

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Alan & Peter Lamb</i>
Sunday 29 January <i>4th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For the people of Ukraine</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
Monday 30 January	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Group at St Mary's</i> 3.30 pm Funeral Service for PETER YOUNG at Wear Valley Crematorium
Tuesday 31 January	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jason King</i> 2.00 pm <i>Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</i>
Wednesday 1 February	No Mass
Thursday 2 February <i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>	9.30 am Mass in St Wilfrid's School: <i>Derek Eagers</i>
Friday 3 February <i>St Blaise</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Audrey Hartley</i>
Saturday 4 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ellen Jackson's 90th Birthday</i>
Sunday 5 February <i>5th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Wilfred Teesdale</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quote

*"I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower*

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4th Sunday of the Year (A)

THE CHURCH

*How great is this place,
for it is the touching-place of God.*

*In Christ, we are gathered from the edges and woven into
the dream.*

*Here we feel the hint of heaven, where justice, love and
mercy meet.*

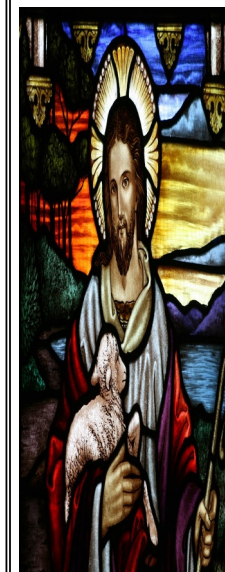
Here we celebrate the blessedness of unity in God.

We, who were once far off, are brought near.

*And so we pray, God, creator of all, in your love, you have
made each of us in your grace, you gather us together in
your image in your mercy, you make us restless until we
find our rest in you.*

*Disturb us in our contentment, distract us from our
comforts, deter us from our conflicts until your kingdom
comes and your will is done.*

AMEN



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by
simple arrangement.

Media reports about our diocese - I enclose a note about the serious safeguarding issues which local and national media have reported since last weekend. It is very disturbing news. What is being alleged requires the best, most thorough and independent scrutiny to establish facts and deal with them. There appears to be much which must be verified and substantiated if the correct conclusions are to be reached and any consequent decisions taken. I am proud of the work that I and others did in this department from 1994 to 2009. I'm very happy to work fully to assist in the necessary inquiries now rightfully underway.

The Journey of Faith - many people do not join the Church because no one ever asks them. Is there anyone in your family or acquaintances to whom you might raise a question about whether they may be interested in learning more about faith, about God, about the Church? You could be a great help in making an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to enter and initiate a journey of faith in an individual's life. I'm always happy to help and to answer any questions.

Churches with warm spaces during winter - The Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches have made arrangements to have safe and warm places where individuals can come to socialize over a cuppa and biscuits.

Woodhouse Close Church, Proudfoot Drive, DL14 6PD - open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to 2.30pm.

The Parish Centre, Middlewood Avenue, St Helen's, DL14 9DJ - the lounge is open on Tuesdays from 10am - 3pm and Thursdays from 11am - 2pm.

The Ark - at the back of St Helen's Church DL14 9DN—open on a Wednesday from 10.30am to 4pm.

Bishop Auckland Baptist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6AH, from week beginning 31st October their Church will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm, Thursdays—Wellbeing Café, from 9.30am including a light lunch from 12.30pm.

St Mary's Catholic Church, Vart Road, DL14 6PQ—Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 2 pm.

Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6DN, Monday and Fridays 10—3 pm.

Coffee morning/Warm Space - Thursdays and Fridays in St Mary's Meeting Room 11am—2pm. Please see the helpers rota at the back of church. Any problems ring Zita on 01388 604926 or 07722219173.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
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
Mary Curry
Adam Quarmby
Alan Harrison
Eileen Kelly*

Please pray for

PETER YOUNG (83)

who has died.
May he rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Zephaniah 2:3, 3: 12-13	Ps 145	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31	Matthew 5: 1-12
Mon	Hebrews 11: 32-40	Ps 30	Mark 5: 1-20	
Tues	Hebrews 12: 1-4	Ps 21	Mark 5: 21-43	
Wed	Hebrews 12: 4-7, 11-15	Ps 102	Mark 6: 1—6	
Thurs	Malachi 3: 1-4	Ps 23	Hebrews 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
Fri	Hebrews 13: 1-8	Ps 26	Mark 6: 14-29	
Sat	Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21	PS 22	Mark 6: 30-34	
Sun	Isaiah 58: 7-10	Ps 111	1 Corinthians 2: 1-5	Matthew 5: 13-16

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's will start again on Tuesday 17 January at 2.00pm and will continue on Tuesdays to avoid clashing with the Craft Club. It's a great opportunity to step aside and spend some time with the Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament - why not join us?

SVP 200 CLUB - With regards to previous notices, we are pleased to advise that Zita White has agreed to be your contact. Zita has made a good start as one of the members in the parish won a prize in the first month. Well done Zita and the lucky winner, who shall be nameless.

Care for Creation - URGENT HELP NEEDED - To save our wild birds the RSPB is collecting information on birds in our gardens and countryside. Everybody can help by observing, listing and reporting the bird life around us. Only one hour of our time is required. Participation is free, for details Google RSPB. (Includes identifier tips.) The event occurs anytime Friday to Sunday - 27-29 January. Please join in - you may spot some rare species and discover a fascinating new hobby.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, pasta sauce, hot dogs and pot noodles . 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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

Cleaning Rota - the new rota for 2023 is now on display at the back of church.