

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 at 6.30 pm 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!

For those who have kindly agreed to bake/bring along food can we ask you drop off your items in St Mary's meeting room between 2-4pm on the same day. If you have kindly offered to volunteer on the evening can we ask you to be at St John's school from 5pm onwards.

Marie Curie - Marie Curie are holding an Open Garden on 21 July at 11 am to 4 pm at Hillside Cottage, Low Etherley, (down the Lane opposite No. 63). Adults £5. Enjoy a lovely garden and great refreshments.

Laudato Si - A big THANK YOU to everyone who completed our annual environmental survey. We had a good response this year. Thank you to Tom Bowman who has again collated the results and put them into a display which will be available shortly in both churches. If anyone has any comments they would like to give us, we would be very happy to receive alongside any suggestions for ways we can help with care of our environment. Plant Swap - this was part of the Laudato Si week in May. Thanks to all who took part in bringing and exchanging plants. Care of Creation will be celebrated in September and we are hoping to have a parish event of displays. Anyone interested would be most welcome to get involved, more information to follow.

Our wild flower garden is now in full bloom and part of encouraging bio-diversity. Please take a look at the back of the church. Many Thanks to Ernie for his work on this.

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

Bishop's House Address - as From Monday 17th June the new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor will be: **Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, Benton, Newcastle. NE12 8AD.** There is no change to the telephone number and email addresses.

Please pray for the health of:

*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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 12: 1-11	Ps 33	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19
Mon	Hosea 2: 16-18, 21-22	Ps 144	Matthew 9: 18-26	
Tues	Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13	Ps 113	Matthew 9: 32-38	
Wed	Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12	Ps 104	Matthew 10: 1-7	
Thurs	Proverbs 2: 1-9	Ps 33	Matthew 19: 27-29	
Fri	Hosea 14: 2-10	Ps 50	Matthew 10: 16-23	
Sat	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Ps 92	Matthew 10: 24-33	
Sun	Amos 7: 12-15	Ps 84	Ephesians 1: 3-14	Mark 6: 7-13

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

Little Sisters of the Poor - Used postage stamps (any period or country) foreign currency (notes & coins from any country or period), old, broken or unwanted pieces of gold & silver (even earring backs) & military medals which no longer have meaning for the families help the Sisters and residents of St Joseph's Home in Newcastle.

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

St Mary's Church Cleaning - Monday 8th July 10am. We will be cleaning the church in preparation for Fr. Dennis's Retirement Mass the following Monday. Can you spare us half an hour or an hour to make our church look its best for this memorable celebration. See you there? Many thanks

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 6 July	10.00 am Mass: Holy Souls 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish
Sunday 7 July <i>14th Sunday of the year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's: Private Intention
Monday 8 July	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's
Tuesday 9 July	7.30 - 8.00 am: Prayer time at St Mary's 10.00 am Mass: Private Intention
Wednesday 10 July	No Mass 6.30 pm Laudato Si Meeting
Thursday 11 July <i>ST BENEDICT</i>	10.00 am Mass: Frs Granville, Byrne and Gordon
Friday 12 July	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: Irene Welford
Saturday 13 July	10.00 am Mass: Gemma Murray's birthday 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Eric Walsh
Sunday 14 July <i>15th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: The Stockton & Cruddace Family 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish

Quotation

"My mother is going to have to stop lying about her age because pretty soon I'm going to be older than she is".

- Tripp Evans

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14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

For the Common Good

Father, source of all power, we confess that we do not always use the powers you have given us as you intend. Sometimes we are afraid of the power we wield, and so do not use it at all; at other times we are careless in our use of it and harm others: at yet other times we deliberately misuse it to achieve our own selfish ends. We confess our misuse of our God-given powers, and ask for your grace to use them properly in the future.

We think of the power of the nations of the world. In international affairs it so often seems that events are out of our control, and rule us. Father, help us to see how national power can be wielded for the fulfilment of your will.

We think of the power of economic systems. Often we feel enmeshed in a system which is not fair and yet cannot be changed without causing immense hardship. Father, help us to become masters of economic forces and to order them for the purpose of justice.

We think of the power of governments. They now touch our personal lives at so many points. Father, may politicians and civil servants use their powers responsibly and respect the rights of individuals.

Give us the courage to challenge them when they are wrong, and willingness to share in the processes of government ourselves. May the power of governments everywhere be used for the good of all.

Father, yours is the ultimate power. We see evidence of it everywhere in the world, but most of all in Jesus Christ. In him we see the power of your love: weakness and death did not destroy him and you raised him from death. May that same power of love be in us.

- Caryl Micklem

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**