

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 20 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Peter Shields</i>
Sunday 21 February 1st Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Arthur Oldfield</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>
Monday 22 February CHAIR OF ST PETER	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Tuesday 23 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joan Carr</i>
Wednesday 24 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Thursday 25 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr David Milburn</i>
Friday 26 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>Paddy Cosgrove</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - <i>St Mary's open for private prayer</i>
Saturday 27 February	10.00 am Mass: <i>John Morris</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Michael Gill</i>
Sunday 28 February 2nd Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Agnes and Michael Coleman</i>

Quote:

"Do nothing, say nothing and be nothing and you will never be criticised"

- **Elbert Hubbard**

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Sunday, 21 February 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

CATHOLIC Agency for Overseas Development CAFOD

Loving God,

*We hear your call
to all who thirst
for a brighter future:
come to the water.*

*Pour out your Spirit upon us
and lead us to walk
alongside one another.*

*Let a desire for change
well up within us.
May we overflow with
compassion and love.*

*And as a stream
wears away stone,
may we reshape
our world together
to reflect your kingdom
of hope for all.*

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.

Following the most recent 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.

CAFOD - To walkers, joggers, dog owners, globe trotters and all who like some fresh air including kids - will you help change the world? Cafod works to enable people around the globe to manage for themselves and their families. For many folks water is a scarce resource and becoming more and more scarce as the seasons become drier and hotter. So would you please join **Cafod's Big Walk for Water challenge. Sponsor forms are available from the back of church, the boxes on our doorstep or just ring up and ask.**

Cafod's Family Fast Day is this Friday, but during Lent please help people in Ethiopia like Abdella, a man who walks for 10 hours a day to find water for his family. He's shattered and exhausted. He has no time for anything else. We need to help him and others.

So I'm looking for any more people to do a 4 mile walk once a week each week of the 6 weeks of Lent. We have 21 people already. Ring me (Fr D) on 603431 if you're on. We're also looking for sponsorship. Remember the money will help Abdella and others by providing solar-powered water pumps, flowing water to cultivate their land and training in farming techniques. Let's see how much we can raise. Walkers please ring me and see if you can get sponsors for your walking. Be inspired by Captain Sir Tom Moore. Step up and out. Pick up the phone. Thank you.

Lent - Is above all a time for prayer. Quiet stuff. It needn't be long, but hopefully frequent. Few words, but take silent time in the Lord's company, just being grateful and enjoying being loved. If you would like to access thoughts for each day of Lent (in addition to those in Lent Extra) you can go online to adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk and look for Daily Reflections for Lent. Also our Youth Ministry Team website, www.ymt.org and look for Wait a Minute! - It's Lent.

Given the restrictions we live with, could we be more focussed and imaginative about how we choose to spend our Lenten time? One of the big learnings most folks experience is the loss of simple human contact. Although we cannot break the rules about meeting people, it is easily within our ability to make contact by other means - phones, laptops and so on. Writing and posting a card (if you're able) can mean a great deal to the recipient. Contacting 2 or 3 people each day will help a lot.

The Foodbank - If you are able to consider helping the foodbank or our crisis fund as a Lenten exercise, this is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. Believe me, the difference it makes is so obvious I wonder why we don't have more contributions to help people get through the week. The foodbank is now needing your help with food for distribution. Please note the new hours for the foodbank operating back at Woodhouse Close Church Centre. **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: hot dogs, tinned or packet potatoes, tinned carrots and UHT milk and we also need carrier bags. In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be invaluable.** You can put anything in an

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

**Please pray for
ANGELA REA (89)
and
CATHERINE ANN DOWSON
(78)
who have died.
May they rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Genesis 9: 8-15	Ps 24	1 Peter 3: 18-22	Mark 1: 12-15
Mon	1 Peter 5: 1-4	Ps 22	Matthew 16: 13-19	
Tues	Isaiah 55: 10-11	Ps 33	Matthew 6: 7-15	
Wed	Jonah 3: 1-10	Ps 50	Luke 11: 29-32	
Thurs	Esther 4: 17	Ps 137	Matthew 7: 7-12	
Fri	Ezekiel 18: 21-28	Ps 129	Matthew 5: 20-26	
Sat	Deuteronomy 26: 16-19	Ps 118	Matthew 5: 43-48	
Sun	Genesis 22: 1-2,9-13,15-18	Ps 115	Romans 8: 31-34	Mark 9: 2-10

envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on.

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to "Global Healing" - in 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about that is happening to our world and who want to take action.

WHEN: Six Thursdays from 18th February - 25 March 2021, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

HOW TO JOIN? To register please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global.

St Mary's is open for private prayer Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 am to 1pm.

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.

Northern Cross - thank you all for your prayers and support for our editor, Emma and her family. They are progressing well. The February edition of your favourite newspaper is now available at the back of church or from the box on the presbytery doorsteps. Price £1.50.

Mission Boxes - can be brought in anytime now to St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Big thanks for the latest collection - St Wilfrid's £474 and St Mary's £278.20. Thank you all for your generosity. Any CAFOD collection boxes can be brought in at any time.

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