

Monday evening's Mass and the gathering at St John's afterwards with all the kindness and love it carried will always stay with me. I can't thank you all enough. Your amazing generosity in the cheque Michael presented on your behalf just took my breath away. For the record you gifted me with £2,675 and other gifts, including a memory book of pictures of my life as a kid to the present. The generosity, planning and lots of work to make the evening happen is immense. Your presence and those with us in spirit made it simply brilliant. I'm forever grateful for my time here and for all I have learnt and received from you. You are outstanding!

I'll be delighted to welcome all who volunteer in the parish to join me in St Mary's Meeting Room at 7pm this Monday for simple refreshments and easy social time. Thanks, as ever, Dennis

Marie Curie - Marie Curie are holding an Open Garden this Sunday 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,**

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	Song of Songs 3: 1-4	Ps 62	John 20: 1-2, 11-18	
Tues	Galatians 2: 19-20	Ps 33	John 15: 1-8	
Wed	James 1: 2-4, 12	Ps 93	Matthew 10: 17-22	
Thurs	2 Corinthians 4: 7-15	Ps 125	Matthew 20: 20-28	
Fri	Jeremiah 3: 14-17	Jeremiah 31: 10-13	Matthew 13: 18-23	
Sat	Jeremiah 7: 1-11	Ps 83	Matthew 13: 24-30	
Sun	2 Kings 4: 42-44	Ps 144	Ephesians 4: 1-6	John 6: 1-15

Benton, Newcastle. NE12 8AD. There is no change to the telephone number and email addresses.

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, small tinned meats, pasta sauce and soup. 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.

SVP200 Club - July winning numbers 109 & 167 - no winners for us.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 20 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Frank Carney</i>
Sunday 21 July <i>16th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's : <i>The Morigan & Armstrong Families</i> 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's : <i>Special Intentions</i>
Monday 22 July <i>ST MARY MAGDALEN</i>	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at <i>St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm Craft Club at <i>St Mary's</i> 7.00 pm Volunteer evening at <i>St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 23 July <i>ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN</i>	7.30—8.30 am Quiet prayer time at <i>St Marys</i> No Mass
Wednesday 24 July <i>MARTYRS of the DIOCESE</i>	No Mass
Thursday 25 July <i>ST JAMES Apostle</i>	No Mass
Friday 26 July <i>SS Joachim & Anne</i>	No Mass
Saturday 27 July	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Ann Foster</i>
Sunday 28 July <i>17th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's : <i>Private Intention</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's : <i>Chris Bartley</i>

Quotation

"Most people like the old days best. They were younger then"

- Source Unknown

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16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Extraordinary Love

Mothers will do almost anything to protect their children; self-love takes second place. When the 30 year old Margaret Clitherow, the butcher's wife of York, was taken to court in 1586 accused of 'sheltering Catholic priests' in her house, she refused to plead guilty or not guilty. She declared that she had committed no crime and she would not plead 'not guilty' because the prosecution planned to put her children in the witness box to subject them to cross-questioning. As a mother she could not allow her children to feel later that they had caused their mother's death.

She knew the penalty, at that time, of refusing to plead. She would be taken to a public place and there, in a smock to cover her, be crushed to death under a door piled high with weights. And that is how she died; professing her Catholic faith and witnessing to a mother's unselfish love. She was declared a saint in 1970.

- Anon

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**