

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, UHT milk, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, pasta sauce, tinned fruit 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. Thank you.

Help with the Foodbank and crisis work is required more in school holidays when children do not have the benefit of school meals. Could we help keep this in mind during the long school summer break please? Thank you.

Our local Methodist Minister - Rev John Purdy and his wife, Vanessa, will be moving after this weekend to take up new work in the Methodist circuit in Sunderland. They have been with us for eight years and have been a hardworking gift to us all. This Sunday there will be informal refreshments in the Baptist Church opposite the Methodist church from about 10.30 am and a formal service in the Methodist church at 6pm. I'll be sorry to see them go and wish them every blessing in their new work. The new minister will be Rev Rachel Pinkney. A warm welcome to her work here in the town and the local area.

A warm (and dry!) welcome to our visitors over the holiday weeks. We thank you for joining us for Mass and hope your time in the area will be enjoyable.

The Passion Play is scheduled for next Good Friday in the Market Place. If you are interested in being part of the cast or helping in practical ways, please do get in touch. Thank you.

School Governors do an invaluable job helping our schools here. We have vacancies at present, so if you'd love to help in giving back in gratitude for what school gave us, please have a word.

Marie Curie Group - are holding a Garden Tea Party today Sunday 30 July at Woodside House, Witton Park from 1pm to 5pm. Admission £5. See poster at back of church.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
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
Patrick Fogarty*

Please pray for
**LAWRENCE HANKIN
(83) and
THOMAS ARMITAGE
(93)**

**who have died. May
they rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12	Ps 118	Romans 8: 28-30	Matthew 13: 44-52
Mon	Exodus 32: 15-24, 30-34	Ps 105	Matthew 13: 31-35	
Tues	Exodus 33: 7-11, 34: 5-9, 28	Ps 102	Matthew 13: 36-43	
Wed	Exodus 34: 29-35	Ps 98	Matthew 13: 44-46	
Thurs	Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-38	Ps 83	Matthew 13: 47-53	
Fri	Leviticus 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 34-37	Ps 80	Matthew 13: 54-58	
Sat	Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17	Ps 66	Matthew 14: 1-12	
Sun	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Ps 96	2 Peter 1: 16-19	Matthew 17: 1-9

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!

The Big Cafod Walk - This year Cafod has set the 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.

SVP Summer Raffle - tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle are now on sale. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. Prizes are £5,000, £1000 and 15 prizes of £100, so plenty to be won.

Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's - in view of the low attendance there will be no Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's for the rest of the summer. If there is a demand we will start again in the autumn.

The Faith Museum - is the stunning new building at Auckland Castle. It opens on 7 October. 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.

SVP Raffle Tickets - tickets are available at St Wilfrid's from Catherine Donovan. Catherine can only get to every Mass Sunday. Her contact number is 07790 352023.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 29 July <i>SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margaret Marshall</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 30 July <i>17th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Stockton</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Chris Bartley</i>
Monday 31 July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club</i>
Tuesday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Special Intention (P)</i>
Wednesday 2 August	9.00 am Mass @ Our Lady & St Thomas, Willington 11.15 am Funeral Service at St Wilfrid's for LAWRENCE HANKIN
Thursday 3 August <i>St Oswald</i>	9.00 am Mass: Fr Paddy O'Connell 10.30 am Funeral Service at Wear Valley Crematorium for TOMMY ARMITAGE 5.00 pm Parish Council
Friday 4 August <i>St John Vianney</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i>
Saturday 5 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 6 August <i>THE TRANSFIGURATION</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Thanks for Mary Curry's recovery</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Brian Hassall</i>

Quote:

"It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it"
- **Nelson Mandela**

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17th SUNDAY of the YEAR

God Courteously Forgives

Some of us believe that God is all powerful and may do everything: and that he is all wise and can do everything: but as for believing that he is all love and will do everything, there we hold back. In my view nothing hinders God's lovers more than the failure to understand this.

As by his courtesy God forgives our sins when we repent, even so he wills that we should forgive our sin, and so give up our senseless worrying and faithless fear.

Our desire is to fear God reverently, to love him humbly, and to trust him mightily.

If we fall we are to get up quickly; for the worst pain a soul can have is to let sin take it away from God.

- **Mother Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)**



Confession Times St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.