

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 28 August <i>St Augustine of Hippo</i>	10 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Agnes and Lenny Strong</i>
Sunday 29 August <i>22nd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Catherine Bromley</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 30 August <i>SS Margaret Clitherow, Ann Line & Mary Ward</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Tuesday 31 August <i>St Aidan and Bishops of Lindisfarne</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 1 September	12 Mass: <i>Private Intention (M)</i>
Thursday 2 September	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 3 September <i>ST GREGORY THE GREAT</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Anna Coleman & Family</i>
Saturday 4 September <i>The Translation of St Cuthbert</i>	10 am Mass: <i>Ian Lloyd</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Fr Joe Tynan & Rita Desai</i>
Sunday 5 September <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 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:

“Lead from the back and let others believe they are in front”
- Nelson Mandela

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY of the YEAR

A hard witness

Oscar Romero said in words that make us shiver to this day 'I am glad, brothers and sisters, that they have murdered priests in this country, because it would be very sad if in a country where they are murdering people so horrifically there were no priests among the victims. It is a sign that the Church has become truly incarnate in the problems of the people.

These words, so brutal at first sight, are far-seeing. There can be neither faith nor gospel without incarnation. And with a crucified people there can be no incarnation without the cross. Ignacio Ellacuria said many times that the specifically Christian task is to fight to eradicate sin by bearing its burden. This sin brings death, but taking it on gives credibility. By sharing in the cross of the Salvadoreans the Church becomes credible. And although in the short term his murder is a great loss, in the long term it is a great gain; we are building a Church that is really Christian. Christians have shown truly that they are following Jesus. This is no small fruit of so much bloodshed in El Salvador.

- Jon Sobrino SJ

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's

By request and by simple arrangement.

New Foodbank note - the foodbank is now accepting food items once again but we have an excess of some items and a shortage of others. We'd love you to help with: **small tins of meat, long life milk, jars of jam, coffee, bars of chocolate (most supermarkets do their own brand for about 35p perfectly good chocolate!)** Food can still be handed in at St Mary's and St Wilfrid's. As always, money to help with gas and electricity need is a godsend. The ending of furlough and the end of the £20 addition to Universal Credit will cause severe problems. Let's see what we can do. Enormous thanks.

Red Mission boxes - warm thanks to all who keep a red mission box at home. The loose change you accumulate goes to help the missionary activity of the Church across the world. Through the donations from mission boxes millions of pounds have been raised to help the spread of the Gospel. No small amount is insignificant. It's time for your box to be brought to church for emptying please. If you don't have a box at home and would like one, just let me know. For the last 3 months St Wilfrid's boxes have raised £292.41 and St Mary's 232. Thank you all.

The second collection (white envelopes) next weekend will help support the Catholic Education Service which liaises nationally with the Government and Local Authorities on behalf of the Church. It's also an advisory body helping our schools and dioceses. Thank you.

First Steps: Exploring the Catholic Faith Online

Who is it for?

First Steps is aimed at people who are thinking about their faith or relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic but didn't make First Communion or receive Confirmation; or were baptised as a member of another Christian Church or have never been baptised at all. If you are currently wondering whether joining the Catholic Church is the next step for you this may be the way forward.

What are we offering?

We invite you to join us via Zoom each Wednesday at 7pm starting on 22nd September up until Advent. We will help you discover more about your relationship with God and with others. We will look at scripture and explore some key elements of the Catholic faith. We hope to help you make an informed choice on what to do next, normally getting in touch with your local priest. You decide if you want to go further.

Email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk for an online enquiry form.

Introducing the Diocesan Environment Group - Bishop Robert has established a Diocesan Environment Group which has been meeting regularly since February. The group has

Please pray for the health of:

*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
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8	Ps 14	James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mon	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Ps 95	Luke 4: 16-30	
Tues	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11	Ps 26	Luke 4: 31-37	
Wed	Colossians 1: 1-8	Ps 51	Luke 4: 38-44	
Thurs	Colossians 1: 9-14	Ps 97	Luke 5: 1-11	
Fri	1 Thessalonians 2: 2-8	Ps 95	Matthew 16: 13-19	
Sat	Colossians 1: 21-23	Ps 53	Luke 6: 1-5	
Sun	Isaiah 35: 4-7	Ps 145	James 2: 1-5	Mark 7: 31-37

been formed to support the Diocese in taking concerted action to address the climate and ecological emergency recognising the call by Pope Francis in Laudato Si to care for our common home.

The science informs us that we need concerted action at all levels of society, including within our own diocese to avert catastrophic climate change, which threatens the viability of all life on earth. Reducing our carbon footprint, learning to live sustainably in harmony with the whole of creation is an imperative for each and every one of us in our Diocese. We must learn to live our spiritual and physical lives in recognition that the earth is sacred.

The group is currently developing its own web pages and planning a launch event on the theme 'Caring for our Common Home' a one day conference to be held at the Youth Village Emmaus on Saturday September 18. The event will include keynote speakers (Emma Gardner, Project Lead for the Guardians of Creation Project and Christine Allen, CAFOD Director), achieving sustainability within Catholic Dioceses, presentation and feedback on the draft policy, COP26 and advocacy, workshops on sustainable living (buildings/energy, food, travel, plastic/waste) and a Mass for Creation presided over by Bishop Robert. Programme details and booking information to follow.

CAFOD Gift Aid forms are available in church for all who can gift aid their CAFOD donations. Sponsor money can be gift aided too. New CAFOD collecting boxes are available.

Parish finances - Please remember to use your green 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.