

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 13 April	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 14 April PALM SUNDAY	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Zofia Szeremeta</i> 6.00 pm - Service of Forgiveness and Reconciliation	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Monday 15 April	8.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 1.00 pm - Craft Group	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Tuesday 16 April	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass : <i>George and Rose Wallis</i> 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration	St Mary St Wilfrid St Wilfrid
Wednesday 17 April	9.30 am - Mass: <i>For those suffering from depression</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service	St Mary St Wilfrid
Thursday 18 April MAUNDY THURSDAY	9.30 am - No Morning Mass 7.00 pm - Mass: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 19 April GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 am - Market Place - Good Friday Story (Drama) 3.00 pm - Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord	St Mary
Saturday 20 April HOLY SATURDAY	9.30 am - No Morning Mass 2.00 pm - Polish Food Blessing 8.30 pm - Easter Vigil: <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 21 April EASTER SUNDAY	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Julie Ann Banks</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £451.68  
2nd collection: £138.49  
Thank you.

## Quote:

"Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age" - French proverb

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £238.72  
2nd collection: 160.11  
Thank you.

**In addition to the church collections above, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.**

# The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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Sunday, 14 April 2019

# PALM SUNDAY

## The entry into Jerusalem

They came in their thousands,  
waiting to meet him,  
the news of his coming having raced before him.  
And it wasn't just his followers,  
it was everyone,  
men, women and children plucking branches from the trees,  
tearing off their cloaks,  
carpeting the road before him,  
their voices hoarse with shouting.  
'Hosanna!' they cried.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

There were stranger things to follow, for just a few days later,  
less than a week in fact,  
the scene was so very different.

The same people by and large,  
once more part of a crowd,  
but this time not love but hatred in their faces,  
not welcome but rejection,  
their waving hands suddenly shaking fists,  
their 'Hosanna to the Son of David'  
all at once 'We have no king but Caesar!'

I wouldn't have believed it possible if I hadn't seen it for myself,  
but the sad fact is I not only saw it,  
in my own way I was part of the whole sorry business,  
for when the crisis came I was found wanting,  
concerned only to save my skin with no thought as to his.

It was a chilling lesson,  
And one that I,  
like so many others, learned the hard way -  
the lesson that it's easy to call someone king,  
much harder to actually serve them.

## Today's Mass Page Numbers

Penitential Rite:

Mass & Readings:

**Pages**  
**185 - 197**

Creed:  
**Page 11**

Eucharistic Prayer  
will usually be:  
Page 25 OR 28

Our Father etc.:

## Confession Times

St Mary  
Saturday  
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid  
Before Sunday morning  
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday  
morning Masses by  
request and any other  
time by simple  
arrangement

**Holy Week** - is a week unlike any other. We take ourselves back into the story of salvation on Thursday through to Sunday. It's a grisly story, full of extremes and displaying the best and worst of human behaviour. But it doesn't remain as an episode in history. During Lent we have been reflecting on the Stations of the Cross, reminding ourselves of what we can learn from this old, popular devotion. Not to learn anything would be a huge disappointment. Our journey to meet the Lord at the end of our earthly life is just that - a journey. We don't stand still. In any area of life. We're changing.

Jesus' Holy Week journey has so much to teach us of our God who chose to endure torture and a brutal death to demonstrate he is prepared to sacrifice everything to overcome the cruelty and self-serving skulduggery of some influential people and those too fickle to do other than collude with them.

You and I can usually spot some of our weaknesses, but Jesus' journey can help us to see ways we may not see so clearly how we can keep on growing and following the loving forgiveness of a God who suffers with us.

Please do come and attend our church events on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil which is the most expressive and potent liturgy of the whole year. Thank you.

**Good Friday** morning this year in the Market Place the churches of the town are putting on a drama about the crucifixion. It's at 10am and we'd love you to come and literally be part of the attending crowd at the crucifixion scene. The Bishop of Durham will end the drama with a comment and a prayer.

Next year a full-scale Passion Play like that done in Trafalgar Square will take place here. If you would like to see this year's Trafalgar Square play, it is being shown live on screen in Bishop Auckland Methodist Church, opposite the hospital, at 12 noon on Good Friday. You'll be most welcome. Our church solemn Good Friday liturgy is at St Mary's at 3 pm.

**Food Bank** - Once again sincere thanks for your continued support. You have kindly topped up our potato supplies - but on average we use 90 tins a week so you will see this is an ongoing request. As on Thursday we had no coffee and sugar left with tea also getting low. We are in need of dried rice, jam, tinned/packet potatoes, coffee, tuna and sweets for children. We still have a good supply of baked beans, soup and dried pasta so these items are not needed at this time. Your help is so vital and directly assists our neighbours - you are truly living the gospel in this simple act. We give thanks to all our local churches working to keep this project alive. Thank you. .

**Come on folks** - St Mary's is still looking for a team of catechists. They're the folks we rely on to head up our children's liturgy on a Sunday and who have the wonderful work of preparing our children for First Holy Communion and Confession each year. Just have a word please with Fr Dennis. Thank you. If everyone thinks this is about someone else, we get nowhere.

Please pray for the health of:

*Betty Shoulder  
Irene Welford  
Michael Dowson  
Mrs Aitken  
Val Mundell  
Joan Lightfoot  
Monica Fuller  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Kate Johnson  
Tyler Quinn  
Bill Gillon  
Maureen Nicholson  
Norah Hutchinson  
Robin Davis  
Angela Graham  
Stephen Gregory  
Frank Ridley  
Jack Tobin  
Jacob Thomas  
Charlotte Thomas  
Marie Robinson  
Sheila Campbell  
John Boyle  
Teresa Brown  
Shirley Degnan  
Margaret Brown  
Joan Hannon  
Christina Marsh (3)*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 50: 4-7	Ps 21	Philippians 2: 6-11	Mark 14: 1-15, 4-7
Mon	Isaiah 42: 1-7	Ps 26	John 12: 1-11	
Tues	Isaiah 49: 1-6	Ps 70	John 13: 21-33, 36-38	
Wed	Isaiah 50: 4-9	Ps 68	Matthew 26: 14-25	
Thurs	Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14	Ps 115	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	John 13: 1-15
Fri	Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12	Ps 30	Hebrews 4: 31 14-16, 5: 7-9	John 18: 1-19:42
Sat	Ezekiel 36: -16-28	Ps 41	Romans 6: 3-11	Mark 15: 33-16:6
Sun	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Ps 21	Colossians 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9

**Lent lunches - every Wednesday 12 - 1.30pm:**

Wednesday 17 April at Auckland Park Church DL14 8RG

There is no charge though if you wish to give, any donations will assist those working with victims of human trafficking.

**A new dementia friendly group** - is here in Bishop Auckland. Called the Friendly Heritage Group it meets weekly at Bishop Auckland Baptist Church on Cockton Hill Road every Wednesday from 12.30 - 3.00pm. The weekly sessions will provide a healthy shared lunch and combine local heritage and dementia friendly activities to help support and provide people with dementia and their carers with a safe space where they can socialise and engage with new things. Contact Lucie or Rebecca on 01388 500528. See the poster at the back of church.

**Our Easter Vigil** - begins at 8.30 pm on Holy Saturday. The late start is needed to make full use of the contrast of darkness and light - death and resurrection. This year we will be joined by Fr Brian Murphy and some of the people of Willington who will not be having an Easter Vigil in Our Lady and St Thomas' church. I know you'll make them very welcome. Thank you.

**Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young Adults (20s and 30s) -**

from Wednesday 24th April to Sunday 28th April 2019. A time to walk along part of St Cuthbert's way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation.

For more information email [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network). See poster at back of church.

**St. Mary's Church Cleaning** - If you are able to help with an Easter Church clean your help would be greatly appreciated. We will meet this Monday the 15th at 10am - all welcome. Plenty of dusters just waiting for children to polish those benches.

**St Wilfrid's Holy Hour** - please note that there will be no Holy Hour on Palm Sunday or Easter Day. We will resume on 28 April.

**DBS updates** - it used to be called a CRB check, now it's a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) and those in contact with others in church work need to have this done and updated. Jeannie Hardy will be at St Mary's on Wednesday 17 April, 6-7pm and Monday 20 April 9.30-10.30am so that she can do the necessary updating paperwork. Could you please do your best to attend one of the sessions if you have a DBS on behalf of your parish role? Many thanks.