

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 21 March	Mass: <i>Ian Bowes</i>	
Sunday 22 March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Monday 23 March	NO Mass	
Tuesday 24 March	Mass: <i>For World health</i>	
Wednesday 25 March ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Mass: <i>Deceased of the Arthurs Family</i>	
Thursday 26 March	Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Friday 27 March	Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>	
Saturday 28 March	Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>	
Sunday 29 March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	

ST MARY'S

Collection: £419.58
Thank you.

Quote:

"We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for, I don't know" - W. H. Auden

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £230.14
Thank you.

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

The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A prayer for this time

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us you sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies. Look upon your children in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world.

We turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief.

Deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, and eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil.

We ask this of you, who with the Son and the Holy spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us.

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.

The celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation.

Confession Times

St Mary

Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

Also by request and any other time by simple arrangement

Our Local Foodbank - Many thanks for your continuing support. However, the continuing requests for help have seen some of the supplies become very depleted. This week we need jam, tinned corned beef, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned rice pudding and tins of spaghetti.

We have large supplies of tinned beans and soup so do not need these specific items at present. We would be truly grateful for any help you could give no matter how small. The need for assistance is local and very real. Our continued thanks to you all.

Woodhouse Close Crisis Project are in urgent need of curtains, towels and bedding. If you are able to help, donations can be dropped off either at Woodhouse Close Church or at St Mary's or St Wilfrid's. Thank you. Thank you for many items brought in so far.

CAFOD - Lent Collection Boxes - If your loose change is weighing down your pockets and purses, please take a CAFOD collection box from the back of church. All of the money donated will provide the world's poorest communities with the resources and training needed to maintain sustainable vegetable gardens.

St Wilfrid and St Mary's Red Boxes - please leave at the back of church for the March collection. Thank you for the December collection of £314.83 from St Wilfrid's and £178.20 from St Mary's.

The Coronavirus has caused us all to take the safest measures to protect each individual, especially the elderly, those with health difficulties and anyone we regard as vulnerable. Following advice, our Bishops have made decisions operative from midnight on Friday 20 March 2020 until further notice. You will find these on the handout accompanying this bulletin and on the parish website: Please note the following:

Public Masses cease as of now. For all baptisms, weddings and other church services please contact Father Dennis.

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
Baby Joseph Stephen
Thomas Barker
Who has died. May he rest
in peace. Please pray also
for his family

Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13	Ps 22	Ephesians 5: 8-14	John 9: 1-41
Mon	Isaiah 65: 17-21	Ps 29	John 4: 43-54	
Tues	Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12	Ps 45	John 5: 1-3, 5-16	
Wed	Isaiah 7: 10-14	Ps 39	Hebrews 10: 4-10	Luke 1:26-38
Thurs	Exodus 32: 7-14	Ps 105	John 5: 31-47	Matthew 1: 16,18-21,24
Fri	Wisdom 2: 1, 12-22	Ps 33	John 7: 1-2,10,25-30	
Sat	Jeremiah 11: 18-20	Ps 7	John 7: 40-52	
Sun	Ezekiel 37: 12-14	Ps 129	Romans 8: 8-11	John 11: 1-45

- ◆ These practical measures will pass when things become safe. A positive outlook and attitude will be support to those who worry and are vulnerable. Please help in whatever way you can:
 - By keeping in telephone contact with isolated individuals, the elderly and anyone you care for
 - Please increase donations to the foodbank
 - Please do not go in for panic buying
- ◆ Mass will be celebrated each day but without a congregation and not at the usual Mass times. We will explore the possibility of streaming Mass from here and let you know via our website. In the meantime you can access streamed Mass via www.walsingham.org.uk and www.rcdhn.org.uk and follow the link to the Cathedral.
- ◆ St Mary's church will be open for quiet prayer for three hours each day provided we can have a reliable rota of two people looking after the church at any time. Please phone the presbytery on 603431 if you can be part of the rota for one hour or more any day. Open hours will be 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm each day.
- ◆ Please do whatever you can to ensure your own safety and the welfare of anyone who may be in need of help.
- ◆ Any additional information will be placed on the parish website and on paper handouts available during church opening times.
- ◆ Your prayers for the welfare of everyone at this time are especially important. Thank you.