

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 29 April</b> ST CATHERINE of SIENA	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>
<b>Sunday 30 April</b> 4th Sunday of Easter	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>William John McIntyre</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>The Ottewell Family</i>
<b>Monday 1 May</b> ST JOSEPH the WORKER	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club
<b>Tuesday 2 May</b> St Athanasius	No Mass 1.00 pm Film Club at St Mary's 2.00 pm Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
<b>Wednesday 3 May</b> SS PHILIP & JAMES	No Mass at St Mary's 10.00 am Mass at Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington
<b>Thursday 4 May</b> THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 5 May</b>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School chapel No Mass in church
<b>Saturday 6 May</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>The Kennett Family</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Wilfrid McIntyre</i>
<b>Sunday 7 May</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Brooke Hirst</i> 11.00 am Mass St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

**Quote:**

*"Admire as much as you can. Most people do not admire enough"*  
- Vincent van Gogh, artist.

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear BBC,

Whenever I switch on the television there is always war, violence and cruelty. Why doesn't the television ever influence the world to have peace and hope? All adults' programmes are mostly about killing, war and arguments. Nowadays even a simple children's cartoon of Tom and Jerry is all fighting and violence. The news shows war, death and destruction. I accept that, but surely there's some good news in the world that can cheer us up and put a smile on our faces.

How I long to see peace in the world. The BBC comes into all our homes so please show us happiness, faith and hope instead of sorrow.

Why can't you follow nature's example. After the dead, bleak winters tiny buds appear on the trees and blossom. When spring flowers peep up through the earth to make the world full of beautiful colours, the world is filled with hope.

Children copy what they see on television so could you please put more positive, exciting, peaceful ideas into our heads.

Thank you for your help.

Baruch Baigel

(Baruch Baigel, age 10 Rosh Pinah Junior School Edgeware)



### Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**Coronation Community Café with Crafts** at St John's School this Friday 5 May at 10.30 - 12.00 in the Lecture Theatre. All are very welcome.

**First Holy Communion Masses: Masses will be on Saturday 13th May and Saturday 20th May.** Please pray for our young people who have been preparing for their First Holy Communion for the last 5 months. We need to also support their families in their continuing appreciation of their journey of faith. Your prayers can make a difference. Thank you.

**SVP 200 Club** - the winning numbers for April are 199 and 77. Sorry no winners at our Parish.

**Thank you** from the Little Sisters of the Poor for used postage stamps and foreign currency. These all help to raise much needed funds for the Home and contribute in very practical ways to the care of the elderly residents. One of our much loved neighbours Fr Brian Murphy, is now living in the Home and being cared for by the wonderful Community and staff. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

**Next weekend's Second Collection** is for the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

**This Sunday** is World Day of Prayers for Vocations

**An invitation** Bishop Auckland warmly invites you to join a PRAYER WALK OR DRIVE AROUND BISHOP AUCKLAND (inc. ST HELEN'S & WEST AUCKLAND) THIS ROGATIONTIDE – that is SUNDAY 14th MAY. Christians from all the town's churches are invited to recreate the ancient Rogationtide tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' of a place to pray for God's blessing to come down on it. Those walking will split into two groups, one walking clockwise and the other anticlockwise, for about six miles each, starting from The Batts and ending together at Broom Mill Farm. For a shorter walk, you can join one group at Bracks Farm. A third group will follow our prayer route for drivers around the town. Ideally it would be good if you can let us know in advance if you're going to participate. Contact Catherine Knights: email [wegotoutoftheboat@gmail.com](mailto:wegotoutoftheboat@gmail.com) or phone 07434 833888. Please say if you will be driving or walking and at what point in the route you hope to join us. Our aim is to provide lifts back to the start point as we finish. But you can simply join us on the day itself. Remember to wear appropriate footwear, especially if wet.

12 noon: Bring a picnic to The Batts car park.

12.30pm: Most participants start at The Batts car park – 6 miles walking/12 miles driving.

1.30pm: Or you can join one group at the Bracks Farm Auckland Way car park - 3.5 miles walking.

3-3.30pm: We end together at Broom Mill Farm, where refreshments can be purchased

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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 2: 14, 36-41	Ps 22	1 Peter 2: 20-25	John 10: 1-10
Mon	Genesis 1: 26-2:3	Ps 89	Matthew 13: 54-58	
Tues	Acts 11: 19-26	Ps 86	John 10: 22-30	
Wed	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8	Ps 18	John 14: 6-14	
Thurs	Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 30	Matthew 10: 17-20	
Fri	Acts 13: 26-33	Ps 2	John 14: 1-6	
Sat	Acts 13: 44-52	Ps 97	John 14: 7-14	
Sun	Acts 6: 1-7	Ps 32	1 Peter 2: 4-9	John 14: 1-12

**Change of date for new parishioners meeting** I'm now unable to be available for the proposed new parishioners meeting earlier scheduled for this week. Can I suggest a new date - **Thursday 11 May at 7pm in St Mary's** meeting room. We'll hold a hospitality evening for all who have joined our worshipping community in the last few years. It's always a joy to see new faces amongst our regulars and we hope more will get to know our newer parishioners in the months ahead. New people and visitors may well have messages and suggestions to make to us that improve our ways and community life. All are welcome.

**As the year moves on** could we be thinking about social and spiritual events and services to express what we want to say to God and to each other. If you don't say, we don't know!

**Cost of living** - There's shocking new research about Bishop Auckland. Funded by the 38 Degrees community, it reveals how the cost of living crisis is affecting every single constituency in Britain - including ours. From missing rent payments to being unable to afford heating, it tells a bleak story. **Here's how people are struggling in Bishop Auckland: 36% couldn't afford to turn the heating on when cold in the past month, 17% missed a rent payment in the last six months, 31% are worried about having to use a food bank in the next year and 44% of people's mental health has worsened due to the cost of living crisis. This is us. We must continue to help.**

**The Big Cafod Walk** - This year Cafod has set the Lent challenge of a walk, 200km over 40 days, to raise money to fight global poverty. As a parish we are frequently asking for support for local causes and other urgent needs of people. We appreciate the generosity of everyone, but if you feel you could support this appeal with whatever you could manage that would be great.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, rice pudding, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, hot dogs and tinned tomatoes. 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.