

**Daily Vocations Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you come to us in each day's blessings and demands. Guide and encourage us. In our changing world help us not only to respect and learn from the past but to be ever more open to your Spirit as we face the needs of today. Give us the courage to live out what you ask of us now. Call from among us the people and priests necessary for our times and for the world of tomorrow. Give us the leaders we need, the courage to lead others, and the ability to work together. Teach us to see possibilities in every challenge, to know afresh the power of your grace and to realise deeply that you are with us always. Amen

**Bible Alive** - the May edition of Bible Alive is available at the back of church for those who ordered a copy. The price is still £1.50.

**Kynren** - Many of our parishioners have contributed to putting on the extraordinary Kynren show over the past eight years. Do you know anyone who would like to join the hundreds of volunteers on stage, behind the scenes or greeting audiences? There are countless opportunities and roles – something for everyone.

**CAFOD/Laudato Si group** - thank you to all who participated in the Parish walk on 24th March and special thanks to the ladies who prepared and served a very tasty tea afterwards. £100 was raised on the day and will be donated to the CAFOD Lent appeal.

**Pope Francis** recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

**The Foodbank** - A huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, tinned tomatoes, rice pudding and UHT milk. 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 fuel costs 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.

Please pray for the health of:

*Irene Welford  
Mrs Aitken  
Joan Lightfoot  
Michael Nicholson  
Adam Hudspeth  
Christopher Browne  
Tyler Quinn  
Robin Davis  
Angela Graham  
Frank Ridley  
Jacob Thomas  
Charlotte Thomas  
Teresa Brown  
Christina Marsh  
Kathy Lloyd  
Roman Banks  
Jane Hardy (Kirby)  
Margaret Pattenden  
Mary Curry  
Adam Quarmby  
Eileen Kelly*

Please pray for

**MARY FENWICK (70)  
and  
CHRISTOPHER QUINN  
(88)**

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



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 4: 32-35	Ps 117	1 John 5: 1-6	John 20: 19-31
Mon	Acts 11: 1-18	Ps 41	John 10: 1-10	
Tues	Apocalypse 12: 10-12	Ps 125	John 15: 18-21	
Wed	Act 12: 24-13:5	Ps 66	John 12: 44-50	
Thurs	1 Peter 5: 5-14	Ps 88	Mark 16: 15-20	
Fri	Acts 13: 26-33	Ps 2	John 14: 1-6	
Sat	Acts 13: 44-52	Ps 97	John 14: 7-14	
Sun	Acts 9: 26-31	Ps 21	1 John 3: 18-24	John 15: 1-8

**World Peace** - please have a space in your personal prayer for peace in the war zones of the world and for the plight of innocent children and civilians. Thank you.

**Pope Francis'** brilliant document on caring for creation (Laudato Si) is now 8 years old! Not enough has happened over this time so he has written a further document called Laudate Deum (meaning 'Praise God') about the climate crisis. We have some copies at £4.95 at the back of church.

**Environmental Survey** - our annual environmental survey has come around again. This is the 3rd year for this. If possible we would like to invite as many people as possible to complete it and return it within 4 weeks. Following last years' survey we provided battery recycling boxes which have proved to be popular. As a parish community we are trying to implement small steps which help care for the earth and our local community. Thank you.

**Parish Website** - we have had a Parish Website for a number of years now. Here you can find the weekly newsletter and other information. Or if you would like to receive a regular email with the newsletter attached, please send your email address to : [office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk](mailto:office@stmaryandstwilfrid.org.uk)

**HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP** - There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island>. If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email [holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 20 April</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am</b> Wedding of Alison Ohiri and Chinwendu Idu Ohanyere
<b>Sunday 21 April</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Peter Maria Chu Sinh</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>For Vocations</i>
<b>Monday 22 April</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>10.00 am</b> <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> <b>1.00 pm</b> <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
<b>Tuesday 23 April</b> <i>ST GEORGE</i>	<b>No Mass:</b> <b>12.00 pm</b> <b>Funeral Service for MARY FENWICK at St Mary's</b>
<b>Wednesday 24 April</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>For Rose's health</i> <b>12.30 pm</b> <b>Funeral Service for CHRISTOPHER J QUINN at St Mary's</b> <b>6.30 pm</b> <i>Laudato Si Meeting at St Mary's</i>
<b>Thursday 25 April</b> <i>ST MARK</i>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>For Paddy and Diane</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> <i>Finance Meeting St Mary's</i>
<b>Friday 26 April</b>	<b>8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel</b> <b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Jack Moran and Frank Hickey</i>
<b>Saturday 27 April</b>	<b>9.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>10.00 am:</b> <i>First Confessions</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Michael Ward and James Bowman</i>
<b>Sunday 28 April</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Family Mass: People of the Parish</i>

## Quotation

*"Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent"*  
- Ludwig Wittgenstein

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# 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY

### THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I have everything I need.  
He lets me see a country of justice and peace  
and directs my steps towards this land.*

*He gives me power.  
He guides me in the paths of victory,  
as he has promised.  
Even if a full-scale violent confrontation breaks out  
I will not be afraid, Lord,  
for you are with me.*

*Your shepherd's power and love protect me.  
You prepare me for my freedom,  
where all my enemies can see it;  
you welcome me as an honoured guest  
and fill my cup with righteousness and peace.*

*I know that your goodness and love will  
be with me all my life,  
and your liberating love will be my home  
as long as I live.*

- Pastor Kameeta (based on Psalm 23)



### Confession Times

**St Mary's**

**Saturdays at  
10.45-11.30  
and by request.**

**St Wilfrid's**

**before  
Sunday  
Mass**