

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 28 November	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i>	
Sunday 29 November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joyce Leo</i>	
Monday 30 November	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Tuesday 1 December	10.30 am Requiem Mass for LAURA REA BAYLES	
Wednesday 2 December	11.15 am Requiem Mass for ERIC WALSH	
Thursday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Sheila Stobbs</i>	
Friday 4 December <i>St Osmund</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr. Joseph Tynan</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>	
Saturday 5 December	10.00 am Mass: <i>For a granddaughter's birthday</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Sunday 6 December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fred Fraser</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Thank you

Quote:

"Painting is poetry which is seen and not heard, and poetry is a painting which is heard but not seen"
- Leonardo da Vinci

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

Thank you

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

The RAINBOW Children

The history books will talk of now, that time the world stood still. When every family stayed at home and waved from windowsills. At those they loved but could not hold, because they loved them so. Yet, while they did they noticed all the flowers start to grow.

The sun came out, they can recall, and windows rainbows filled. They kicked a football in their yards, until the night drew in. They walked each day but not too close, that time the world stood still. When people walked straight down the roads, that once the cars did fill.

They saw that people became ill, they knew the world was scared. But whilst the whole world stood still, they saw how much it cared. They clapped on Thursdays from their doors, they cheered for the brave. For people who would risk their lives so others could be saved.

The schools closed down, they missed their friends, they missed their teachers so. Their Mams and Dads helped with their work, they helped their minds to grow. The parents used to worry that, as schools were put on hold, their children wouldn't have the tools they'd need as they grew old.

But history books will talk of them, now adults, fully grown. Those little boys and girls back then, the ones who stayed at home. They'll tell you that they fixed this world, of all they would fulfil. The RAINBOW children building dreams, they'd dreamed while time stood still.

Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts will be available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer. See the note inside this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement. More details very soon.

Masses

- Mass with a congregation will resume from Wednesday. Saturday Vigil Masses will resume from 5 December. Please ring to book.
- St Mary's is open for private prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11am to 1.00pm. Masks are required.
- We are streaming Mass daily at 10am, except for Mondays, (access via St Mary's Bishop Auckland You-Tube).
- Funeral services can go ahead with 30 people in church and or at the Crematorium or graveside. Any additional attendees at funerals will sadly need to remain outside.

Please note that there will be no 10.00 am Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday this week because of two Requiem Masses. Wednesday's Requiem Mass at 11.15 am will be streamed. The usual 11 am to 1 pm time for private prayer is cancelled for this Wednesday.

Shoebbox appeal - the total collected is £122. Thanks to everyone who donated to help next year's transport plans.

St Mary's SVP Christmas Appeal Every year we provide Christmas hampers/gifts for local families enduring real poverty and your weekly contributions make this possible. This year we have experienced unprecedented circumstances which have increased the needs of many but with Church closure and lockdown we haven't been able to receive any donations. We have five families who are facing huge financial difficulties through no fault of their own and we would like to show that our Parish community values and wishes to support them. If you are financially able, we would like you to put a donation in an envelope with 'SVP Christmas Appeal' written on it and post in in Fr Dennis' letterbox by 6 December 2020. As we are under lockdown restrictions, we are not asking for gifts of food. Members of the SVP will purchase what is needed, depending on the composition of the families and observing lockdown restrictions. We hope that you can help. Thank you.

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its Report on the Catholic Church the week before last. It makes grim reading. The Report is 154 pages and can be accessed on www.iicsa.org.uk.document.roman-catholic-church. Our Bishops have issued the Statement included last week. If anyone has any concerns please give me a ring. I'm happy to help anyone about these tragic and dreadful crimes committed by the Church people - especially priests, and any failures to help victims and others who have suffered and continue to suffer.

Advent Extra Copies of the usual booklet to help you through Advent (which begins next week) are now available, price £1.50. You'll find copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep at both churches.

Christmas Market some of you may remember the Sisters from St Elizabeth Convent in Belarus who have visited us a couple of times with their handmade goods. They have established their first online Christmas

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
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Ian & Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Wilf Teesdale

Please pray for
**ERIC WALSH (88) and
LAURA REA BAYLES (89)
who have died. May they
rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8	Ps 79	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:33-37
Mon	Isaiah 2: 1-5	Ps 121	Matthew 8: 5-11	
Tues	Isaiah 11: 1-10	Ps 71	Luke 10: 21-24	
Wed	Isaiah 25: 6-10	Ps 22	Matthew 15: 29-37	
Thurs	Isaiah 26: 1-6	Ps 117	Matthew 7: 21, 24-27	
Fri	Isaiah 29: 17-24	Ps 26	Matthew 9: 27-31	
Sat	Isaiah 30: 19-21,23-26	Ps 146	Matthew 9: 35-10:1, 6-8	
Sun	Isaiah 40: 1-5,9-11	Ps 84	2 Peter 3: 8-14	Mark 1: 1-8

Market which can be found at catalog.obital-minsk.com/christmas-market. They export all over the world. Have a look. Their goods are great quality. Thank you.

Northern Cross has produced a PRINTED edition for this month. Copies at £1.50 are available in the box on the presbytery doorstep. It's smaller in size but we'll get back to the larger copies when we can get enough subscribers. Please help us to increase our readership. Thanks.

The Foodbank - needs you. Big thanks for what you donate and for money donations. Items needed are **sugar, jam, potatoes-tinned or packet, rice pudding, toothpaste, toothbrushes and shower gel**. At the moment we have plenty of pasta, beans and soup & we now have lots of carrier bags - a sign of your generosity. Lets see what we can do to help. **New opening hours Mon-Thurs 10 - 5 & Fri, 9 - 1.**

Parish Finances - please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white 2nd 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 of Standing Order forms in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

Thinking of becoming a Catholic? If you are new to the Catholic faith and would like to know more, you are invited to join a weekly online programme arranged by the Diocese. It's called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and registration is now open - Tuesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30pm. The hour long online meetings will enable you to meet others who are also beginning the programme. You can also get in touch, please with Father Dennis. To register or find out more, email: adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk. Thanks.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - is a free online course of 8 sessions on Monday evenings 7.30 to 8.30pm on 23rd November 2020 and 1, 8, 15 and 22nd February 2021. To register for more information email the address above.

Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.

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