

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 30 October <i>The Martyrs of Douai</i>	9.30 am Mass: People of the parish 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: The Dolan Family
Sunday 31 October ALL SAINTS DAY	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: For the COP26 Talks 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Vasey and Hogg Family
Monday 1 November	No Mass 10.00 am St Wilfrid's Eucharist Service 11-1 pm St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 2 November ALL SOULS DAY	No Mass
Wednesday 3 November <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	No Mass 7.00 pm: Care for Our Common Home meeting
Thursday 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	10.00 am Mass: Margery Harrop
Friday 5 November	10am Mass: Thanksgiving (P)
Saturday 6 November	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Health of Tracey Warburton
Sunday 7 November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Lina and Luigi Quagliari 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish

Quote:

"No one is going to stand up at your funeral and say you had a really expensive house or car and great shoes"

- Source unknown

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ALL SAINTS

Creative Reflections

Creator God – you have given us a world of life and energy, movement, shapes, colour, sounds, smells and tastes. We thank you.

For the great cathedral of the sky, the vastness of the oceans, the beauty of the earth.

May we be always in awe of the intricate and interconnected systems of life under our feet and in our bodies. Delight in wonder at the movement of the stars and planets of our solar system, the vastness of space and the entire cosmos.

From the fabric of what is beyond our sight – the make-up of atoms and molecules, to the gigantic whirling majesty of the heavens, we thank you.

May we never lose sight of our task to protect, preserve and enhance what we have been given, and in turn, to also be creative with our imagination and abilities to sing our thanks to you every day for your gifts of love. Amen

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

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

Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

COP26 - stands for Conference of Parties - meetings of world leaders and this is the twenty sixth meeting. It's started this weekend in Glasgow, though many preparatory meetings have been happening to establish what each nation can commit to doing to care for the Earth. Anyone doubting the importance of the talks during this fortnight, surely can't have listened to the news or watched David Attenborough programmes during recent years. We're talking about it now, and that's an improvement, but progress happens after the talk and when the action begins - when we do something about it. Please bring in your list of practical suggestions - on green or any coloured paper. We'd like to know and share in what you are doing and have found to be useful.

Praying for COP26 - the major and crucial meeting in Glasgow next month must be part of our prayers. CAFOD have given us this prayer. Can we take it to heart please? Thank you.

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created.



You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

Sunday Mass obligation - Our Bishops intend to restore the Sunday Mass obligation from this coming Advent - the end of November onwards. Many have got out of our Sunday (or Saturday vigil) Mass habit, and, sadly many no longer give it the seriousness which it has never lost. To give God an hour or so of worship once a week is not asking much for most people and should be considered as a basic requirement. Streaming of Masses has been a great help for many and will continue, but it's no substitute for expressing Communion with the Lord and communion with the living community of the Church and the parish. I mention the restart of the obligation now so that we can begin to prepare for attending Mass again. Vaccinations have helped greatly but have not dismissed the possibility of infection. The layout of our churches may change again and we'll let you

Please pray for the health of:

*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
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*

Please pray for
JEAN McANINLEY (84)
MARTIN PAUL HARRIS (59)
and
KEVIN DONOHUE (74)

who have died.
May they rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14	Ps 23	1 John 3: 1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
Mon	Romans 11: 29-36	Ps 68	Luke 14: 12-14	
Tues	Isaiah 25: 6-9	Ps 26	Romans 5: 5-11	Mark 15: 33-39, 16:1-6
Wed	Romans 13: 8-10	Ps 111	Luke 14: 25-33	
Thurs	Romans 14: 7-12	Ps 26	Luke 15: 1-10	
Fri	Romans 15: 14-21	Ps 97	Luke 16: 1-8	
Sat	Romans 16: 3-9,16,22-27	Ps 144	Luke 16: 9-15	
Sun	1 Kings 17: 10-16	Ps 145	Hebrews 9: 24-28	Mark 12: 41-44

know. I'll give you more information when we have it. In the meantime, let's give thought to what Communion and community means as we prepare carefully to celebrate more together again - as safely as possible. Covid has affected us all and we'll have to live with it wisely and carefully from here onwards. I'll keep you posted.

Pope Francis has called for parishioners everywhere to think about the Church they wish to create together. This comes under the heading of a Synod and it begins in England and Wales next week for a few months.

Bishop Robert wishes us to have a Year of the Eucharist - thinking and praying about the importance of so much we take for granted. Watch this space.

Shoe box Appeal - Pick up a leaflet from the back of church to carefully note the relevant items suitable for box contents. Filled boxes this year must be handed in at The Well in West Auckland unless a nearer venue arises. Drop your box in at The Well during 15-22 November. Thank you.

Memorial Register - we are compiling a register of those whose funerals took place from the parish from the beginning of 2020 until the present and it will open for you to add names of others from family and friends. November envelopes are available from today for your personal and family lists. Any money in these envelopes will support Holy Souls intentions. Specific individual Mass intentions should be in a different envelope. Thank you

The Foodbank has been gifted with a lot of food very recently and for the moment needs only long-life milk (full fat), toothpaste and money to help people have some warmth, light and the wherewithal to cook or heat up food. Your help, no matter how small becomes part of a great tide of selfless initiatives that keep individuals and families alive with a meaningful quality of life and with a dignity to match. Thank you for your help.

SVP Christmas Appeal - as we explained last year, we provide Christmas hampers/gifts and support, for local families and individuals who are enduring real poverty. Your weekly contributions made this possible until COVID impacted on all our lives. We asked for your support last year and your response was overwhelming. You will appreciate that COVID and increased poverty is still a real concern as the unprecedented events continue to increase the needs of many. If you are financially able, we would appreciate if you could put a donation in an envelope with 'SVP Christmas Appeal' written on it, and either post it in Fr. Dennis's letterbox or put it in one of the white collection boxes at the back of either Church, **by 28th November 2021**. We are not asking for gifts or food. Members of the SVP will purchase what is needed, depending on the composition of the families and individual needs. We hope you can help us, to help the vulnerable members of our community. Thank you.