

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 15 May	10.00 am Mass: <i>Gavin Sword</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>
Sunday 16 May 7th Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Eileen Stockton and deceased of the Stockton and Cruddace Families</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Deceased of the Shaughnessy Family</i> 5.00 pm Prayers for the end of the pandemic
Monday 17 May	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Tuesday 18 May	No Mass
Wednesday 19 May	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Thursday 20 May	No Mass
Friday 21 May <i>St. Godric of Finchale</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Neighbourhood Harmony</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Saturday 22 May <i>St Rita</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>John and Margaret Oxley</i>
Sunday 23 May PENTECOST	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> 5.00 pm Prayers for the end of the pandemic

Quote:

"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading" -

Lao Tzu, ancient Chinese philosopher and writer

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Solidarity

One of the most memorable and moving paragraphs ever inscribed in English was written by the Dean of St Paul's in his room as he heard the great bell tolling for a funeral. The question occurred to him, 'Who is being buried this afternoon?' a natural question. Then suddenly it seemed to him a foolish question. And he took his pen and wrote a paragraph that the world still intones after many centuries.

No man is an island, entire of itself. Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.

It is a passage both pensive and melancholy, easily remembered. It speaks tenderly and its tone is Christian. Because it sees mankind not as an aggregate of isolated entities. It sees mankind as a body, and it has one revealing phrase: 'Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind'. This simple sentence is biblical in mood, a paraphrase of the noblest Christian teaching. St Paul would be proud to have written it, for Paul invokes the metaphor of the body and sees mankind, and indeed the whole of creation, troubled by the labour of gestation, always seeking to be born, to be unified, to be one in aim and endeavour.

- Fr Hugh Lavery

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.

Easter tide - resurrection means that there had been a death. Jesus died and brought to an end his previous physical life on earth. We've been celebrating the in-between time before the coming of the Holy Spirit. For the apostles it was a difficult time of mixed emotions and getting used to a new role in preaching to the known world. Our task over these weeks has been to think ourselves into how we live out what the risen Jesus asks of us.

After Pentecost we'll start a small group, getting together over tea and cake and explore what being a person of faith means today. Why not sign up on the yellow sheet at the back of church? First get-together will be on **Tuesday 25 May at 7pm in St Mary's meeting room.**

A Novena to the Holy Spirit began on Friday last - we used simple prayers at our daily Masses. There are no midweek Masses until Friday. You may wish to spend a few minutes each day on your own or with others praying that we each get in touch with the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us and we become more active disciples.

CAFOD cheques - if you ever make out a cheque to CAFOD for us to send off on your behalf could you please make it payable to CAFOD St Marys and St Wilfrid because we have a pay-in account with the London Office (CAFOD Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB). We can still take completed Gift Aid forms for money already paid in. Thank you.

The total so far raised from our Walk for Water scheme during Lent is now £5000. Well done everyone. What a team!

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

Northern Cross - is our paper. Can you commit to either picking up a copy from church - in which case I need to know so that I can order the correct number of copies - or you wish to order an online or postal copy by filling in the sheet given out 2 weeks ago. Talk to me! The May edition is available now.

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

Please pray for

**AGNES JOHNSON (85)
who has died. May rest
she rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	Ps 102	John 4: 11-16	John 17: 11-19
Mon	Acts 19: 1-8	Ps 67	John 16: 29-33	
Tues	Acts 20: 17-27	Ps 67	John 17: 1-11	
Wed	Acts 20: 28-38	Ps 67	John 17: 11-19	
Thurs	Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11	Ps 15	John 17: 20-26	
Fri	Acts 25: 13-21	Ps 102	John 21: 15-19	
Sat	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31	Ps 10	John 21: 20-25	
Sun	Acts 2: 1-11	Ps 103	1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13	John 20: 19-23

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 emergency supplies at St. Mary's. **Could we request the following for the foodbank please: toothpaste, shower gel, tooth brushes, shampoo, tinned rice pudding, chocolate and sweets. 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.

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

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.