

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 21 December	9.30 am - Mass - <i>Arnold Smith</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Norma and Neil Chrissop</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 22 December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Pat Hutchfield</i> 3.00 pm - Blue Christmas Service, St Charles,	St Wilfrid St Mary
Monday 23 December	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 8.30 am - No Mass 10.30 am - Advent Reflection	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Tuesday 24 December <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Mass - <i>People of the parish</i> 7.30 pm - Mass - <i>People of the parish</i>	St Mary St Mary St Wilfrid
Wednesday 25 December <i>CHRISTMAS DAY</i>	9.30 am - Mass - <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am - Mass - <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary
Thursday 26 December <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service <u>10.00</u> am - Mass - <i>Dot, Jim and Brian Donlan</i>	St Mary St Wilfrid
Friday 27 December <i>St John Apostle</i>	12.00m - Requiem Mass for THOMAS MATTIMOE	St Mary
Saturday 28 December <i>Holy Innocents</i>	9.30 am - Mass - <i>People of the parish</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN 2019</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 29 December <i>THE HOLY FAMILY</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Family Peace</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>For all families</i> 4.00 PM - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £568.73
Thank you

Quote:

"Example is leadership" -
Albert Schweitzer

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £221.43
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, 22 December 2019

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS BLESSING By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen

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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 - We are still in need of **tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding, tinned meats, biscuits, jam, tinned fruit and UHT milk.** The need of help with food is constantly ongoing. On behalf of all of those you help, we thank you. At present there is a large stock of tinned beans, tinned soup and dried pasta - these items are not needed at this time.

Prayers for the Climate - at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church in the Prayer Room every Wednesday at 9.30am. All are very welcome.

Advent Reflections - this Monday from 10.30am until 11.30am, there will be time to reflect on the Advent Sunday Gospels. Take some time out to have a cuppa and think about what The God Who Speaks is saying to us.

CAFOD - if you are wondering what to buy for someone this Christmas, please take a look at a World Gifts catalogue. One small gift bought by you, in the name of your loved one, can make a huge difference to the lives of others. A card will be sent from CAFOD for your special person with details of the gift and thanks on behalf of the families who will benefit.

The 2020 Northern Catholic Calendar - is on sale now at the back of church, price £3. This is the directory for our diocese and is a mine of information. It's a bargain at the price.

Our Christmas Masses will be:

Christmas Eve: 5.30pm at St Mary's, 7.30pm at St Wilfrid's

Christmas Day: 9.30am at St Wilfrid's, 11am at St Mary's

Please bring others to Mass with you. Many, of any or no faith, appreciate coming to church at Christmas. Why not invite them and any family members who may not attend regularly or at all. All are welcome.

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 Boyle
- Teresa Brown
- Shirley Degnan
- Margaret Brown
- Joan Hannon
- Christina Marsh (3)
- Kathy Lloyd
- Roman Banks

Please pray for
THOMAS MATTIMOE (94)
and
PATRICK GALLAGHER (78)
who have died.
May they rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 7: 10-14	Ps 23	Romans 1: 1-7	Matthew 1: 18-24
Mon	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Ps 24	Luke 1: 57-66	
Tues	2 Samuel: 7: 1-5,8-12,14,16	Ps 88	Luke 1: 67-79	
Wed	Isaiah 9: 1-7	Ps 95	Titus 2: 11-14	Luke 2: 1-14
Wed	Isaiah 52: 7-10	Ps 97	Hebrews 1: 1-6	John 1: 1-18
Thurs	Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59	Ps 30	Matthew 10: 17-22	
Fri	1 John 1: 1-4	Ps 96	John 20: 2-8	
Sat	1 John 1: 5-2:2	Ps 123	Matthew 2: 13-18	
Sun	Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14	Ps 127	Colossians 3: 12-21	Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

For all who have died in 2019 - we will celebrate our Vigil Mass on Saturday 28 December and read out the names of all whose funerals have been arranged through our parish. Please feel welcome to call out names of others who have died during the year at the time in the Mass when we recall the names of all these individuals. We will be contacting and inviting the next of kin of our parishioners who have died.

Thank you big time for the Christmas Raffle, Bottle Stall and Quiz - the great attendance meant we raised £1027.27 - a magnificent achievement and enormous thanks to all who donated, came, organised and led us in a great social occasion. Lists of raffle winning tickets are available in church and the prizes are at St Mary's. Please collect as soon as possible. Thank you.

St Mary's church cleaning - will be this Monday at 11.30am after the last Advent Reflection. All welcome - children are good at polishing.

Future Meeting dates:

Parish Council 7 January at 7pm in St Mary's

Future Church Group 16 January at 7pm in St Mary's

The Craft Group begins again on Monday 16 January at 1pm in St Mary's.

Pilates - will start again in the new year. We'll let you know when.

A message about our Schools - please see the green sheet of paper included in your bulletin.

Catholic Papers - please note, The Universe and The Catholic Herald are both double issues to cover this week and next. They're also double the price!