

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 8 October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the SVP</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Wedding Anniversary Mass for Angela & David Kirtley</i>
Sunday 9 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Paul Mary Chu Sinh</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 10 October <i>St Paulinus of York</i>	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm - Craft Group in St Mary's meeting room 2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 11 October <i>Pope St John XXIII</i>	No Mass in church 1.15 Funeral Service for BETTY TUCKER at St Mary's
Wednesday 12 October <i>St Wilfrid</i>	10.00 am 50th Anniversary Mass in St Wilfrid's School
Thursday 13 October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i> 12.00 Funeral Service for J OSEPH W. WILLIAMSON at St Mary's
Friday 14 October	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the health of Adam Quormby</i>
Saturday 15 October <i>St Tresa of Avila</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the repose of Francis and Carolyn Okeke</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Sunday 16 October <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For the health of Mary Curry</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Family Mass for the People of the parish</i>

Quote

"Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible". - Barack Obama

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28th SUNDAY of the YEAR

Who are you?

Christ fully reveals us to ourselves. A very helpful spiritual exercise is to ask ourselves, "How does God really see us?" We don't have to guess at the answer because God has revealed to us exactly how God sees us. Just look at these words that God speaks to us about us:

- ◇ Made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27)
- ◇ Fallen and redeemed (Genesis 3, and 2 Corinthians 5:17)
- ◇ Precious in God's sight (Isaiah 43:4)
- ◇ Little less than a god and crowned with glory and beauty (Psalm 8:5)
- ◇ Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit (John 3:5)
- ◇ God's temple (1 Corinthians 3:16)
- ◇ Temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19)
- ◇ God's work of art (Ephesians 2:10)
- ◇ The body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27)

When we take our place at the table of the word of God at Mass it is good to see ourselves as God sees us and not see ourselves through somebody's negative view of us. As the psalm says, "The Lord takes delight in his people" (Psalm 149:4). God wants us to feel very welcome at the table of God's word. The Lord has invited us to take our place at his table and he wants to speak to our hearts.

- Fr Jim McManus



Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Today is Prisoners Sunday - For nearly 50 years, Prisons Week has encouraged Christians to pray for all those affected by crime and imprisonment. To pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working for the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.

Prison Week Prayer

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

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 will be available at the back of church next week 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.

COVID Clarification — All the restrictions have now been removed, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice, which is still not permitted. The wearing of face masks and the use of hand sanitizer is entirely optional. Holy Communion may be received either on the tongue or in the hand. We can also shake hands again at the sign of peace. These former usual practices have been emerging lately as most restrictions have disappeared generally in other places. I want to record an enormous vote of thanks to everyone who has taken care with the COVID arrangements so that we keep people safe. I am also very grateful to everyone who has cleaned the church after services to ensure surfaces have been treated with our protective fluids. You may still want, should space be available, to maintain reasonable space between individuals, respecting that they may prefer that we continue with that for the moment.

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.

CAFOD Emergency Pakistan Floods Appeal - You can donate at church today or in the following ways: **By post:** send a cheque payable to CAFOD to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. **By phone:** card payment call CAFOD on 0303 303 3030. To Gift Aid your donation boosting it by 25% at no extra cost to you, collect a CAFOD Gift Aid Form from church here. To donate by Bank Transfer the account name is CAFOD account number 11769410 sort code 160030 Royal Bank of Scotland. Please send an

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 Quormby*

Please pray for

**MAUREEN NICHOLSON (89)
BETTY TUCKER (78)
JOSEPH WILLIAMSON (90)
and THOMAS Wm (Billy)
PYBUS (74)**

who have died.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	2 Kings 5: 14-17	Ps 97	2 Timothy 2: 8-13	Luke 17: 11-19
Mon	1 Isaiah 52: 7-10	Ps 39	Matthew 28: 16-20	
Tues	Galatians 5: 1-6	Ps 118	Luke 11: 37-41	
Wed	2 Timothy 4: 1-5	Ps 22	Luke 6: 27-36	
Thurs	Romans 8: 26-30	Ps 130	Matthew 5: 1-12	
Fri	Ephesians 1: 11-14	Ps 32	Luke 12: 1-7	
Sat	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Ps 8	Luke 12: 8-12	
Sun	Exodus 17: 8-13	Ps 120	2 Timothy 3: 14-4.2	Luke 18: 1-8

email to dpd@cafod.org.uk confirming the amount, date of remittance and your details. Thank you very much indeed.

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 Tel: 07708108119, or with Eileen Thornton at St Mary's.

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, tinned fruit, biscuits, toothbrushes and sweets/chocolate. **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.

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.

The Funeral of Maureen Nicholson will be on Tuesday 25 October at 11 am at St Mary's here in Bishop Auckland.