

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 10 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>James Halpin</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Thanksgiving (L)</i>
Sunday 11 April 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Elaine Miller</i>
Monday 12 April	No Mass: 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 13 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Wednesday 14 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Ged Lavender and Fr Ciaran McDonnell</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Thursday 15 April	10.00am Mass: <i>Deceased of the Coleman and Ottewell family</i>
Friday 16 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Saturday 17 April	10.30 am First Communion (Group 1) Mass 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 18 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Margaret Jane McIntyre</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Special Birthday</i>

Quote:

"It's not the notes you play. It's the notes you don't play".
- Miles Davis (US Jazz trumpeter)

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WAYS TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS THIS EASTER

Our Easter faith contains a commissioning: to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. How will you be an apostle during this Easter season? Some ideas:

- * *How has God gifted you? Use that talent to make a difference in somebody's life.*
- * *Re-evaluate your work patterns. How can they be more just and life giving?*
- * *Thank someone in a tedious job.*
- * *Consider the subtle way you keep someone dependent and powerless. Begin to change this well-worn habit.*
- * *Count your blessings and tell them to another.*
- * *Thank a suffering person for their perseverance in hope and for the precious witness they offer.*
- * *Listen - really listen - to someone you thought you knew already. Discover yet another God-given uniqueness about him/her and say what it is.*
- * *Contemplate the gift of faith.*
- * *Let go of a long-standing grudge.*
- * *Put yourself in another's shoes. Work hard at overcoming a deeply ingrained prejudice.*
- * *Challenge a negative atmosphere by being enthusiastic!*
- * *Lighten up! Place your biggest worry in God's hands.*
- * *Be prolife: Praise a parent. Welcome a child. Offer a helping hand to a pregnant mum or expectant dad.*

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.

There are many familiar items here which have featured on our bulletin for some time. Part of the problem with information appearing repeatedly is the risk that it may lose its importance. But it's worth reminding ourselves:

- * The Church is the community of the followers of Jesus. That's its importance and its purpose.
- * The parish is how we make that community real here in our local area.
- * You are an important part of how we live out what the Lord asked and continues to ask of us. We give special importance to the Word of God in our Scripture readings.
- * That means we organise for ourselves times of worship and prayer, we celebrate life and death through sacraments and do what we can do to serve people's needs.
- * We do our best in living out Jesus' teaching and example by the care and love we give in our families, our local area and beyond.
- * So we financially and materially support the foodbank, local charities, the work of CAFOD and other agencies through our weekly offerings, monthly collections and one-off appeals.
- * Our schools are key expressions of the Gospel in the individual care and education of the whole person, teaching pupils and students sound values and helping development of life skills.

The items on our bulletin remind us of who we are, how we help ourselves to keep important features of our responsibility as Jesus' followers in mind - so we don't forget. Thanks.

Parish Weekly Envelopes are available at the back of each church. Please collect yours or perhaps arrange for us to deliver. Could all who helpfully donate by standing order please collect your box of envelopes so that you have the white envelopes for the monthly second collections? Enormous thanks.

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

The CAFOD Walk for Water has so far raised more than £4000 through the generosity of our walkers and the kindness of the sponsors who have supported the walks. Enormous thanks for the sensitivity we all feel towards families who have to search every day for water - and water that is not always healthy. We take so much for granted that millions in our world are unable to rely on.

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

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
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh (3)
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 4: 32-35	Ps 117	1 John 5: 1-6	John 20: 19-31
Mon	Acts 4: 23-37	Ps 2	John 3: 1-8	
Tues	Acts 4: 32-37	Ps 91	John 3: 7-15	
Wed	Acts 5: 17-26	Ps 33	John 3: 16-21	
Thurs	Acts 5: 27-33	Ps 33	John 3: 31-36	
Fri	Acts 5: 34-42	Ps 26	John 6: 1-15	
Sat	Acts 4: 1-7	Ps 32	John 6: 16-21	
Sun	Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19	Ps 4	1 John 2: 1-5	Luke 24: 35-48

emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **Could we request the following for the foodbank please: toothpaste, shampoo, coffee, tinned meat pies and packet soup. 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.

Northern Cross - Pick up your copy of the April issue of the paper, available now.

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

Father Barry Matthews - Some of us will remember from his earlier visits Fr Barry Matthews, who is retiring from his work in South Africa and returning to England. He has a house to go to but it has nothing in it at the moment. If anyone has any spare household items (small enough to go in a car), they would be very welcome - please bring them to church, or phone Michael Broadbent (01388 488569) and he will be happy to collect them.'

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

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.