

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 23 March	8.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 10.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 24 March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Agnes and Lenny Strong</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 25 March ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	8.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 1.00 pm - Craft Group	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Tuesday 26 March	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration	St Mary St Wilfrid St Wilfrid
Wednesday 27 March	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 7.00 pm - Mass: <i>The Bentley Family</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary
Thursday 28 March	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 12.00 - CAFOD Stations	St Mary St Wilfrid St Mary
Friday 29 March	8.15 am - Mass in St John's School - <i>Private Intention</i> 9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 6.30 pm - Stations at St Helen's	St Mary
Saturday 30 March	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 31 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>For victims of tragedy</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Mary Elizabeth Blanchard</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £513.84
Thank you.

Quote:

"Love is a glass which shatters if you hold it too tightly or too loosely" - Russian Proverb

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £198.94
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, 24 March 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

A Simple Gesture

Mark was walking home from school one day when he noticed the boy ahead of him had tripped and dropped all of the books he was carrying, along with two sweaters, a baseball bat, a glove and a small tape recorder. Mark knelt down and helped the boy pick up the scattered articles. Since they were going the same way, he helped to carry part of the burden. As they walked Mark discovered the boy's name was Bill, that he loved video games, baseball and history, that he was having a lot of trouble with his other subjects and that he had just broken up with his girlfriend.

They arrived at Bill's home first and Mark was invited in for a Coke and to watch some television. The afternoon passed pleasantly with a few laughs and some shared small talk, then Mark went home. They continued to see each other around school, had lunch together once or twice, then both graduated from junior high school. They ended up in the same high school where they had brief contacts over the years. Finally the long awaited senior year came, and three weeks before graduation, Bill asked Mark if they could talk.

Bill reminded him of the day years ago when they had first met. "Do you ever wonder why I was carrying so many things home that day?" asked Bill. "You see, I cleaned out my locker because I didn't want to leave a mess for anyone else. I had stored away some of my Mother's sleeping pills and I was going home to commit suicide. But after we spent some time together talking and laughing, I realised that if I had killed myself, I would have missed that time and so many others that might follow. So you see, Mark, when you picked up my books that day, you did a lot more. You saved my life."

Today's Mass Page Numbers

Penitential Rite:

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Eucharistic Prayer
will usually be:
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Our Father etc.:
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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

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 jam, tinned meat, fruit, meals, custard and pasta sauces. 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. .

Do you like kids? - St Mary's is 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. Some of our present team have been working for us for over 20 years and are ready to initiate you into what we need and how to do it. Where do such wonderful people come from? From concerned people like you who want the best for our children's journey of faith. Just have a word please with Fr Dennis. Thank you.

The Durham Singers - the Durham Singers' next concert is in Durham Cathedral on Saturday 6th April at 7.30pm. The programme will be songs by Vaughan Williams, Howells' Requiem and works by Thomas Tallis including the fabulous motet for 40 parts 'Spem in Alium". Tickets are £13 or £10 each from Heather Smith (07799 492290).

Do you like singing? - why not join our choir at St Mary's or St Wilfrid's? Have a word with any choir member, with Sophie at St Mary's or Fr Dennis. You do not have to read music!

USHAW - has a full programme of events during Lent. For something different, check out the list at the back of church. Thanks.

Lent lunches - every Wednesday 12 - 1.30pm:

Wednesday 27 March at Bishop Auckland Methodist Church DL14 6EN

Wednesday 3 April at St Wilfrid's RC Church DL14 7PU

Wednesday 10 April at Woodhouse Close Church DL14 6PD

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.

Lenten Soup Lunches - at St John's School Main Hall on the following dates throughout Lent beginning at 12 pm on Thursday 14 March, 21, 28 March and 4 April. The soup lunches are in aid of CAFOD and our Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

A new dementia friendly group - is here in Bishop Auckland. Called the Friendly Heritage Group it meets

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	Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15	Ps 102	1 Corinthians 10: 1-6,10-12	Luke 9: 28-36
Mon	Isaiah 7: 10-14	Ps 39	Hebrews 10: 4-10	Luke 1: 26-38
Tues	Daniel 3: 25, 34-43	Ps 24	Matthew 18: 21-35	
Wed	Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9	Ps 147	Matthew 5: 17-19	
Thurs	Jeremiah 7: 23-28	Ps 94	Luke 11: 14-23	
Fri	Hosea 14: 2-10	Ps 80	Mark 12: 28-34	
Sat	Hosea 5: 15 - 6:6	Ps 50	Luke 18: 9-14	
Sun	Joshua 5: 9-12	Ps 33	2 Corinthians 5: 17-21	Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

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.

Book club - Pope Francis' Encyclical letters are amazing and inspiring documents. At the first of our book club meetings this year we would like to discuss his document called The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium) and exchange views on what this document means and can give to us. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 9 April at 7 pm at St Mary's Church. Many of us may have copies of 'The Joy of the Gospel' already but we are going to order further copies so if you wish to come along please ask Father Dennis for a copy prior to the meeting. We hope to have a series of such meetings and would welcome any input and ideas for future events. Please sign the green form at the back of church. Thank you.

Easter Eggs - will be available to buy at both churches in the next couple of weeks. Out of 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. Launched in 2010 it was turned down by all supermarkets and is now left to churches and church schools to support. The box is plastic free and totally recyclable. A super thick milk chocolate egg and a 24 page Easter-story activity book all for £3.99 ...When they're gone - they're gone!!!

Thanks - a big thank you to everyone who attended the quiz night on Wednesday. Everyone had a good night and a sum of £200 was raised with proceeds going to the jumbulance. A big thank you to David as always for planning the quiz and being a top quiz master. Thank you to the helpers for setting up and tidying away.

CAFOD - Stations of the Cross will take place at 12 noon in St Mary's on Thursday 28 March. We hope you will join us and after the Stations and stay and enjoy a buffet lunch and a chat with friends.

The Passover Meal - Our annual Passover Meal will take place at St Wilfrid's on Thursday 11 April. It's a unique blend of the spiritual and the social, a wonderful way of preparing for Holy Week and Easter by celebrating the way God has set his people free and led them to the Promised Land. Space and numbers are limited and there won't be a Passover Meal at St Mary's this year, so do get your tickets in good time. They are available now, cost £5.00.