

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 14 May <i>ST MATTHIAS Apostle</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>First Holy Communion Mass 3</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Marie and Joe Robinson</i>
Sunday 15 May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Ann Francis</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 16 May	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 11.00 - 1 pm St Mary's open for private prayer 2.00 pm - Holy Hour at St Wilfrid's
Tuesday 17 May	9.00 am Mass: <i>Derek Taylor</i>
Wednesday 18 May	No Mass
Thursday 19 May	No Mass
Friday 20 May	No Mass
Saturday 21 May <i>St Godric of Finchale</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>First Holy Communion Mass 4</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Deceased of the Tucker and Kellett Families</i>
Sunday 22 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Monica Robinson</i>

Quote:

"Routine is far more dangerous than risk"
- Ben Fogle

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Prayer for the people of Ukraine and Russia

*Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem.
Today, we weep over Ukraine.
We weep for those cowering in basements.
We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets.
We weep for those separated from parents, from children, from spouses and siblings.
We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort those in need and so we pray for Governments opening up borders so that Ukrainians can have safe passage.
We pray for churches and individuals providing food, clothing and shelter.
We pray for medical workers ensuring that shattered bodies are put back together again.
We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.
May the Holy Spirit give us the willpower to turn our tears into action also.
May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the things that make for a just peace in the world today and especially Ukraine.*

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. 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.

Church is open for Mass and each Monday for private prayer 11.00 to 1.00 pm. 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's

By request and by simple arrangement.

St Wilfrid Ripon is this year celebrating the 1350th anniversary of its cathedral and there are a number of religious, musical and art events organised throughout the year. It was consecrated by Wilfrid in 672 AD. It's worth looking at Ripon Cathedral website. **Would you be interested if we organised a trip to Ripon Cathedral for a tour and information about St Wilfrid? Please sign the blue list at the back of each church so we can see what interest there is in this suggestion. Thank you.**

Laudato Si Week - Pope Francis invites Catholic communities around the world to participate in Laudato Si' Week 2022 from May 22-29. The week long global event will mark the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on creation care and unite the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to listen and respond to the cry of God's creation. We will celebrate Laudato Si' week within our Diocese by holding a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm on Monday May 23. Bishop Robert will preside at the Mass and Fr Chris Hughes will give the homily on hearing the cry of the poor and the earth. Music will be provided by pupils from Sacred Heart High School, Fenham. Everyone is welcome to attend this special Mass focusing on creation care.

Care for Our Common Home - Parish Audit of Environmental activities - thank you to everyone who has returned questionnaires. We have received 36 forms and these are currently being looked at. Information will be shared once it has been analysed.

Recipes - During the covid pandemic we received recipes from parishioners and have been planning to put them together into a booklet to be shared. We would also like people to send in and share any recipes which they have that would include 'cheap and nutritional' ingredients. We are aware that many people are struggling with money worries and it would be good to offer ideas that may help stretch family budgets.

The Big Plastic Count 16-22 May— a week of counting plastic used in the home. Please take a form and pin it on your fridge. Count all of the plastic packaging you dispose of in the week and submit your results online to thebigplastic.com/submit

Greenpeace inform us that plastic is a growing problem and despite our recycling efforts much of the plastic is sent overseas and ends up in landfill or burned illegally. The UK produces more plastic waste than almost any other country. Only the US produces more.

Old Spectacles - please consider donating old/unwanted spectacles to Vision Express (Tindale Crescent branch) who will recycle by sending them to those in need abroad.

The Northern Brethren Fund - Remember your loved ones and support sick and retired priests who have given their lives in service to you. In addition to the 4000 Masses celebrated each year, 10 Masses will be offered especially for the donor on his or her decease. Benefactions

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford
Michael Dawson
Mrs Aitken
Val Mundell
Joan Lightfoot
Michael Nicholson
Adam Hudspeth
Christopher Browne
Tyler Quinn
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Frank Ridley
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Teresa Brown
Joan Hannon
Christina Marsh
Kathy Lloyd
Roman Banks
Jane Hardy (Kirby)
Margaret Pattenden*

**Please pray for
TOM LAWLOR
(51)
who has died.
May he rest in peace.**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 14: 21-27	Ps 144	Apocalypse 21: 1-5	John 13: 31-35
Mon	Acts 14: 5-18	Ps 113	John 14: 21-26	
Tues	Acts 14: 19-28	Ps 144	John 14: 27-31	
Wed	Acts 15: 1-6	Ps 121	John 15: 1-8	
Thurs	Acts 15: 7-21	Ps 95	John 15: 9-11	
Fri	Acts 15: 22-31	Ps 56	John 15: 12-17	
Sat	Acts 16: 1-10	Ps 99	John 15: 18-21	
Sun	Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29	Ps 66	Apocalypse 21: 10-14, 22-23	John 14: 23-29

may also be made on behalf of deceased. Those wishing to become Benefactors should apply to their Parish priest. Forms are available at the back of church should you wish to be a Benefactor.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. CAFOD is a member of the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC), a joint agency arrangement that is coordinating funding to provide food, water, healthcare, shelter and clothing for the Ukrainian people in towns and for those fleeing from the warzone. We're also being asked to pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. We don't need to be asked twice to pray for the people and their worried relatives. We don't have the logistics to handle donations of material items. Money is the persistent and most useful requirement. You have donated over £4500 via CAFOD. Thank you big time!

CAFOD's Walk against Hunger - has enabled us to send £750 to CAFOD for their humanitarian projects. Thank you all.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned or packet potatoes, vegetables and long life milk. **No tinned beans, soup or dried pasta required. 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 heating 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. Thank you.

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act - Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk.

Stella Maris - Is holding a Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne on **Saturday 4th June 2022**, led by the Rt Rev Paul Mason, Stella Maris Bishop Promoter, England & Wales. The pilgrimage starts at 12 noon. All are invited. Please check tide times. For further information contact Regional Port Chaplain Paul Atkinson (07906 212 426) or Peter Barrigan (07713 924 504).