ward at our hospital that has been sprung upon us without consultation or warning. Helen Goodman MP is spearheading a number of initiatives to oppose this latest attempt to further reduce the facilities we have for vulnerable people. Please sign up the petition on the forms at the back of church. Thanks.

**Make a date in your diary** for Tuesday 11th December for our Christmas Quiz Night with our Grand Christmas Raffle and famous bottle stall. In fact, you can make the bottle stall even more wonderful than last year by starting to bring in bottles of alcoholic or soft drinks as of now. Last year we had a great evening and many a smile as folks went home with several bottles under their arms. Lets see what we can do to make this year's bottle stall outstanding. Thank you

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  
Bill Gillon  
Maureen Nicholson  
Norah Hutchinson  
Robin Davis  
Angela Graham  
Stephen Gregory  
Frank Ridley  
Christopher Dawes  
Jack Tobin  
Jacob Thomas  
Charlotte Thomas  
Marie Robinson  
Sheila Campbell  
John Boyle  
Teresa Brown  
Shirley Degan  
Margaret Brown*

*Please pray for  
ANTHONY JOSEPH  
DOBSON (57) and  
MARGERIE HARROP  
(84)*

*who has died  
May they rest in peace*



**Scripture Readings** for this week's Masses:

Sun	Jeremiah 31: 7-9	Ps 125	Hebrews 5: 1-6	Mark 10: 46-52
Mon	Ephesians 4: 32-5:8	Ps 1	Luke 13: 10-17	
Tues	Ephesians 5: 21-33	Ps 127	Luke 13: 18-21	
Wed	Ephesians 6: 1-9	Ps 144	Luke 13: 22-30	
Thurs	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14	PS 23	1 John 3: 1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
Fri	Isaiah 25: 6-9	Ps 26	Romans 5: 5-11	Mark 15: 33-39, 16: 1-6
Sat	Philippians 1: 18-26	Ps 41	Luke 14: 1, 7-11	
Sun	Deuteronomy 6: 2-6	Ps 17	Hebrews 7: 23-28	Mark 12: 28-34

**Information Sessions on the Permanent Diaconate** - The permanent diaconate is well-established in our Diocese now, and the deacons come from all walks of life and live out their ministry in a variety of ways. The Council of Deacons is running a series of information evenings across the diocese, to offer an opportunity to come along and find out more about the diaconate. The Council of Deacons is sure that the Holy Spirit is calling men forward to the diaconate. The information evenings will offer an overview of the four-year formation period, insight from current deacons as to how they live out their ministry, and offer a chance to ask questions. Anyone interested to know more is invited to come along to one of the sessions. Wives of those interested in the diaconate are welcome to attend. The details of the three information evenings are as follows: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.00 pm: St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7.00 pm: English Martyrs and Ss Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY, and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7:00 pm: St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF (in the meeting room). If you are unable to attend any of these evenings, but are still interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate, please look at the diocesan website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/vocdeacon/vocdeaconabout.php> **November envelopes** - Any lists of deceased family members or friends can be placed in an envelope and left on the altar to be prayed for at all of the Masses throughout the month of November. Some of the special November envelopes are available at the back of the church. Any money placed in these envelopes will be for general Masses for Holy Souls. Any requests for Masses for specific individuals should be placed in a different envelope. Thank you.

**All Souls - Friday 2 November** - come to Mass at 9.30am at St Mary's and why not bring a picture of a family member or friend who has died, or a small item to remember them? There'll be tea and coffee after Mass. Thank you.

**November Commemoration Meeting** - will be after Fridays Mass and refreshments.

**St Mary's Church Cleaning Group 2** - This Wednesday 31st. If morning Mass is to take place we will meet after this or if no Mass anytime after 9.30am Thanks