

This week

| | Services & meetings |
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| Saturday 6 November | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Health of Tracey Warburton</i> |
| Sunday 7 November <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i> | 9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Lina and Luigi Quagliari</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i> |
| Monday 8 November | No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharist Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 11-1 pm <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i> |
| Tuesday 9 November <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> | 10 am Mass: <i>Special Intention (P)</i> |
| Wednesday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i> | 10am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Thursday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i> | 10.00 am Mass: <i>Bart Harnett</i> 6.00 pm: <i>Parish Council Meeting</i> |
| Friday 12 November <i>St Josaphat</i> | 10am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> |
| Saturday 13 November | 10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i> |
| Sunday 14 November <i>33rd Sunday of the Year</i> | 9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Alexis C. Zaguirre Sr.</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Dave Fleming</i> |

Quote:

"Greed is a bottomless pit which exhausts the person in an endless effort to satisfy the need without ever reaching satisfaction."

- *Erich Fromm (1900-1980) Social Psychologist*

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY of the YEAR

Creative Reflections 2

We thank you, Lord, for our human creativity. Using our God-given abilities has made all we need for life from the bounty of nature. We use rocks and minerals, vegetation and animals for sustaining our life.

We have learnt to look after ourselves from the days when weeds were valued as medicines, food, the raw materials from which we made inks and dyes, crafting and building materials. The pulverised rocks and other objects that became basic pigments, used by artists to give us colour, record shape and landscape, portraits and designs.

Today we're urged to control exploitation, stop harmful weed killing chemicals, let nature return to re-vitalise what we have over-tamed. We talk of re-wilding, returning nature to the intricacies of inter-connectedness that maintain the balance necessary for life to flourish.

In the outdoors we need increasingly to become closer to the elements, to smell the earth, walk in the rain, shun junk food, grow healthier, and experience creation's power and its fragility.

Treat it with wonder and respect, help restore the balance and environments that save species from extinction.

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. 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 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

Thank You - to all who have sent in suggestions and ideas to help in our Care for our Common Home - the Earth. With this bulletin you receive a green sheet with a digest of your suggestions. Could I ask that all who receive this bulletin on line also, via our parish website (stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk) access the Partnership Note, the monthly Conversations sheet and this list of helpful pointers to assist our care for our world. Many thanks.

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 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.

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

KEVIN DONOHUE (74)

who has died.

May he rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

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| Sun | 1 Kings 17: 10-16 | Ps 145 | Hebrews 9: 24-28 | Mark 12: 41-44 |
| Mon | Wisdom 1: 1-7 | Ps 138 | Luke 17: 1-6 | |
| Tues | Ezekiel 47: 1-2,8-9,12 | Ps 45 | 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11,16-17 | John 2: 13-22 |
| Wed | Wisdom 6: 1-11 | Ps 81 | Luke 17: 11-19 | |
| Thurs | Wisdom 7: 22-8:1 | Ps 118 | Luke 17: 20-25 | |
| Fri | Wisdom 13: 1-9 | Ps 18 | Luke 17: 26-37 | |
| Sat | Wisdom 18: 14-16,19:6-9 | Ps 104 | Luke 18: 1-8 | |
| Sun | Daniel 12: 1-13 | Ps 15 | Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 | Mark 13: 24-32 |

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

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.

The Loop system at St Mary's - is to be replaced. Apologies to all our hearing aid wearers while we await a new system to be installed. But thanks for letting us know that the old system had ceased working. The new one, when it arrives and is fitted and calibrated, promises to be better than what we've had.