

**Mission Appeal** - we have not had a visit and appeal from a Missionary priest since COVID. Next weekend, 19th May, we welcome a priest to speak to us and appeal for help. I know you'll make him welcome and you may wish to bring a contribution to assist with missionary work. Big thanks.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@diocesehn.org.uk)

**ONE WEEK ONLY- Plant Exchange** - on Saturday 18 May, to celebrate Laudato Si week the whole parish is invited to bring in plants to share with others. As the theme is 'Seeds of Hope' seedlings are also included (But no empty plant pots please). Please leave offerings on the marble bench outside the meeting room.

**Bible Alive** - the May edition of Bible Alive is available at the back of church for those who ordered a copy. The price is still £1.50.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 support this vital work. To book email Nicole at [nsalkeld@ymt.org](mailto:nsalkeld@ymt.org) or Tel. 01207 592244.

**Quiz Night** - a big thank you to all who organised and attended the quiz night on 18 April. A total of £133 was made and this will go to support crisis work.

**The Foodbank** - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, soup, tinned rice, UHT milk and toilet rolls. Also bags for life again. 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

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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26	Ps 102	1 John 4: 11-16	John 17: 11-19
Mon	Acts 19: 1-8	Ps 67	John 16: 29-33	
Tues	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26	Ps 112	John 15: 9-17	
Wed	Act 20: 28-38	Ps 67	John 17: 11-19	
Thurs	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11	Ps 15	John 17: 20-26	
Fri	Acts 25: 13-21	Ps 102	John 21: 15-19	
Sat	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31	Ps 10	John 21: 20-25	
Sun	Acts 2: 1-11	Ps 103	1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13	John 20: 19-23

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](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

**SVP200 Club** - May winning numbers 164 and 1.

**St Mary's Church Cleaning** - Tuesday 14th May after morning Mass. If you could spare us a half hour or an hour we would be very grateful.

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 11 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Ian Lloyd</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 12 May</b> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Peter Maria Chu Sinh</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Monday 13 May</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</b> <b>1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's</b>
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b> <i>ST MATTHIAS Apostle</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Eric Walsh</i>
<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>For a job search</i>
<b>Thursday 16 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Fr Tom Lynch and his intentions</i>
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Maureen and John Nicholson</i>
<b>Saturday 18 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Sunday 19 May</b> <i>PENTECOST SUNDAY</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Private Intention</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Vasey, Hogg &amp; Cruddace Families</i>

### Quotation

*"Getting old is a bit like being drunk.  
Everyone else looks brilliant."  
- Billy Connolly*

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To access streamed Masses: St Mary's Bishop Auckland YouTube [12 May, 2024](#)

# 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *A CAFOD Prayer*

*Almighty God, protect us from feeling that we have done what we could; that we can go in peace because we asked you to be a comfort and a joy to all those who suffer in our world.*

*Deliver us from the fears that hinder us from opening our hearts and hearing the voices of those who suffer just as we ask that you, O God, listen to the cries of the poor.*

*Let our deeds match our prayers. Direct our hands so that we use the gifts you gave us to take heed ourselves - with your help - of the prayers we make.*

*Amen*

*- Joseph Donders*



### **Confession Times**

**St Mary's**

**Saturdays at  
10.45-11.30  
and by request.**

**St Wilfrid's**

**before  
Sunday  
Mass**