

**Father Dennis' Retirement** - As we all know by now, Fr Dennis will be retiring this summer. A farewell gathering has been arranged for **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**, beginning with Mass at St Mary's at 6.30 pm and continuing in St John's School. If you will be coming, please sign the list at the back of the church - if you are able to contribute some food, there is another list where you can say what you can offer. Let's show our appreciation of all Fr Dennis has done for us! Thanks!

For those who have kindly agreed to bake/bring along food can we ask you drop off your items in St Mary's meeting room between 2-4pm on the same day. If you have kindly offered to volunteer on the evening can we ask you to be at St John's school from 5pm onwards.

**Marie Curie** - Marie Curie are holding an Open Garden on 21 July 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 biodiversity. Please take a look at the back of the church. Many Thanks to Ernie for his work on this.

**Bible Alive** - June copies of Bible Alive are available now to those on the list. Price £1.50.

**Bishop's House Address** - as From Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June the new address for Bishop Stephen, Bishop's PA and the Diocesan Chancellor will be:

**Bishop's House, St Aidan's, Coach Lane, 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.

**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

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  
Patrick Fogarty*

**Please pray for  
ARTHUR HOLMES  
(92)  
IRENE WELFORD  
(91) and  
STEPHEN BROWN  
(77)  
who have died.  
May they rest in  
peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Job 38: 1, 8-11	Ps 106	2 Corinthians 5: 14-17	Mark 4: 35-41
Mon	2 Kings 17: 5-8, 13-15, 18	Ps 59	Matthew 7: 1-5	
Tues	2 Kings 19: 9-11, 14-21, 31-36	Ps 47	Matthew 7: 12-14	
Wed	2 Kings 22: 8-13, 23: 1-3	Ps 118	Matthew 7: 15-20	
Thurs	2 Kings 24: 8-17	Ps 78	Matthew 7: 21-29	
Fri	2 Kings 25: 1-12	Ps 136	Matthew 8: 1-4	
Sat	Lamentations 22: 10-14, 18-19	Ps 73	Matthew 8: 5-17	
Sun	Acts 12: 1-11	Ps 33	2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18	Matthew 16: 13-19

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.

**The Foodbank** - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauce, dry rice and UHT milk. 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** June winning numbers are 182 and 17. No winners for us. Thanks for your continuing support.

**Quiz Night** - a big thank you to all that attended the last quiz. A total of £120 was raised.

**Tunes and Chat Community Café** - enjoy live music from talented students whilst having a cuppa on Friday 28 June (and 4th Friday of each month) from 1.30 to 2.30pm at St John's School. Free to anyone aged 50+.

**St Mary's Church Cleaning** - Monday 8th July 10am. We will be cleaning the church in preparation for Fr. Dennis's Retirement Mass the following Monday. Can you spare us half an hour or an hour to make our church look its best for this memorable celebration. See you there? Many thanks

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 22 June</b> SS JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>Personal Intention</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> Vigil Mass: <i>Ellen and Denis Jackson</i>
<b>Sunday 23 June</b> 12th Sunday of the Year	<b>09.30 am</b> Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>11.00 am</b> Family Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Monday 24 June</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's <b>1.00 pm</b> Craft Club at St Mary's
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>12.30 pm</b> Requiem Mass at St Mary's for ARTHUR HOLMES
<b>Wednesday 26 June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>John Watson Harrop</i>
<b>Thursday 27 June</b> ST CYRIL	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>35th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving</i>
<b>Friday 28 June</b> ST IRENAEUS	<b>8.15 am</b> Mass in St John's School Chapel <b>12.15 pm</b> Requiem Mass @ St Mary's for IRENE WELFORD <b>3.30 pm</b> Funeral Service for STEPHEN BROWN @ Wear Valley Crematorium
<b>Saturday 29 June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> Vigil Mass: <i>Mick and Shirley Degnan</i>
<b>Sunday 30 June</b> FEAST OF SAINT PETER AND PAUL	<b>09.30 am</b> Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>World Peace</i> <b>11.00 am</b> Family Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>

## Quotation

*"You can't make decisions based on fear and the possibility of what might happen"*  
- Michelle Obama

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# 12th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

## THE WHISTLING HUSBAND

*A man tells a story of the day he was driving quietly along a country road and suddenly realised that he was lost.*

*I stopped at a small farmhouse to ask for directions, and I saw an elderly woman sitting on the porch. An elderly man was working around the front yard, whistling nonstop. The whistling was loud and clear, but it seemed to be aimless and purposeless. There was no recognisable tune, just whistling.*

*When I walked up to the man, I couldn't resist saying, "I see you're fond of whistling." "Oh", he said, "it's second nature to me now".*

*Then pointing to the woman on the porch, he explained that she was his wife, and that they had been happily married for thirty eight years when she became blind. Coming as it did so late in life, the blindness had been a very frightening experience for her, and she was still feeling a deep-seated insecurity.*

*The husband said, "I figured if I just keep whistling while I'm outside the house, she'll have the security of knowing I'm still with her."*

## 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)

## Confession Times

**St Mary's**

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

**St Wilfrid's**

**before Sunday Mass**