This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 14 September EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.30 am - Mass - World peace and justice 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: Agnes and Lenny Strong	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 15 September 24th Sunday of the year	9.30 am - Mass: The Escomb Partnership 11.00 am - Mass: People of the parish 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 16 September SS Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - No Mass	St Wilfrid St Mary
Tuesday 17 September	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass - Eileen Stockton 10.30 am - Spirituality Meeting 7.00 pm - Prayer Group and Adoration	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Wednesday 18 September	9.30 am - Mass - Lily and Derrick Brown 2.30 am - Funeral Service for SANDRE BOWES at Wear Valley Crematorium 2.45 pm - Pilates 7.00 pm - Mass - For the work of the SVP	St Mary St Mary St Wilfrid
Thursday 19 September	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 8.30 am - Mass - Holy Souls	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 20 September The Korean Martyrs	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - Private Intention 9.30 am - Mass - Holy Souls 6.30 pm - 1st Holy Communion parents meeting	St Mary St Mary
Saturday 21 September ST MATTHEW	9.30 am - Mass - Private Intention 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 12.30 pm Wedding of PAUL KELLY AND KIMBERLY CUMMINGHAM 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: Thanksgiving	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary St Mary
Sunday 22 September 25th Sunday of the year	9.30 am - Mass: People of the parish 11.00 am - Mass: Holy Souls 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £439.123 Second collection: £263.68 Thank you

Quote:

"If you pray for another person you will be helped yourself" - Yiddish proverb

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £250.46 Second collection: £141.76 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, 15 September 2019

TWENTYFOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

ALL I EVER REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN NURSERY

Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be, I learned in the nursery. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate mountain, but there in the sandpit at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: share everything, play fair, don't hit people, put things back where you found them, clean up your own mess, don't take things that are not yours, say sorry when you hurt somebody, wash your hands before you eat, flush, warm biscuits and cold milk are good for you, live a balanced life, learn and think and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work everyday.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Janet and John and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all; LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all - the whole world - had biscuits and milk at 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go into the world, it is better to hold hands and stick together. - Robert Fulghum

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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 Our Local Foodbank - Enormous thanks to all who have helped and continue to help. The usual broad range of staple non-perishable food items remains a constant and necessary expression of our Gospel requirement to feed the hungry. Let's see what we can do. The gratitude of many, many people is heartfelt. This week we need tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables and dinners. At present we DON'T need soup or beans.

Passion Play, Good Friday 2020 - If you can help at all in any supportive, practical way, we'd encourage you please to attend one of the Open Call meetings to help in building up the team of people who will make this happen successfully. These are the meetings:

Tuesday 17 September

at Valley Methodist Church, 6:30pm DL14 8UB

Saturday 21 September

at B/A Baptist Church, 10:30am DL14 6AH

Annual Retreat Day - for Eucharistic Ministers, readers and members of the SVP Society and anyone wishing to come, will be held at All Saints Church, Ferryhill on Saturday 28 September 2019 from 10.30am to 2pm. Lecture, Mass and lunch. Please add your name to the list at the back of church. Contact St Joseph's, Coundon on 01388 602030 for more information.

<u>Care for our buildings</u> - we now have our 5 yearly reports on our buildings, carried out by the diocese. If you have any skills which may help us in the constant work required for repairs and maintenance, would you please let us know. Thank you.

<u>St. Mary's Piety</u> - Why not pop into our little shop at the back of church and take a look at the items for sale. New stock now in.

<u>This Weekend</u> - is Home Mission Sunday. We pray for the work of our church here and across our country.

<u>Social Event</u> - Meal at Pollards on Thursday 3 October, please add you name to the list at the back of church if you would like to join us.

A Macmillan Coffee Morning - will be held in St Mary's meeting room after 9.30 am Mass on Friday 27 September. Do come along if you can. Any cakes etc that could help will be a great boon. Bakers, biscuit makers and our wonderfully generous supporters will be greeted with open arms. Thank you. You have another choice to attend a Macmillan Coffee Morning on the same day from 10.30am to 12.30 at Bishopsgate Lodge Care Home next to St Wilfrid's. They also have a Harvest Festival on at the same time.

<u>Samaritans Christmas Shoe Box Appeal</u> - If you would like to fill a shoe box for a deprived child, please pick up a leaflet

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 Maureen Nicholson Norah Hutchinson Robin Davis Angela Graham Stephen Gregory Frank Ridley Jack Tobin Jacob Thomas Charlotte Thomas Marie Robinson Sheila Campbell John Bovle Teresa Brown Shirley Degnan Margaret Brown Joan Hannon Christina Marsh (3) Clare Musgrave Kathy Lloyd

Please pray for SANDRE BOWES (78) who has died. May she rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14	Ps 50	1 Timothy 1: 12-17	Luke 15: 1-32
Mon	1 Timothy 2: 1-8	Ps 27	Luke 7: 1-10	
Tues	1 Timothy 3: 1-13	Ps 100	Luke 7: 11-17	
Wed	1 Timothy 3: 14-16	Ps 110	Luke 7: 31-35	
Thurs	1 Timothy 4: 12-16	Ps 110	Luke 7: 36-50	
Fri	1 Timothy 6: 2-12	Ps 48	Luke 8: 1-3	
Sat	Ephesians 4: 1-7, 11-13	Ps 18	Matthew 9: 9.13	
Sun	Amos 8: 4-7	Ps 112	1 Timothy 2: 1-8	Luke 16: 1-13

at the back of church for information. Prepared shoe boxes will be available to buy (50p, to cover cost) after Mass each weekend. For more information contact Marie Anderson (01388 664223). Filled boxes to be returned to church before 10 November please.

<u>St Wilfrid's Safeguarding check</u> - will take place on **Sunday 20 October** after Mass for all with DBS checks. Please provide your passport, birth certificate and two recent utility bills or letters to validate your current address. Any queries please contact Fiona Ottewell on 07730375422.

<u>First Communions 2019/2020</u> - There will be a meeting this **Friday, 20 September at St Mary's at 6.30pm** for parents of children who will be making their First Communion next year. Please encourage all relevant parents to attend Friday's meeting so that information, questions and answers can be shared and dealt with successfully. The new preparation programme will begin on Sunday 20th October and the First Holy Communion weekend next year will be 16th and 17th May.

Book Club - it's a while since the Book Club met to look at an agreed book. The next meeting will be at St Mary's at 7pm on Tuesday 1st October to discuss Pope Francis' brilliant document 'Laudato Si' on the environment. Copies can be obtained from Ronnie Pounder or Ann Wake. Everyone's welcome.

Youth Ministry Module - All those who work with young people or have an interest in youth ministry are invited to take the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies module in youth ministry as a stand-alone module. The course covers the theology and principles of youth ministry, an understanding of faith development, a variety of approaches to working with young people and an opportunity to share ideas and good practice in parishes and partnerships. It takes place over two Saturdays 12th October and 23rd November at the Emmaus Village. Further information or to book a place, email education@diocesehn.org.uk

FOR THOSE IN POWER AND THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONS

We ask your blessing upon all leaders of people, all governments and rulers. We long for the time when the kingdoms of earth will become the kingdom of Christ our Lord. We ask you to guide and strengthen all who work for peace and justice.

Guide the leaders of the nations in the ways of justice and peace. Keep our ears open to the cry of the poor and the oppressed: let us always be sensitive to the needs of others.