

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, UHT milk, custard and tinned veg, sweets, small tins of meat and good quality bags for life. 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 fuel costs 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. Autumn temperatures will drop. Thank you.

Bishopsgate Lodge (next to St Wilfrid's) are inviting anyone who's on their own and would like a little company to afternoon tea on **Friday 3rd November at 4.30pm.** If you would like to go, please contact Michael Broadbent (01388 488569). It should be possible to arrange transport for anyone who needs it.

Lourdes Fundraising Quiz - is taking place on **Friday 3 November at 6pm at St John's School.** The cost of the ticket is £5, which includes pie and peas. There will also be a licensed bar. All proceeds will go towards supporting our students attending our pilgrimage to Lourdes next year. Please see poster at the back of church.

World Peace—please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

Pope Francis' brilliant document on caring for creation (Laudato Si) is now 8 years old! Not enough has happened over this time so he has written a further document called Laudate Deum (meaning 'Praise God') about the climate crisis. We have some copies at £4.95 at the back of church.

Advent Extra copies are now available at £2.00—great value at a great price.

November Envelopes please take an envelope and put in it your personal list of people who have died and we'll remember them during our November Masses. Place your envelope on the altar. Any money given in the envelopes will be put to offerings for Holy Souls Masses. If you'd like Mass to be offered for particular individuals, please use a different envelope. Thank you.

Samaritans shoe box appeal – please fill a shoe box for a needy child. Drop off point is The Well at West Auckland, by week commencing 13 November. Leaflets and further information at the back of church. Collection tins for donations in lieu/for transport costs available also. Many thanks.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
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
Eileen Kelly
Senara Wilton
Joan Vasey*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Exodus 22: 20-26	Ps 17	1 Thessalonians 1:5-10	Matthew 22: 34-40
Mon	Romans 8: 12-17	Ps 67	Luke 13: 10-17	
Tues	Romans 8: 18-25	Ps 125	Luke 13: 18-21	
Wed	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14	Ps 23	1 John 3: 1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
Thurs	Isaiah 25: 6-9	Ps 26	Romans 5: 5-11	Matthew 11: 25-30
Fri	Romans 9: 1-5	Ps 147	Luke 14: 1-6	
Sat	Romans 11: 1-2, 11-12, 25-29	Ps 93	Luke 14: 1, 7-11	
Sun	Malachi 1: 14-2:2, 8-10	Ps 130	1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9,13	Matthew 23: 1-12

Our Quiz Night – on Thursday was great fun and raised £150.60. Big thanks to all who organised, led and attended to make it such an enjoyable night out.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT with a bottle stall on 7 December. Please pencil the date in your diary. Can we also ask if you have any spare bottles for the stall could you bring them to either St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Many thanks.

Bible Alive – November's copies are available at the back of church. Please collect yours if you ordered a monthly copy. Tick against your name on the list for November. £1.50. Thank you.

SIGNIFICANCE GRAND DRAW—Fr Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in our Diocese until his death in July 2022, founded the charity 'Significance' to enable young people to become all that God has created them to be. Significance has recently launched a fundraising appeal including a Grand Draw: First prize is 2 tickets for a live TV show in 2024 plus Meet and Greet with Ant and Dec, first class LNER travel and overnight stay in a London hotel (there are two first prizes); and there are other exciting prizes. Each ticket costs £5 and the aim is to raise £20,000 by selling 800 books x 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Youth Sunday 26th November 2023. Please support by buying a ticket or taking a book to sell. We have some raffle tickets.

The Faith Museum – is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It has opened now. This new asset to Bishop Auckland will explore the many ways faith has shaped lives and communities across Britain. There are four galleries with displays and changing exhibitions. It houses over 250 objects from across the UK, some national treasures and personal mementos. The museum's story begins 6000 years ago, taking visitors on a journey through time, considering the ways faith has shaped our lives throughout history and continues to do so. Plan to visit sometime in the Autumn. Tickets can be booked in advance. We hope to arrange a guided tour.

SVP200 Club - The winning numbers for October are 55 and 177 - no winners for us!. Many thanks to all.

St. Mary's Church Cleaning - Group 1 Monday 30th October 10am.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 28 October <i>SS SIMON & JUDE</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Paul Robinson</i>
Sunday 29 October <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Kenny Clarkson</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Aldred & Johnson Families</i>
Monday 30 October <i>Martyrs of Douai College</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 31 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00 pm Vigil Mass: <i>SVP Intentions</i>
Wednesday 1 November <i>FEAST OF ALL SAINTS</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Thursday 2 November <i>ALL SOULS</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 3 November <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Paul Mary Chu Sinh</i>
Saturday 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 5 November <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Lina and Luigi Quagliari</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quote:

"Wrinkles are hereditary. Parents get them from their children"
- Doris Day

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30th SUNDAY of the YEAR

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The word 'saint' is off-putting to the half-and-half Christian. It suggests either harshness or heroism, a sanctity that soars too high beyond the friendly foot-hills. We are so conscious of our faults, so pained by our defections, to look on the heights which the saint inhabits. We admire saints and, when young, may be urged to imitate them, sometimes wisely, sometimes not. The young priest, St John Vianney, lived on rotting potatoes when first ordained. Grown older he remarked "Only a foolish young man would have done that". Holiness is not the inhuman. Holiness is the human at its best.

Such a pity that the word 'saint' has been haloed and saintliness seen as eccentric. The original meaning of saint is just 'baptised'. St Paul addresses his converts as saints but no man has been converted. This takes time; a lifetime. Curiously as they grow in sanctity, they become more conscious, not less, of their sin. And this does not depress them. Rather, it makes them more forceful through the energy in that fire we call 'grace'. Grace must overcome something. It must repair the flaws in our human nature. Grace has conquered nature; that is the history of the saints.

- Fr Hugh Lavery



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.