

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 8 May</b>	<b>10.30 am First Communion Mass: (Group III)</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Emma van Spyk</b>
<b>Sunday 9 May</b> 6th Sunday of Easter	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Brooke Hirst</b> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish</b>
<b>Monday 10 May</b>	<b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b> <b>1.30 pm Requiem Mass for JACK TOBIN</b>
<b>Tuesday 11 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass: Health of John and Carol Hodge</b>
<b>Wednesday 12 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass: For an end of the pandemic</b> <b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b> <b>7.00 pm - Vigil Mass: People of the parish</b>
<b>Thursday 13 May</b> ASCENSION of the LORD	<b>10.00am Mass: Eric Walsh</b>
<b>Friday 14 May</b> ST. MATTHIAS Apostle	<b>10.00 am Mass: Fr Ronnie Richmond</b> <b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b>
<b>Saturday 15 May</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass: Gavin Sword</b> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish</b>
<b>Sunday 16 May</b> 7th Sunday of Easter	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Eileen Stockton and deceased of the Stockton and Cruddace Families</b> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Deceased of the Shaughnessy Family</b> <b>5.00 pm Prayers for the end of the pandemic</b>

Quote:

"Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire" -  
**Gustav Mahler (Composer)**

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO OUR LADY DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

*O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, health of the sick.  
At the cross you took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.  
You know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen*

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

Following government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will be open for private prayer and for Mass. See this bulletin for details. We continue to take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

### Confession Times

St Mary

By request and by simple arrangement.

**Scam** - if you've received an email pretending to be from me as parish pastor please delete it without opening it. It'll be asking for money for various causes or seeking Amazon vouchers. There are heaps of scams around at the minute and this is one of them, it's annoying. Ignore it. It's not from me. Thanks.

**Eastertide** - last week I suggested we start a interest group for exploring what it means today to be an active follower of the Lord. This is about how we understand being a Catholic Christian now and what would be helpful for us. We can listen and support whatever needs people express. I suggested we call it 'Come as you are'. I've heard from only one person. I know that more are interested but can you please let me know?

Many people have a true and committed sense of what following Jesus requires and try to carry it out. I know others would welcome more discussion and ideas and that's what this group suggestion is hoping to help with. It'll be relaxed and friendly and we have much to gain. Talk to one of your pals and let me know that you'd both be interested. I'd love to hear from you. Thanks

**CAFOD cheques** - if you ever make out a cheque to CAFOD for us to send off on your behalf could you please make it payable to CAFOD St Marys and St Wilfrid because we have a pay-in account with the London Office (CAFOD Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB). We can still take completed Gift Aid forms for money already paid in. Thank you.

The total so far raised from our Walk for Water scheme during Lent is now £5000. Well done everyone. What a team!

**CAFOD Gift Aid forms** are available in church for all who can gift aid their CAFOD donations. Sponsor money can be gift aided too.

**Northern Cross** - is our paper. Can you commit to either picking up a copy from church - in which case I need to know so that I can order the correct number of copies - or you wish to order an online or postal copy by filling in the sheet given out 2 weeks ago. Talk to me! The May edition is available now.

**Found** - a ring has been found in St Mary's car park. Please phone the presbytery if it's yours or you know who may have lost it. Thanks.

**The Foodbank** - is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. The difference it makes helps people get through the week. **Opening hours are 9.00 am to 3 pm Monday to Thursday.** The Centre will not be operating on Fridays or across weekends. I keep emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **Could**

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  
Tyler Quinn*

*Maureen Nicholson  
Norah Hutchinson  
Robin Davis  
Angela Graham  
Stephen Gregory  
Frank Ridley  
Jacob Thomas  
Charlotte Thomas  
Sheila Campbell  
John Boyle  
Teresa Brown  
Joan Hannon  
Christina Marsh (3)  
Kathy Lloyd  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Margaret Pattenden  
Dave Fleming*

*Please pray for*

**JACK TOBIN (90) and  
MICHAEL PATRICK  
THOMPSON (73)  
who have died. May  
they rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 10: 25-26,34-35,44-48	Ps 97	1 John 4: 7-10	John 15: 9-17
Mon	Acts 16: 11-15	Ps 149	John 15: 26-16:4	
Tues	Acts 16: 22-34	Ps 137	John 16: 5-11	
Wed	Acts 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 1: 15-17, 20-26	Ps 112	John 15: 9-17	
Sat	Acts 18: 23-28	Ps 46	John 16: 23-28	
Sun	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	Ps 102	John 4: 11-16	

**we request the following for the foodbank please: biscuits, mugshots/pot noodles, toothpaste, shower gel, tooth brushes, shampoo, tinned meat pies, rice pudding, tinned fruit, packet soup and sweets. We have sufficient beans and soup at the moment. In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be invaluable.** You can put anything in an envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on.

**Jeannie and Mike Hardy** have been participating in the Global Catholic Movement addressing the environmental crisis affecting the whole world. Have a word with them about it. Lets see if we can start a parish group. More information later.

**Parish finances** - Please remember to use your yellow envelopes, not forgetting the white second collection envelope also. The envelopes are important as it enables us to identify offerings that are Gift Aided. The tax recovered from HMRC is an important amount which requires us to use the envelopes as part of our recording systems. No envelope, no gift aid reclaimed.

**Payment of Offerings by Bank Transfer** - Any parishioner who wishes to stop paying their offerings in cash, can arrange to pay direct from their bank account into the church account. See copies in the plastic box on the presbytery doorstep. Thank you.

**Used stamps** - can be brought to church for helping the work of the Little Sisters of the poor. Thanks.

**Woman's Refuge** - are only accepting woman's, children's and baby clothes. Unfortunately no toys or games can be accepted at present.

**Father Barry Matthews** - Fr Barry Matthews would like to thank everyone for all their kind offers of help with household items and transport as he resettles in England. He now has most of what he needs and hopes to move in shortly - if there is anything he is not able to use, it will be passed on to one of the charities. Thank you.

**Please continue to send us your email addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you.**

**PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.**