

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 13 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Eric Walsh</i>
Sunday 14 March 4th Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Julia Mordue</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Thomas Wilkie</i>
Monday 15 March	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 16 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>Wilf Teesdale</i> 2.30 pm Funeral Service for ALICE LOWE at Durham Crematorium
Wednesday 17 March ST PATRICK	10.00 am Mass: <i>Jodie Barker</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Thursday 18 March	10.00 am Mass: <i>Julie Ann Banks</i>
Friday 19 March ST JOSEPH	10.00 am Mass: <i>Deceased Cross and Passion Sisters</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Saturday 20 March ST CUTHBERT	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Tom Cunningham</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Agnes and Lenny Strong</i>
Sunday 21 March 5th Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Ian Lloyd</i>

Quote:

"We have met the enemy and he is us"
- Walt Kelly (American cartoonist 1913-73)

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FORGIVENESS

Father forgive:

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless and the refugee
The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,
The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.*

- *The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation*

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.

CAFOD - To walkers, joggers, dog owners, globe trotters and all who like some fresh air including kids - will you help change the world? Would you please join **Cafod's Big Walk for Water challenge**. **Sponsor forms are available from the back of church, the boxes on our doorstep or just ring up and ask.**

Lent - Given the restrictions we live with, could we be more focussed and imaginative about how we choose to spend our Lenten time? Most folks have experienced a loss of simple human contact. Although we cannot break the rules about meeting people, it is easily within our ability to make contact by other means - phones, laptops and so on. Writing and posting a card (if you're able) can mean a great deal to the recipient. Contacting 2 or 3 people each day will help a lot.

CAFOD Walkers - can bring in sponsor money as it is received and we'll sent it on to CAFOD to be put to use now rather than wait until after Lent. We'll keep records of what comes in to find how helpful we manage to be. Thanks to all walkers and sponsors. You're doing something life-giving. £1,195 received so far! Big thanks.

Care for the planet - there are copies of Pope Francis' excellent document 'Laudato Si' available at the back of church, priced £5.

A great offer from Michael Broadbent - If you are using 'Lent Extra', you might have noticed a review of a film called 'The Way', starring Martin Sheen, which follows an unlikely group of pilgrims as they follow the Camino, the journey to the tomb of St James at Compostela. It's the kind of film you want to watch more than once because there's so much to learn from it. There is a copy of the DVD in each church - feel free to borrow it!

The Foodbank - If you are able to consider helping the foodbank or our crisis fund as a Lenten exercise, this is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. Believe me, the difference it makes is so obvious I wonder why we don't have more contributions to help people get through the week. The foodbank is now needing your help with food for distribution. Please note the new hours for the foodbank operating back at Woodhouse Close Church Centre. **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 we request the following for the foodbank please: hot dogs, tinned or packet potatoes, tinned carrots and UHT milk and we also need carrier bags. 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.

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to "Global Healing" - in 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and

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)*

**Please pray for
ALICE LOWE (82)
who has died.**

May she 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	Jeremiah 1: 4-9	Ps 116	Acts 13: 46-49	Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20
Thurs	Exodus 32: 7-14	Ps 105	John 5: 31-47	
Fri	2 Samuel 7: 4-5, 12-14, 16	Ps 88	Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22	Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24
Sat	Ezekiel 34: 11-16	Ps 96	John 10: 11-16	
Sun	Jeremiah 31: 31-34	Ps 50	Hebrews 5: 7-9	John 12: 20-30

discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about that is happening to our world and who want to take action.

WHEN: Six Thursdays from 18th February - 25 March 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

HOW TO JOIN? To register please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global.

St Mary's is open for private prayer Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 am to 1pm.

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 - thank you all for your prayers and support for our editor, Emma and her family. They are progressing well. Pick up your copy of the March issue of the paper, available now.

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

**INFECTIONS AND DEATHS CONTINUE TO RISE
PLEASE ABIDE BY THE RULES. IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR THE
VACCINE TO BE GIVEN TO US ALL.**