

**Lent Extra** - copies of Lent Extra are on sale at the back of church at £2.50 each.

**Laudato Si Group: Dates for your diary - Sunday 24th March** come and take part in a walk and enjoy refreshments afterwards. Meet at St Wilfrid's church at 2 pm. Route will be fairly flat and suitable for casual walkers. Raise money to support CAFOD. Everyone is welcome. Why not consider taking part in the UK wide 'Big Plastic Count' between 11th- 17th March. Sign up to take part via the internet with the Big Plastic Count team by searching 'bigplasticcount'. You will be sent information to take part prior to the week.

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

**Quiz night** - make a note in your diary - Thursday 18 April for our next quiz night.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, pasta sauce, jam, small tins of meat, tinned potatoes and sugar. 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.

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  
Senara Wilton*

**Please pray for**

**RAYMOND JOHNSON  
(82)  
who has died.**

**May he rest in  
peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23	Ps 136	Ephesians 2: 4-10	John 3: 14-21
Mon	Isaiah 65: 17-21	Ps 29	John 4: 43-54	
Tues	Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12	Ps 45	John 5: 1-3, 5-16	
Wed	Isaiah 49: 8-15	Ps 144	John 5: 17-30	
Thurs	Exodus 32: 7-14	Ps 105	John 5: 31-47	
Fri	Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22	Ps 33	John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30	
Sat	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	Ps 7	John 7: 40-52	
Sun	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Ps 50	Hebrews 5: 7-9	John 12: 20-30

**Age UK** - Tunes and Chat Community Café at St John's School on Friday 22 March at 1.30 to 2.30pm and every 4th Friday of each month. Enjoy live music whilst having a cuppa. This is a free event.

**Passover Meal** - we will be sharing the Passover Meal once again on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm in St Wilfrid's Presbytery. As always, it gives us the opportunity to celebrate all that God has done for us with an occasion which is a unique mixture of the social and the spiritual. Numbers are limited - please get your ticket at St Wilfrid's or give Michael Broadbent a ring on 01388 488569. A contribution of £6.00 is asked to cover the cost of the meal.

**Wanted** - any unused or unwanted mug racks or kitchen roll holders. We are planning on using our many unused Christmas tree baubles and making window sill decorations for St Mary's. Many thanks.

**SVP 200 Club**- winning February numbers are 17 and 198.

**Summary of Listening Exercises, Result of Questionnaire and Bishop Stephen's Response**

On our diocesan website <https://diocesehn.org.uk/> you will find all the summaries from the various listening exercises that have been running since the summer of 2023, and the results of the Questionnaire for the Dicastery of Bishops Report from March 2023. These are together with Bishop Stephen's response to what has been presented to him. He reflects on the past, present and our future together. The documentation is necessarily lengthy. Too lengthy for a pastoral letter. If you wish to have hard copies of all or parts of the suite of documents, then please contact the parish office.

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 9 March</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Paddy Cosgrove</i> 10.30—12.30 pm <i>Laudato Si Coffee Morning and bulb planting at St Mary's</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
<b>Sunday 10 March</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	09.30 am Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>Peter Maria Chu Sinh</i> 11.00 am Mass at <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>Vasey, Hogg and Cruddace Families</i>
<b>Monday 11 March</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 12 March</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i>
<b>Wednesday 13 March</b>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
<b>Thursday 14 March</b>	<u>9.00 am</u> Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
<b>Friday 15 March</b>	8.15 am Mass in <b>St John's School Chapel</b> 10.00 am Mass: <i>Sr. Edward Marie Jordan</i> 6.30 pm <i>Stations of the Cross at St Mary's</i>
<b>Saturday 16 March</b>	No morning Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Sunday 17 March</b> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	09.30 am Mass at <b>St Wilfrid's</b> : <i>Family Mass: People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at <b>St Mary's</b> : <i>Michael Gill</i>

**Quote:**

*"Without libraries we have no future and no past"*  
- **Ray Bradbury**

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# 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

### A HYMN FOR LENT

Creator of the earth and skies,  
To whom the words of life belong,  
grant us thy truth to make us wise;  
grant us thy power to make us strong.

Like theirs of old, our life is death,  
our light is darkness, till we see  
the eternal Word made flesh and breath,  
the God who walked by Galilee.

We have not known thee: to the skies  
our monuments of folly soar,  
and all our self-wrought miseries  
have made us trust ourselves the more.

We have not loved thee; far and wide  
the wreckage of our hatred spreads,  
and evils wrought by human pride  
recoil on unrepentant heads.

For this, our foolish confidence,  
our pride of knowledge and our sin,  
we come to thee in penitence;  
in us the work of grace begin.



### Confession Times

St Mary's

Saturdays at  
10.45-11.30  
and by request.

St Wilfrid's

before  
Sunday  
Mass