

# This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 29 October</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Private Intention (M)</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>John and Margaret Oxley</i>
<b>Sunday 30 October</b> <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Frank Carney</i>
<b>Monday 31 October</b>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</b> <b>1.00 pm - Craft Group in St Mary's meeting room</b> <b>2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's</b> <b>7.00 pm - Vigil Mass for the People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 November</b> <i>FEAST of ALL SAINTS</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Laura Rea and Egidio Giovannone</i> <b>11.30 am Funeral Service @ St Wilfrid's for FRANKIE SHIELDS</b> <b>6.00 pm Meeting for First Communion parents</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 November</b> <i>ALL SOULS</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Thursday 3 November</b> <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Thanksgiving for surgery</i>
<b>Friday 4 November</b> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	<b>8.15 am Mass in St John's School chapel</b> <i>- this is the only Mass today</i>
<b>Saturday 5 November</b>	<b>No morning Mass</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Mick and Shirley Degnan</i>
<b>Sunday 6 November</b> <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>

## Quote

*"In life you are in the way or on the way".*

*- Source unknown*

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# 31st SUNDAY of the YEAR

## A Baptism Prayer

Lord God, our Father, you have given your Son, Jesus Christ, to us as the good shepherd who knows all by name.

We thank you for the grace and your faithfulness, for the new life that you have created, for this child who has been born among us and whom you have entrusted to us.

You have given him/her ears to hear with and eyes to see with. Bless too this child's mouth, so that he/she may learn how to laugh and to speak the language of men.

Bless also his/her hands and feet and may he/she learn from his/her own experience that everything that you have made is good.

We ask you to shelter this child and keep him/her safe in this rough world. Keep everything that is bad and inhuman away from him/her, protect him/her from evil influences and never let him/her be perverted.

May he/she be secure with his/her parents and may we who are mature and responsible never give scandal to this child, but lead him/her to the truth.

If however, sin should ever have power over him/her, be merciful to him/her, Lord God – you make good all human guilt and shortcomings and are yourself, even before this child is able to sin, the forgiveness of all sins, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

- Huib Oosterhuis



**Confession Times**  
St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

**November Lists** for deceased family members and friends. We have this wonderful custom during the month of November of writing lists of those who have died and for whom we pray at our Masses during the month. Envelopes are available at the back of church today for your lists. Any money included with your list will be for Holy Souls Masses. If you would like a Mass to be offered for specific individuals could you please make that very clear and include your request and any offering in a different envelope to your list? Many thanks.

**Churches with warm spaces during winter** - The Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches have made arrangements to have safe and warm places where individuals can come to socialize over a cuppa and biscuits.

**Woodhouse Close Church**, Proudfoot Drive, DL14 6PD - open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.30 am to 2.30pm.

**The Parish Centre**, Middlewood Avenue, St Helen's, DL14 9DJ - the lounge is open on Tuesdays from 10am - 3pm and Thursdays from 11am - 2pm.

**The Ark** - at the back of St Helen's Church DL14 9DN—open on a Wednesday from 10.30am to 4pm.

**Bishop Auckland Baptist Church**, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6AH, from week beginning 31st October their Church will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10am - 3pm, Thursdays—Wellbeing Café, from 9.30am including a light lunch from 12.30pm.

**St Mary's Catholic Church**, Vart Road, DL14 6PQ—Thursdays and Fridays 11am to 2 pm.

**Bishop Auckland Methodist Church**, Cockton Hill Road, DL14 6DN, Monday and Fridays 10—3 pm.

**Shoobox appeal** - As money is getting tighter by the week, we're not actively providing shoeboxes as we have in the past. We have the usual explanatory leaflets at the back of church if you would like to be part of this project. Completed boxes need to be delivered to The Well—the café at West Auckland run by the Vineyard Church. If you can't make it, let us know here and we'll help. Thanks.

**Holy Communion preparation programme for 2022-23** - please forward names and contact details to Fr Dennis if your child is in Year 4 or above and wishes to be involved in our next Holy Communion preparation programme which is planned to start in October. Thank you.

**Care for Creation** - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

**The Laudato Si group** are planning to hold a food/cookery event as part of this year's Season of creation. If anyone has any expertise in cookery or recipe ideas and would like to be involved in a small group of us, please get in touch via email - [jeanniemariehardy@gmail.com/mobile](mailto:jeanniemariehardy@gmail.com/mobile) Tel: 07708108119, or with Eileen Thornton at St Mary's.

**The Laudato Si group** is holding a 'creative event'/social event on Saturday 5 November (following 10am Mass). This is a coffee morning with cookery demonstrations. We will show you how to make a pizza and a soup. Everyone is welcome.

**A warm welcome** to all who are returning to Mass after careful measures over Covid kept people away. Our churches are safe, we're currently still masked and it'll be great to see you. If you have any questions please ask them. You are part of a living community of faith and continue to be. How we each express that is mainly through Sunday Mass. How can we help?

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, jam, toothbrushes and UHT milk. Help with**

**Please pray for the health of:**

- Irene Welford*
- Michael Dowson*
- 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*
- Billy Teague*

**Please pray for**

**FRANKIE SHIELDS (78) and PAUL ROBINSON (77)**

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



**Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:**

Sun	Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19	Ps 33	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18	Luke 18: 9-14
Mon	Philippians 2: 1-4	Ps 130	Luke 14: 12-14	
Tues	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14	Ps 23	1 John 3: 1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
Wed	Isaiah 25: 6-9	Ps 26	Romans 5: 5-11	Luke 7: 11-17
Thurs	Philippians 3: 3-8	Ps 104	Luke 15: 1-10	
Fri	Philippians 3: 17-4:1	Ps 121	Luke 16: 1-8	
Sat	Philippians 4: 10-19	Ps 111	Luke 16: 9-15	
Sun	2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14	Ps 16	2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5	Luke 20: 27-38

**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.

**Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion.

**We're looking for** more Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and the return of any of our helpful folks who have served us in these ways previously. Singers, musicians, flower arrangers, CAFOD, SVP members all do great work for us. How can you help? Please have a chat. Thank you.

**St Mary's Cleaning Rota** - A rota is now on the notice board on the left hand side as you enter church. We will always take more volunteers if anyone else would like to join our small band!

**Recipes** - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.

**Christmas Quiz** on Thursday 8 December in St Mary's meeting room. There will be a bottle raffle (not a bottle stall) if you have any spare bottles of wine or spirits could you please bring them into church and leave them at the back. Thank you.

**SVP Cake Bake** - On Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 November we will be selling cakes after Masses. More details to follow next week. Meanwhile if anyone would like to bake/buy cakes to sell on the day that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023** Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next year? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28th July. If you would like to find out more information please email or look at our website <https://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk/> or email [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

**Catholics in hospital** - The Hospital Trust for our region has renewed all its computerised patient infrastructure and, as a result, chaplains no longer have access to lists of patients by religion or denomination. This is likely to be the case for the foreseeable future and means that Father Paul Tully, our Catholic Chaplain based at Durham will only discover Catholic patients by chance unless the are referred to him from their parish or family. A Catholic in Durham hospital will need to ask for Fr Paul Tully or in our other hospitals to ask for a Catholic priest if they want a visit and the sacraments. You can let Fr Dennis know also.