

This week

Day/Date	Services & meetings
Saturday 1 October <i>St Teresa of Lisieux</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Stephen Layton</i>
Sunday 2 October <i>27th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>For the health of Mary Curry</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 3 October	No Mass 10.00 am - Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm - Craft Group in St Mary's meeting room
Tuesday 4 October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	10 am Mass: <i>Ann and Joe Tindall</i>
Wednesday 5 October	8.30 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 9.45 am Funeral Service at St Mary's for FREDA QUINN
Thursday 6 October	10.00 am Requiem Mass at St Mary's for DAVID CLOUGH
Friday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel (This is the only Mass today)
Saturday 8 October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>For the SVP</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Wedding Anniversary Mass for Angela & David Kirtley</i>
Sunday 9 October <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Paul Mary Chu Sinh</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quote

"What are you going to do with your one wild and precious life?"

- Mary Oliver (American poet)

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27th SUNDAY of the YEAR

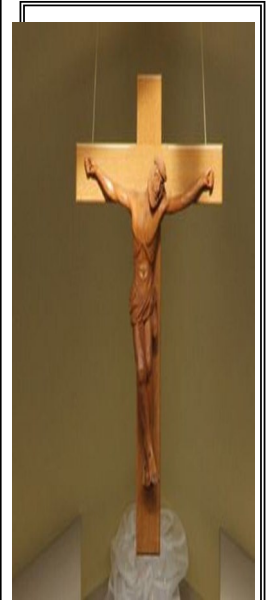
WONDER-FULL

I have often seen some work of art and have felt a desire to meet the person who could create such beauty. In some way that beauty resided in the artist and I wanted to know him or her. I have sometimes had my wish and been able to meet the person in question, and I have to confess that occasionally I have been disappointed. But somewhere, deep down inside them, that beauty must have resided.

So, what of God who surrounds us with his works of art? What manner of being must he be who can create stars and scatter them in such vast spaces? The psalms describe him as marshalling them and calling each one by its name. Standing at night and staring into the clear sky, fills one with awe and wonder.

What manner of being must he be who created colour and put it everywhere? How dull life would be if everything appeared as a black and white photo. I find it helpful to look at things and try and imagine them as shades of black and white, and then suddenly I become aware of their colour. I am continually surprised and delighted by the world God has created, surprised by the shapes, colour, beauty, growth, richness and variety. I find it amazing to think that no two sunsets are ever the same, to think of the seeds that are scattered—how prodigious is God's bounty.

- Fr Ian Petit OSB



Confession Times

St Mary's

By request and by simple arrangement.

COVID Clarification — The Bishop informs us that all the restrictions have now been removed, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion from the chalice, which is still not permitted. The wearing of face masks and the use of hand sanitizer is entirely optional. Holy Communion may be received either on the tongue or in the hand. We can also shake hands again at the sign of peace. These former usual practices have been emerging lately as most restrictions have disappeared generally in other places. I want to record an enormous vote of thanks to everyone who has taken care with the COVID arrangements so that we keep people safe. I am also very grateful to everyone who has cleaned the church after services to ensure surfaces have been treated with our protective fluids. You may still want, should space be available, to maintain reasonable space between individuals, respecting that they may prefer that we continue with that for the moment.

Holy Communion preparation programme for 2022-23 - please forward names and contact details to Fr Dennis if your child is in Year 4 or above and wishes to be involved in our next Holy Communion preparation programme which is planned to start in October. Thank you.

The Craft Group — the craft group will start again this Monday 3 October at 1 pm to 3pm in St Mary's Meeting Room and each Monday after that. Everyone is welcome. Bring any work you would like to do with you or just come for the company. Many thanks.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - this takes place on Friday 7 October. The current world situation has created a food crisis that could well be worse than has been known in recent history. This is a crisis created by other disasters: climate change, coronavirus and conflict in Ukraine, mean food prices are skyrocketing. The contributions to this Fast Day will help relieve the crisis being felt so severely by many of the world's poorest people.

CAFOD Emergency Pakistan Floods Appeal - as we know over 30 million people have been affected by the flood and 10 million made homeless, they have lost homes, cattle, and livelihoods. Families are in urgent need of safe drinking water, food, emergency medical assistance and shelter. CAFOD is part of the Disasters Emergency Community (DEC) launching an appeal in response to this emergency. CAFOD specifically is working with the local Pakistani Organisation Community World Service Asia in the Sindh Province, one of the worst affected areas. You can donate at church today or in the following ways:

By post: send a cheque payable to CAFOD to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. By phone: card payment call CAFOD on 0303 303 3030. To Gift Aid your donation boosting it by 25% at no extra cost to you, collect a CAFOD Gift Aid Form from church here. To donate by Bank Transfer the account name is CAFOD account number 11769410 sort code 160030 Royal Bank of Scotland. Please send an email to dpd@cafod.org.uk confirming the amount, date of remittance and your details. Thank you very much indeed.

Care for Creation - the wonder and drama of space, galaxies, planets and stars is mind-bending. We may be fascinated by the sheer numbers and dimensions of what's going on in our own galaxy and beyond in the whole cosmos - it's all God's creation. Our part is to look after and responsibly protect our Earth. We've damaged it severely and it needs our deliberate intervention.

The Laudato Si group are planning to hold a food/cookery event as part of this

Please pray for the health of:

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

Please pray for

DAVID CLOUGH (83)
MAUREEN NICHOLSON (89)
BETTY TUCKER (78)
and FREDA QUINN (85)

**who have died.
May they rest in
peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4	Ps 94	2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14	Luke 17: 5-19
Mon	Galatians 1: 6-12	Ps 110	Luke 10: 25-37	
Tues	Galatians 1: 13-24	Ps 138	Luke 10: 38-42	
Wed	Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14	Ps 116	Luke 11: 1-4	
Thurs	Galatians 3: 1-5	Luke 1: 69-75	Luke 11: 5-13	
Fri	Galatians 3: 7-14	Ps 110	Luke 11: 15-26	
Sat	Galatians 3: 22-29	Ps 104	Luke 11: 27-28	
Sun	2 Kings 5: 14-17	Ps 97	2 Timothy 2: 8-13	Luke 17: 11-19

year's Season of creation. If anyone has any expertise in cookery or recipe ideas and would like to be involved in a small group of us, please get in touch via email - jeanniemariehardy@gmail.com/mobile Tel: 07708108119, or with Eileen Thornton at St Mary's.

A warm welcome to all who are returning to Mass after careful measures over Covid kept people away. Our churches are safe, we're currently still masked and it'll be great to see you. If you have any questions please ask them. You are part of a living community of faith and continue to be. How we each express that is mainly through Sunday Mass. How can we help?

The Foodbank - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. The following items are needed this week, tinned fruit, biscuits, toothbrushes and sweets/chocolate. **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.

Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - The Ukraine collection box will remain at the back of Church for some time. Please also pray for this cruel situation and the implications of this invasion. **Your donations over recent weeks have enabled us to send £626.60 to CAFOD for the Ukraine Appeal.**

We're looking for more Eucharistic Ministers and Readers and the return of any of our helpful folks who have served us in these ways previously. Singers, musicians, flower arrangers, CAFOD, SVP members all do great work for us. How can you help? Please have a chat. Thank you.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota - A rota is now on the notice board on the left hand side as you enter church. We will always take more volunteers if anyone else would like to join our small band!

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.

I'd like your opinion - I mentioned at 11 o'clock Mass last Sunday that if there were to be sufficient interest it may be possible to have tea and coffee in the meeting room at St Mary's after the 11 am Sunday Mass. For this to happen, it would be essential that we had people willing to look after the arrangement and we would need to know whether there would be enough people taking advantage of the provision for it to be worthwhile. If I hear nothing I will presume that we leave things as they are. But if this would be a help to you or to people you would like to spend a little time with on a Sunday then please have a word. People presume that others will let me know. That does not work. I would love to hear from. Thanks.