

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

ONE WEEK ONLY- Plant Exchange - on Saturday 18 May, to celebrate Laudato Si week the whole parish is invited to bring in plants to share with others. As the theme is 'Seeds of Hope' seedlings are also included (But no empty plant pots please). Leave offerings on the marble bench outside the meeting room.

Bible Alive - the May edition of Bible Alive is available at the back of church for those who ordered a copy. The price is still £1.50.

Pope Francis recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND - all are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on **Saturday 29th 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 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 or Tel. 01207 592244.

Quiz Night - a big thank you to all who organised and attended the quiz night on 18 April. A total of £133 was made and this will go to support crisis work.

The Foodbank - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, soup, tinned rice, UHT milk and toilet rolls. Also bags for life again. Help with funds for assisting with gas and electricity needs.**

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 9: 26-31	Ps 21	1 John 3: 18-24	John 15: 1-8
Mon	Acts 16: 11-15	Ps 149	John 15: 26-16:4	
Tues	Acts 16: 22-34	Ps 137	John 16: 5-11	
Wed	Act 17: 15, 22-18:1	Ps 148	John 16: 12-15	
Thurs	Acts 1: 1-11	Ps 46	Ephesians 1: 17-23	Mark 16: 15-20
Fri	Acts 18: 9-18	Ps 46	John 16: 20-23	
Sat	Acts 18: 23-28	Ps 46	John 16: 23-28	
Sun	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26	Ps 102	1 John 4: 11-16	John 17: 11-19

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.

Environmental Survey - our annual environmental survey has come around again. This is the 3rd year for this. If possible we would like to invite as many people as possible to complete it and return it within 4 weeks. Following last years' survey we provided battery recycling boxes which have proved to be popular. As a parish community we are trying to implement small steps which help care for the earth and our local community. Thank you.

HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP - there are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk offerings on the marble bench outside the meeting room.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 4 May <i>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Paul Mary Chu Sinh</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 5 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Bishop Kevin Dunn & Fr Ciaran McDonnell</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>
Monday 6 May	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 7 May <i>St John of Beverley</i>	No Mass
Wednesday 8 May	No morning Mass 7.00 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 9 May <i>THE ASCENSION of THE LORD</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>For Forgotten Souls</i>
Friday 10 May	No Mass
Saturday 11 May	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ian Lloyd</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 12 May <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Peter Maria Chu Sinh</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Private Intention</i>

Quotation

"Don't complain about growing old. Many are denied the privilege"
- **Somerset Maugham**

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

It's how it is

We have been called to share in the Resurrection of Jesus not because we have fulfilled all the laws of God and man, not because we are religious heroes, but because we are suffering and struggling human beings, sinners fighting for our lives, prisoners fighting for freedom, rebels taking up spiritual weapons against the powers that degrade and insult our human dignity.

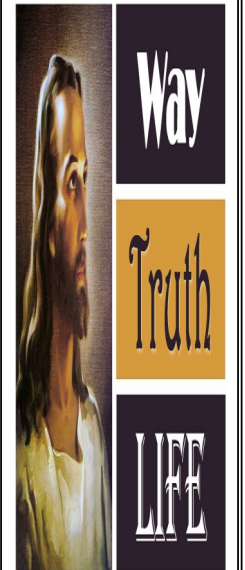
If we had been able to win the battle for freedom without his help, Jesus would not have come to fight for us and with us. But he has come to gather us around him in the battle for freedom.

The fact that we have been wounded in the fight, or the fact that we may have spent most of the time, so far, running away from the battle makes no difference now.

He is with us.

He is risen.

- *Thomas Merton*



Confession Times

St Mary's

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

St Wilfrid's

**before
Sunday
Mass**