

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
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>	
Monday 20 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>	
Tuesday 21 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Wednesday 22 April	9.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 10.30 am - Burial Service for HARRY GLENNIE	
Thursday 23 April ST GEORGE	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Austin Arthurs and Fr Bill O'Neill</i>	
Friday 24 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i>	
Saturday 25 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Denis Jackson</i>	
Sunday 26 April 3rd Sunday of Easter	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £

Quote:

"Please, no matter how we advance technologically, please don't abandon the book "
- Patti Smith (US singer and author)

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £

In addition to the church collections, we also receive on average £420 per month from direct debits. Enormous thanks.

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Sunday, 19 April 2020

Second Sunday of Easter

A Future Prayer for Now

*When this is over
may we never again
take for granted
a handshake with a stranger
full shelves at the store
conversations with neighbours
a crowded theatre
Friday night out
the taste of Communion
a routine check up
the school rush each morning
coffee with a friend
the stadium roaring
each deep breath
a boring Tuesday
life itself.*

*When this ends
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we hoped to be
we were called to be
and may we stay that way
better for each other
because of the worst.*

- Laura Kelly Fanucci

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 - has been taking place at 10am each day - not without teething problems. We hope that we will be streaming on YouTube very shortly and for the moment we're using Facebook - (access The Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid). When we're up and running with YouTube (it takes a while before the facility to stream becomes operative apparently) there will be information on the Facebook page just mentioned and also on the parish website (Parish of St Mary and St Wilfrid). I'm very grateful for the comments received about our streaming and am grateful for the patience shown. Many are accessing Masses in different places through churchservices.tv. By having our own parish Masses accessible on the internet we keep a connection within the parish and beyond since a number of others have joined us for Mass via the Facebook streaming. It's been suggested with some evidence that in, possibly many parishes daily Mass attendance has increased substantially via online participation.

If you are free and able to take some moments of quiet at home at 10am - 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

The Foodbank - The foodbank is now open each day **Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon** and 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. 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.

Enormous thanks - for the generous donations of money given in to the help the Foodbank and the Crisis Fund. Actual food items are much less due to our being closed especially on Sundays. The money donated has been a great help in our being able to buy food for those in critical need.

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 2: 42-47	Ps 117	1 Peter 1: 3-9	John 20: 19-31
Mon	Acts 4: 23-31	Ps 2	John 3: 1-8	
Tues	Acts 4: 32-37	Ps 91	John 3: 7-15	
Wed	Acts 5: 17-26	Ps 33	John 3: 16-21	
Thurs	Acts 5: 27-33	Ps 33	John 3: 31-36	
Fri	Acts 5: 34-42	Ps 26	John 6: 1-15	
Sat	Acts 6: 1-7	Ps 32	John 6: 16-21	
Sun	Acts 2: 14,22-23	Ps 15	1 Peter 1: 17-21	Luke 24:13-35

Important Prayers - please pray for the help needed by so many in these restricted weeks. The sick and dying, the bereaved and those who put themselves at risk for others—all in the NHS, our care professionals and all who keep our shops stocked and open for us. So much is being done in families, keeping an eye on vulnerable members and the support of your prayers helps them. Don't miss the fact that it helps you also.

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.

Mass times please note, the Mass on Wednesday is changed for this week only to 9am so that I can lead in a burial service for Harry Glennie. May he rest in peace.

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.

European Union Citizens - all European Union (EU), European Economic area (EEA) and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply though its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettdstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, relatives and any fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parish, schools and communities. Countries in the EEA are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, The Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany.

**STAY SAFE EVERYONE, THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE. THIS WILL ALL PASS
TAKE NOTE OF WHAT WE LEARN THROUGH IT ALL.**