

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 30 March	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 31 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Barbara Chappell and Hilda Francis</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Mary Elizabeth Blanchard</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 1 April	8.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 1.00 pm - Craft Group	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Tuesday 2 April	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i> 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration	St Mary St Wilfrid St Wilfrid
Wednesday 3 April	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>in church with St Wilfrid's School</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i> 12.00 noon - Lent Lunch	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Thursday 4 April	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Alan Robson</i> 2.00 pm - Mass in St Chad's - <i>Private Intention</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 5 April	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Frances and Martin Culligan</i> 6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross	St Mary St Mary
Saturday 6 April	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>For victims of tragedy</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 7 April <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Deceased of the Stockton & Cruddace</i> <i>Families</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Deceased of the Arthurs Family</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £399.17
Thank you.

Quote:

"When people are free to do as they please, they generally imitate each other" - Anon

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £247.03
Thank you.

In addition to the church collections above, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 31 March 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Mass Page Numbers

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169-171

Creed:
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Eucharistic Prayer
will usually be:
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Our Father etc.:
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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday
morning Masses by
request and any other
time by simple
arrangement

Dream On

Virginia Satir (1916-1988) was an American author and family therapist. She worked with many groups of people who were on benefits. After meeting members of a new group she'd say, "I'd like to know what your dreams are. They usually thought she was crackers. "Dreams"? We don't have dreams". "But when you were a kid, wasn't there something you wanted to do?" she'd ask?

People started dismissing dreams and discussing their immediate problems. In her first group a woman needed a new door. A man in the group fixed it. Another wanted to train to be a secretary but had no one to look after her kids if she did two days a week at college - another mum in the group offered to see to her kids. This kind of thing continued. Individuals were helped to get what they wanted.

Each person who helped admitted feeling better about themselves for what help they'd given. Small successes allowed the group to see that dreams were not insane. Everyone found something. The man who fixed the door became a handyman. The woman who took in the kids became a licensed foster carer, the other became a secretary.

In 12 weeks all those in her first group were able to come off benefits. She did this with many groups. What's your dream? Who can help?

Food Bank - Once again sincere thanks for your continued support. You have kindly topped up our potato supplies - but on average we use 90 tins a week so you will see this is an ongoing request. As on Thursday we had no coffee and sugar left with tea also getting low. We are in need of jam, tinned/packet potatoes, coffee, tuna and sweets for children. We still have a good supply of baked beans, soup and dried pasta so these items are not needed at this time. Your help is so vital and directly assists our neighbours - you are truly living the gospel in this simple act. We give thanks to all our local churches working to keep this project alive. Thank you. .

Come on folks - St Mary's is still looking for a team of catechists. They're the folks we rely on to head up our children's liturgy on a Sunday and who have the wonderful work of preparing our children for First Holy Communion and Confession each year. Some of our present team have been working for us for over 20 years and are ready to initiate you into what we need and how to do it. Where do such wonderful people come from? From concerned people like you who want the best for our children's journey of faith. Just have a word please with Fr Dennis. Thank you. If everyone thinks this is about someone else, we get nowhere.

The Durham Singers - the Durham Singers' next concert is in Durham Cathedral next Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm. The programme will be songs by Vaughan Williams, Howells' Requiem and works by Thomas Tallis including the fabulous motet for 40 parts 'Spem in Alium'. Tickets are £13 or £10 each from Heather Smith (07799 492290).

Do you like singing? - why not join our choir at St Mary's or St Wilfrid's? Have a word with any choir member, with Sophie at St Mary's or Fr Dennis. You do not have to read music!

USHAW - has a full programme of events during Lent. For something different, check out the list at the back of church. Thanks.

Lent lunches - every Wednesday 12 - 1.30pm:

Wednesday 3 April at St Wilfrid's Church DL14 7PU

Wednesday 10 April at Woodhouse Close Church DL14 6PD

Wednesday 17 April at Auckland Park Church DL14 8RG

There is no charge though if you wish to give, any donations will assist those working with victims of human trafficking.

Lenten Soup Lunches - at St John's School Main Hall on the following dates throughout Lent beginning at 12 pm on Thursday 14 March, 21, 28 March and 4 April. The soup lunches are in aid of CAFOD and our Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

A new dementia friendly group - is here in Bishop Auckland. Called the Friendly Heritage Group it meets weekly at Bishop Auckland Baptist Church on Cockton Hill Road every Wednesday from 12.30 - 3.00pm. The weekly sessions will provide a healthy shared lunch and combine local heritage and dementia friendly activities to help support and provide people with dementia and their carers with a safe space where they can socialise and

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
Kate Johnson
Tyler Quinn
Bill Gillon
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Joshua 5: 9-12	Ps 33	2 Corinthians 5: 17-21	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
Mon	Isaiah 65: 17-21	Ps 29	John 4: 43-54	
Tues	Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12	Ps 45	John 5: 1-3, 5-16	
Wed	Isaiah 49: 8-15	Ps 144	John 5: 17-30	
Thurs	Exodus 32: 7-14	Ps 105	John 5: 31-7	
Fri	Wisdom 2:1, 12-22	Ps 33	John 7: 1-2,10, 25-30	
Sat	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	Ps 7	John 7: 40-52	
Sun	1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13	Ps 22	Ephesians 5: 8-14	John 9: 1-41

engage with new things. Contact Lucie or Rebecca on 01388 500528. See the poster at the back of church.

Book club - Pope Francis' Encyclical letters are amazing and inspiring documents. At the first of our book club meetings this year we would like to discuss his document called The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) and exchange views on what this document means and can give to us. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 9 April at 7 pm at St Mary's Church. Many of us may have copies of 'The Joy of the Gospel' already but we are going to order further copies so if you wish to come along please ask Father Dennis for a copy prior to the meeting. We hope to have a series of such meetings and would welcome any input and ideas for future events. Please sign the green form at the back of church. Thank you.

Easter Eggs - will be available to buy at both churches in the next couple of weeks. Out of 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. Launched in 2010 it was turned down by all supermarkets and is now left to churches and church schools to support. The box is plastic free and totally recyclable. A super thick milk chocolate egg and a 24 page Easter-story activity book all for £3.99 ...When they're gone - they're gone!!!

The Passover Meal - Our annual Passover Meal will take place at St Wilfrid's on Thursday 11 April. It's a unique blend of the spiritual and the social, a wonderful way of preparing for Holy Week and Easter by celebrating the way God has set his people free and led them to the Promised Land. Space and numbers are limited and there won't be a Passover Meal at St Mary's this year, so do get your tickets in good time. They are available now, cost £5.00.

Meal at Pollards - The Pollards meal is being held on 4th April at 6pm. Please ensure you have put your name on the list at the back of church so we know how many to book for. Please can we meet at the Pollards just before 6pm.

Day Of Prayer - This Tuesday 2 April, St. Mary's Church, Bishop Auckland will be open from **10.30am until 6.30pm** for people to come in and pray. There will be different prayer stations, or people can come and take time to sit and reflect. Refreshments will be available.

Film Club - On Tuesday 9 April at 2 pm the film *The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society* will be showing in St Mary's meeting room.

Bishop Seamus Retirement - Thank you very much to all who made a donation to Bishop Seamus' retirement. If there are any remaining donations to be handed in could these be give in by this Sunday evening please. Many thanks.