

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
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>	
Monday 13 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Kenny Smith and Gerry Seal</i>	
Tuesday 14 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Christine Bestford</i>	
Wednesday 15 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>May, John and Jim Foster</i>	
Thursday 16 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased of the Carney and Duffy Families</i>	
Friday 17 April	10.00 am: Mass: <i>Jeremy Ottewell's birthday</i>	
Saturday 18 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Owen Grant MHM</i>	
Sunday 19 April 2nd Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £  
Thank you.

## Quote:

"Justice and judgement lie  
often a world apart" -  
*Emmeline Pankhurst*

## 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.**

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Sunday, 12 April 2020

# EASTER SUNDAY

## Make a difference

*One thing is present in every region, everywhere. One thing has stood out and convinced me of the certain triumph of the great human gamble on equality and justice.*

*Everywhere there are people who, despite finding themselves mired in periods of national darkness or personal isolation refuse to give up the thought of a better future or give in to the allurements of a deteriorating present. They never lose hope that the values they learned in the best of times or the courage it takes to reclaim their world from the worst of times are worth the commitment of their lives. These people, the best of ourselves, are legion and they are everywhere.*

*It is the unwavering faith, the open hearts, and the piercing courage of people from every level of every society that carries us through every major social breakdown to the emergence again of the humanising of humanity. In every region, everywhere, they are the unsung but mighty voices of community, high-mindedness, and deep resolve. They are the prophets of each era who prod the rest of the world into seeing newly what it means to be fully alive, personally, nationally and spiritually.*

*It is to these average but courageous people who forever seek the truth, defend the weak, bring the peace, and always, always, always, stand up to protest injustice— it is of you I speak.*

- Sr Joan Chittister

**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  
10.45 - 11.30 am,**

Also by request and any other time by simple arrangement

**Streaming of Mass should be available by accessing The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid on Facebook each day at 10 am. First attempts were poor - especially with the sound quality. We're learning. Spread the word, please, if you would. You can also access Mass being streamed on line by going to [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). Thank you.**

**Happy Easter everyone!** We've had happier Easters but this unusual and distressing time has put us well and truly into the experience of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. The constant ups and downs of our lives echo the experience of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. The journey is always personal and communal as well.

You and your community (family, neighbours, friends etc.) experience Good Friday whenever we have episodes of sickness, pain, loss, disappointment, betrayal etc. Our attitude in faith asks us to let it go - just as Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but became as one of us, even dying.

We experience Holy Saturday in our lives whenever we go through times when nothing is happening. Jesus is in the tomb, his friends are grief stricken, things will never return to how they were, they felt immobilised and not knowing what to do. How do we address this? Let it be. For the moment, recognise we're unable to go back as if nothing has happened. It's a challenging time.

Easter Sunday experiences are the times when out of the chaos and hardship comes a new awareness of things and people we could not have foreseen. We discover ways of knowing, seeing and understanding that we didn't have before and perhaps couldn't have had without the Good Friday and Holy Saturday experiences. Let it flow. Ponder on the new and the possibilities of which you may only be beginning to have a limited glimpse.

Let it go. Let it be. Let it flow. It's the pattern we learn from our journey in holy Week. It's a sacred business. That's why we call it Holy Week. It is about Jesus. But we're all drawn into it. It's our journey too.

#### **Today we are celebrating Resurrection**

This 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 here 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.

Go for it - I dare you - its Resurrection Day! Incidentally, Christians chose to celebrate the Sabbath Day on Sunday (rather than Saturday in the Jewish calendar) because Jesus rose on a Sunday. Every Sunday is now a mini-Easter.

**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

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*

***Please pray for  
HAROLD GLENNIE  
(88)  
who has died.  
May he rest in  
peace***

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Ps 21	Colossians 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9
Mon	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Ps 15	Matthew 28: 8-15	
Tues	Acts 2: 36-41	Ps 32	John 20: 11-18	
Wed	Acts 3: 1-10	Ps 104	Luke 24: 13-35	
Thurs	Acts 3: 11-26	Ps 8	Luke 24: 35-48	
Fri	Acts 4: 1-12	Ps 117	John 21: 1-14	
Sat	Acts 4: 13-21	Ps 117	Mark 16: 9-15	
Sun	Acts 2: 42-47	Ps 117	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31

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 prayer 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***

We'll stay in touch.

**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. Thank you.

**Please note the change in confession times.** We now have to operate behind the curtain rather than face to face.