

Thank You I'm still recovering from the wonderful Mass and gathering at St John's School and for your immense kindness and generosity. I'm forever grateful.

And welcome Fr David Coxon who will be the new parish priest in Bishop Auckland. When he and I have had the opportunity to put our heads together and work out the logistics of his moving and my moving, I'll let you know as soon as we can. I'll also give you the details of where I'll be going. I know you'll make Fr David very welcome as we all begin a new chapter in our individual and collective lives. I'll be here for a while yet until we get sorted. Thank you to all who help. You're wonderful!

SVP raffle we have recently received tickets for the above Annual Raffle and the prizes start at £5000 for first prize and £1000 for second, plus additional prizes with all details on the sheet on the porch notice board. Tickets will be on sale most likely next Sunday, 3rd August, and throughout that month. The draw date is 26 September. Please give the raffle your usual support.

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, Benton, Newcastle. NE12 8AD.** There is no change to the

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
Mary Oldfield*



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	Jeremiah 13: 1-11	Deuteronomy 32: 18-21	John 11: 19-27	
Tues	Jeremiah 14: 17-22	Ps 78	Matthew 13: 36-43	
Wed	Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21	Ps 58	Matthew 13: 44-46	
Thurs	Jeremiah 18: 1-6	Ps 145	Matthew 13: 47-53	
Fri	Jeremiah 26: 1-9	Ps 68	Matthew 13: 54-58	
Sat	Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24	Ps 68	Matthew 14: 1-12	
Sun	Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15	Ps 77	Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24	John 6: 24-35

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 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>
Monday 29 July <i>SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus</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>
Tuesday 30 July	7.30—8.30 am Quiet prayer time at <i>St Marys</i> 10.00 am Mass: <i>Madeleine, Tony and Dominic Ottewell</i> 6.00 pm Parish Council
Wednesday 31 July <i>St Ignatius of Layola</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Maria Farrington</i> 4.30 pm Spirituality Group
Thursday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 2 August	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
Saturday 3 August <i>St Oswald (King)</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Irene Welford</i>
Sunday 4 August <i>18th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's : <i>Caterina Margherita Ghetta Danielon</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's : <i>Special Intention</i>

Quotation

"Old age means bringing a packed lunch when you climb the stairs"
- Paddy Murray

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17th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Following Jesus? It goes like this

- ◆ *If you want others to be more loving, choose to love first*
- ◆ *If you want a reconciled outer world, reconcile your own inner world*
- ◆ *If you are working for peace out there, create it inside as well*
- ◆ *If you notice other people's irritability, let go of your own*
- ◆ *If you wish to find some outer stillness, find it within yourself*
- ◆ *If you are working for justice, treat yourself justly too*
- ◆ *If you find yourself resenting the faults of others, stop resenting your own*
- ◆ *If the world seems desperate, let go of your own despair*
- ◆ *If you want a just world, start being just in small ways yourself*
- ◆ *If your situation feels hopeless, honour the one spot of hope inside you*
- ◆ *If you want to find God, then honour God within you, and you will always see God beyond you. For it is only God in you who knows where and how to look for God.*

- Fr Richard Rohr

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