

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 4 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Sunday 5 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Paddy Broderick</i>	
Monday 6 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Tuesday 7 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ida Herbert</i>	
Wednesday 8 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Elaine Miller</i>	
Thursday 9 April <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	7.00 pm Mass: <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	
Friday 10 April <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3.00 pm: <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i>	
Saturday 11 April <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	7.00 pm Easter Vigil: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Sunday 12 April <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £  
Thank you.

## Quote:

"Work alone will efface the footsteps of work" - James A McNeill Whistler (Artist)

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £  
Thank you.

**In addition to the church collections, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.**

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# PALM SUNDAY

## THE SIGNS OF INNER PEACE

*This could pose a serious threat to the condition known as conflict in the world. Here are some signs and symptoms of inner peace:*

- ◇ *A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experience*
- ◇ *An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment*
- ◇ *Loss of interest in being judgemental of other people*
- ◇ *Loss of interest in conflict of all kinds*
- ◇ *Loss of ability to worry—in itself a serious symptom of inner peace*
- ◇ *Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation*
- ◇ *Contented feelings of connectedness with others and with nature*
- ◇ *Frequent attacks of smiling and even laughter*
- ◇ *An increased tendency to let things happen rather than the urge to make them happen*

*If you have two or more of these symptoms, you are in grave danger of being out of step with the rest of the world!*

**Copies of the weekly bulletin, the Partnership Note and any other handouts will be available in a plastic storage box at the door of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's presbyteries. Please take what you need.**

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will no longer be open for private prayer. This is an arrangement no one would otherwise welcome but in the unprecedented circumstances we must take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

## Confession Times

St Mary

Saturday  
10.15 - 11.00 am,

Also by request and any other time by simple arrangement

**Palm Sunday** - this weekend, 5th April. Palms, bulletins, Partnership notes and Conversations questions and Catholic papers will be available to be collected from the plastic box outside St Wilfrid's or St Mary's presbytery door. The Northern Cross will not be available in printed form this weekend but will be available on line, free of charge by visiting [northerncross.org.uk](http://northerncross.org.uk) and clicking on the pdf icon on the home page.

**Notes about Holy Week** - Unfortunately we'll each need to do our best to celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Saturday (Easter Vigil) and Easter Sunday however we can. If we are up and running with being able to stream Mass and our other special Holy Week services, we'll be able to be 'present' online. We've received some details from Bishop Robert based on directions from the Vatican that some features of our celebrations will be abbreviated or omitted:

- Clearly, veneration of the Cross on Good Friday is not possible in church, but if you have a crucifix at home you may wish to join in by venerating your crucifix. There will be some special prayers added into our Good Friday afternoon service. Since we do not have the Passion Play in the Market Place, our Good Friday Liturgy will be at the traditional time of 3pm. Please take some quiet time to be with us then.
- On Easter Sunday, there's a regional if not national initiative encouraging everyone to Sing Resurrection. At 10am on Easter Sunday morning everyone is invited (at home or outside their house) to sing 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today' and 'Thine be the Glory' - two well known Easter hymns. I'll be singing the first at 10am Mass on Easter Sunday and the second at the end of Mass. See what you can do. The words are on our website and on the back of the Conversations sheet available from the box at the presbytery door at St Wilfrid's and St Mary's.

**The prayers of the parish** - it feels odd and uncomfortable not to be gathering on Sunday and other days for Mass and other events in church. But we can pray and we must. Our prayers to God who showed his care for the sick and the worried in the many ways Jesus did, means we're expressing our trust in our compassionate Lord. It also connects us to a huge family of praying people, many of whom will bring wisdom and God's Spirit in the lives of individuals and arrangements providing help.

I will be offering Mass at 10am each day and if you are free and able to take some moments of quiet at home at the same time - to join in a heartfelt way with the power and beauty of the Mass - it will be a sign and experience of our parish family. Just being aware of Mass being offered daily in the parish is a bonding initiative that can become more and more important to us. You may have heard that joining in Mass when not physically present is sometimes called an Act of Spiritual Communion. Do this by sitting quietly and be aware you are in God's presence. Identify with Mass being offered and make a simple pray like this:

**Great and gentle God, present among us, I love you as strongly as I am able. I deeply desire to receive you at Mass. Join me in Communion with you and all in your body, the Church, and keep me united with you forever. Amen**

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  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Joan Banks*

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 50:4-7	Ps 21	Philippians 2: 6-11	Mark 14:1-15, 4-7
Mon	Isaiah 42: 1-7	Ps 26	John 12: 1-11	
Tues	Isaiah 49: 1-6	Ps 70	John 13: 21-33,36-38	
Wed	Isaiah 50: 4-9	Ps 68	Matthew 26: 14-25	
Thurs	Exodus 12: 1-8,11-14	Ps 115	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	John 13: 1-15
Fri	Isaiah 52: 13-53, 12	Ps 30	Hebrews 4: 31 14-16, 5: 7-9	John 18: 1-19: 42
Sat	Ezekiel 36: 16-28	Ps 41	Romans 6: 3-11	Mark 15: 33-16:6
Sun	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Ps 21	Colossians 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9

We'll stay in touch. We're still trying to make arrangements to stream our Mass over the internet and we'll let you know details. In the meantime you can access Mass being streamed on line by going to [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). Take care and thank you.

**The Foodbank** - operates from Woodhouse Close Church Centre as the distribution point for the food you generously bring to St Wilfrid's and St Mary's. A smaller amount is usually kept at St Mary's to help individuals outside of the hours the foodbank is open. To comply with safety arrangements for those managing the foodbank and those needing help, the foodbank will be open only on **Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 12 noon.** We still need a range of staple items and ask if you are able to donate food or money, these can be taken direct to Woodhouse Close Church Centre during the times above or brought to St Mary's presbytery. The need is still great and increasing. If you can help at all, many worried people will be very grateful. Thank You.

**Masses** - If you wish to put in Mass intentions, these should be in an envelope with the details clearly indicated and your name and phone number.

**Weekly offerings** - Clearly, the parish income is affected by the present arrangements. Direct debits will continue as usual and any weekly packets can be saved until we are able to resume Sunday Masses, or you may wish to put them through the letter box at St Mary's presbytery. You can pay directly into our parish HSBC account. The details are: Sort Code 403445 Account Number 01179489 in the name of DHN BISHOP AUCKLAND, ST MARY AND ST WILFRID. Thank you.

**St Wilfrid's Monthly Lottery Draw** - prizes for this month as follows:

1st prize £50 number 165 - A Smith  
2nd prize £30 number 59 - Joan Carr  
3rd prize £20 number 118 - Joan Wallis  
4th prize £20 number 40 - Nora Hutchinson  
5th prize £15 number 12 - H. Lee  
6th prize £15 number 136 - Kieran Simpson  
7th prize £15 number 5 - Viv Crosby  
8th prize £15 number 119 - Monica Robinson

Prizes this month £180 total to church funds £163.50.

Thanks to all who support this fund raising effort.

Having drawn the winners for March, we will now suspend the parish lottery until we re-open our churches. Any money paid in advance will be held over and taken into account at restart.