

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 16 April <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	2.00 pm <i>Blessing of Food for Polish Families</i> 8.30 pm <i>Easter Vigil Mass: People of the parish</i>
Sunday 17 April <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	9.30 am <i>Mass at St Wilfrid's: SVP Intentions</i> 11.00 am <i>Mass at St Mary's: Thanksgiving (P)</i>
Monday 18 April	No Mass 10.00 am - <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 11.00 am - 1 pm <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Tuesday 19 April	No Mass
Wednesday 20 April	No Mass
Thursday 21 April	No Mass
Friday 22 April	No Mass
Saturday 23 April	10.00 am <i>Mass: Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm <i>Vigil Mass: Fr Harry Ryan</i>
Sunday 24 April <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30 am <i>Mass at St Wilfrid's: Monica Robinson</i> 11.00 am <i>Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish</i>

Quote:

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new".
- **Albert Einstein (1879-1955)**

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EASTER SUNDAY

Alive!

There are many people who go through phases when they do not really live, when they move about in a dream world, in an unreal world without any reference to the real one. Belief in the awakening of Jesus means that we ask God to wake us up from our slumber, to open our eyes so that we may see the truth. There are many different kinds of sleep from which God rouses us. There is the sleep of security. We cradle ourselves in security. We deceive ourselves and do not see that it is God's hand that holds us and not our own. Then there is the sleep which is a flight from reality. There are people who fall asleep whenever things get uncomfortable or unpleasant. They are constantly tired and flee into sleep. They cannot bear reality. I heard a story about a teacher who had to give up her job because she simply could not get out of bed in the morning. Not hearing the alarm clock was obviously a subconscious resistance to what life demanded of her.

Try to go through this day fully awake! Open yourself; in what areas of your life do you escape into illusions, do you withdraw into sleep? Open your eyes! Look at reality the way it is! Wake up and get up! Live attentively, raised, resurrected!

- *Anselm Grun*

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's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Easter - May this Easter be a time of blessing for everyone. Can we decide to deliberately express our love and appreciation of our families and friends. Added to that, we're asked to reflect on how widely our circle of support and practical help can extend to others.

Despite betrayal by those closest to him, despite organised opposition, plots, brutality, agony and death, God still forgives, welcomes and challenges us to think this through personally. We're being called to live his values and show compassion for others suffering hardship. The Ukraine horror reminds us of how essential are the living signals of human kindness. In our own area, when love and help for others happen here, we see the message of Easter - the emphatic assertion of life and respect over pain, grief and hopelessness. Even small efforts mean a lot.

COVID rules - There is now no further need to sign in at church or ring or email to note your attendance. We have removed the tapes from alternate benches and churches can return to their earlier capacity while being sensible about distancing. We continue to ask you to wear a mask please and to hand-sanitise on entry and leaving. Church will be cleaned once per week. We are not back to pre-covid and need to proceed with care. Thank you for all your help through these times. Obviously if you have COVID, you must stay at home.

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 Lent Walk - Has raised over £150 so far.

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, **long life milk, tinned potatoes and jam. 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. Thank you.

St. Mary's Piety Shop - have some Meaningful Chocolate Company Easter Eggs for £4.50. These are more expensive than most supermarket eggs - however, the company gives a huge chunk of their

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

PETER HOPE (81)
and
STEPHEN GREGORY (64)
who have died.
May they rest in peace.



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Ps 117	Colossians 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9
Mon	Acts 2: 14, 22-23	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 5:12-16	Ps 117	Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19	John 20: 19-31

profits to charities. All packaging is recyclable, with a high quality chocolate and also includes an Easter Story Activity Guide. Yum yum....

Peru Mission Charity Dinner Dance - On Friday 17th June, The Peru Mission (Charity 1145812) is hosting a Charity Dinner Dance at Rainton Arena, Houghton le Spring. The evening includes a 3-course meal, Brazilian Dance Band "Viramundo", raffle and auction. Tickets are £60 per person. All proceeds to sponsor the work of The Peru Mission in education, healthcare and creating opportunities amongst the poor of Peru.

Care of our Common Home - Environmental questionnaire - Please could all parishioners complete and return the questionnaire that was included in a recent bulletin. If you did not get a questionnaire you can pick one up at the back of the church.

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).

Passover Meal - Very many thanks to all who shared in the Passover Meal on 7 April, and all who helped make it possible. It was good to celebrate it again after the enforced break and it was, as always, a great preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Please note - There will be a Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's at 10.00 on Easter Monday, but no Holy Hour - the next Holy Hour will be on 25 April.

A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OUR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS