

**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 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 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

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	Amos 2: 6-10, 13-16	Ps 49	Matthew 8: 18-22	
Tues	Amos 3: 1-8, 4: 11-12	Ps 5	Matthew 8: 23-27	
Wed	Ephesians 2: 19-22	Ps 116	John 20: 24-29	
Thurs	Amos 7: 10-17	Ps 18	Matthew 9: 1-8	
Fri	Amos 8: 4-6, 9-12	Ps 118	Matthew 9: 9-13	
Sat	Amos 9: 11-15	Ps 84	Matthew 9: 14-17	
Sun	Ezekiel 2: 2-5	Ps 122	2 Corinthians 12: 7-10	Mark 6: 1-6

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, 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.

**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 29 June</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Mick and Shirley Degnan</i>
<b>Sunday 30 June</b> <i>FEAST OF SAINT PETER AND PAUL</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>World Peace</i> 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>
<b>Monday 1 July</b>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 2 July</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i>
<b>Wednesday 3 July</b> <i>ST THOMAS APOSTLE</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Family mental health</i>
<b>Thursday 4 July</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Johnson and Dixon Families</i>
<b>Friday 5 July</b>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: <i>Gemma Murray's birthday</i>
<b>Saturday 6 July</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 7 July</b>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale</i> 11.00 am Family Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>

## Quotation

*"The hardest thing in the world to understand is income tax"*  
- **Albert Einstein**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

## *Flying the Flag*

*Some time ago, a small manufacturing company in the North of England was awarded the prestigious 'Investors in People' award in recognition of its innovative and continuing development of its employees. The company very proudly displayed the plaque on the wall, ordered its new letterhead - and, most importantly to them, flew the IIP flag from the top of a new flagpole, which was placed in the car park alongside the Union Jack and a flag of the company's own logo.*

*Being in a fairly remote part of the country, the site was prone to high winds and severe weather, and so it was no surprise when one morning a few months later, staff arrived at the building to find the precious IIP flag had blown down. What was surprising, however, was the reaction within the organisation to this seemingly innocuous event. Within minutes, the news had travelled round the site of the ill-fated flag, and within hours the stories being reported to me were: 'I knew we were going downhill... and now look, we've even lost our IIP award, and the directors haven't got the courage to tell us.'*

## MORAL

*Beware the ripple power of stories!*

## 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**