

Thanks to Lawrence McEvoy for restoring and repainting the statue of Our Lady above the main doors of St Mary's. The statue was covered with several old and cracked layers of paint. Lawrence has painstakingly removed all the old layers and treated and repainted the statue with appropriate materials. Check it out. You'll be delighted.

Father Dennis' Retirement - As we all know by now, **Fr Dennis** will be retiring this summer. A farewell gathering has been arranged for **Monday 15th July**, beginning with Mass at St Mary's (time to be advised) and continuing in St John's School. If you will be coming, please sign the list at the back of the church - if you are able to contribute some food, there is another list where you can say what you can offer. Let's show our appreciation of all Fr Dennis has done for us! Thanks!

The Second Collection - this weekend is for the Dignity of Human Life.

Bible Alive - June copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

Quiz night - the date of the next Social quiz will be **Thursday 13th June. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm.**

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) 2024-2025 - The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies is managed and awarded by the Board of Religious Studies on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The programme seeks to ensure that participants have a basic understanding of the central beliefs of the Catholic faith. This programme is available for catechists, lay leaders and other adults wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and Catholic education, serving teachers in Catholic and other schools, and teachers in training preparing to take up posts in Catholic schools. The 2024-2025 CCRS course programme is now available on the Diocesan website: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/education/professional-development-and-formation/#ccrs>. If anyone would like further information, they can contact Eamonn Diffley at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, Department for Education on 0191 243 3313 or email education@diocesehn.org.uk

Pope Francis recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND - all are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on **Saturday 29th June** from 10.00am. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen will take place at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Mrs Aitken
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
John Green
Lynette Stott*

Please pray for

ELLEN JACKSON (91)

*who has died.
May she rest in
peace*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Exodus 24: 3-6	Ps 115	Hebrews 9: 11-15	Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26
Mon	2 Peter 1: 2-7	Ps 90	Mark 12: 1-12	
Tues	2 Peter 3: 11-15, 17-18	Ps 89	Mark 12: 13-17	
Wed	2 Timothy 1: 1-3, 6-12	Ps 122	Mark 12: 18-27	
Thurs	2 Timothy 2: 8-15	Ps 24	Mark 12: 28-34	
Fri	Hosea 11: 1, 3-4, 8-9	Isaiah 12: 2-6	Ephesians 3: 8-12, 14-19	John 19: 31-37
Sat	2 Timothy 4: 1-8	Ps 70	Mark 12: 38-44	
Sun	Genesis 3: 9-15	Ps 129	2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1	Mark 3: 20-35

Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

The Foodbank - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, UHT milk and 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.

World Peace - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

Pope Francis' brilliant document on caring for creation (Laudato Si) is now 8 years old! Not enough has happened over this time so he has written a further document called Laudate Deum (meaning 'Praise God') about the climate crisis. We have some copies at £4.95 at the back of church.

Environmental Survey - our annual environmental survey has come around again. This is the 3rd year for this. If possible we would like to invite as many people as possible to complete it and return it within 4 weeks. Following last years' survey we provided battery recycling boxes which have proved to be popular. As a parish community we are trying to implement small steps which help care for the earth and our local community. Thank you.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP - there are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5 -7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 1 June <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	10.00 am Mass: Fr Phil Carroll 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Mick and Shirley Degnan
Sunday 2 June <i>FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: People of the parish 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Tony Kelly
Monday 3 June <i>Uganda Martyrs</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's
Tuesday 4 June	10.00 am Mass: For the health of Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika
Wednesday 5 June <i>St Boniface</i>	No Mass
Thursday 6 June	9.00 am Mass: Alan McShane 10.00 am D Day Service at St Anne's Church
Friday 7 June <i>THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	2.00 pm Requiem Mass @ St Mary's for ELLEN JACKSON
Saturday 8 June <i>Immaculate Heart of Jesus</i>	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish
Sunday 9 June <i>10th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Peter Maria Chu Sinh 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Dave Fleming

Quotation

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase"
- **Martin Luther King**

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

In the Escomb Partnership of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle

Fr Dennis Tindall, St Mary's, Vart Road, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6PQ Tel: (01388) 603431

website: Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid : Bulletin e-mail: office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk

To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube **2 June, 2024**

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

HARMONY

Some are black, some are white, some are brown and some are pink, yet they all live together side by side in harmony.

Some are employed most of the time, while others wait patiently for their turn, yet they all have equal status in the bigger scheme of things.

Some are downright blunt and one or two are a little on the sharp side, yet they all know the role they have to fulfil.

Some are pretty, and some have strange names, yet each one is totally unique.

On their own, they can be quite dull and insignificant, but together they can create a masterpiece.

There's a lot we can learn from crayons in a box.

Moral:

We can be an individual and still part of a bigger whole.

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) and the Diocese's policies and procedures at all times.

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Jeannie Hardy for St Mary's and Fiona Ottewell for St Wilfrid's or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0191 2433305 or at safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk

Confession Times

St Mary's

Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.

St Wilfrid's

before Sunday Mass