

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 22 May <i>St Rita</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>John and Margaret Oxley</i>
Sunday 23 May PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Ann Francis</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.00 pm Prayers for the end of the pandemic
Monday 24 May	No Mass 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 25 May <i>ST BEDE</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Thanksgiving (B)</i> 7.00 pm Meeting of Come as You Are Group
Wednesday 26 May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Ann and Joe Tindall</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Thursday 27 May JESUS THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	10.00 am Mass: <i>Birthday Girl's Welfare</i>
Friday 28 May	10.00 am Mass: <i>Bobby Johnson</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Saturday 29 May	10.00 am Mass: <i>Marie le Fond</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Marie and Joe Robinson</i>
Sunday 30 May TRINITY SUNDAY	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Peter and Agnes Hall</i> 5.00 pm Prayers for the end of the pandemic

Quote:

"Truth will ultimately prevail where there are pains taken to bring it to light" -

George Washington

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

WINGS TO FLY

Ponder on the lives of men

What they do

Where they've been.

Stop to question

Asking why

Some men walk

Others fly.

Some are living with their lot

They live their lives and daily plot

The course which leads not up not down

But simply takes them round and round

While others hoping will not stand

For mediocrity in man

And daily striving, move ahead.

Refusing death, and all that's dead,

Again just question

Asking why

Some men walk

*Some must fly**

- Stephen E Garner

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 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's

By request and by simple arrangement.

Pentecost - When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We can remind ourselves that these are described as wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder and awe in God's presence.

They don't come full strength, they are capacities that have to be worked at like every other fitness and skill we have to work towards - but they're tremendous and enviable gifts. Today we thank God for coming to us and living within us. God lives here in Spirit. We are helped as a consequence in many ways. Perhaps when we meet the Lord we'll come to understand how much we were helped, unbeknown to us.

The Holy Spirit is called Paraclete or Comforter, bringing the reassuring support of God's love to us in times of difficulty. Have you ever noticed that the words 'inspiration' and 'inspired' describe the presence of the Spirit within us? Think and give thanks today.

CAFOD cheques - if you ever make out a cheque to CAFOD for us to send off on your behalf could you please make it payable to CAFOD St Marys and St Wilfrid because we have a pay-in account with the London Office (CAFOD Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB). We can still take completed Gift Aid forms for money already paid in. Thank you.

The total so far raised from our Walk for Water scheme during Lent is now £5000. Well done everyone. What a team!

CAFOD Gift Aid forms are available in church for all who can gift aid their CAFOD donations. Sponsor money can be gift aided too. New CAFOD collecting boxes are available.

Northern Cross - is our paper. Can you commit to either picking up a copy from church - in which case I need to know so that I can order the correct number of copies - or you wish to order an online or postal copy by filling in the sheet given out 2 weeks ago. Talk to me! The May edition is available now.

The Foodbank - is a direct answer to the Lord's command to feed the hungry and care for those in any kind of need. The difference it makes helps people get

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



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 2: 1-11	Ps 103	1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13	John 20: 19-23
Mon	Tobit 1:3, 2: 1-8	Ps 111	Mark 12: 1-12	
Tues	Ecclesiasticus 39: 6-10	Ps 36	Matthew 5: 13-16	
Wed	Tobit 3: 1-11, 16-17	Ps 24	Mark 12: 18-27	
Thurs	Isaiah 52: 13-53:12	Ps 39	Luke 22: 14-20	
Fri	Tobit 11: 5-17	Ps 145	Mark 12: 35-37	
Sat	Tobit 12: 1, 5-15, 20	Tobit 13: 2, 6-8	Mark 12: 38-44	
Sun	Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40	Ps 32	Romans 8: 14-17	Matthew 28: 16-20

through the week. **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: toothpaste, shower gel, tooth brushes, shampoo, tinned rice pudding, chocolate and sweets. In the meantime, any money to help with gas and electric needs continues to be invaluable.** You can put anything in an envelope marked Foodbank or Crisis and post it through the letterbox at St Mary's and we'll pass it on.

Jeannie and Mike Hardy have been participating in the Global Catholic Movement addressing the environmental crisis affecting the whole world. Have a word with them about it. Lets see if we can start a parish group. More information later.

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.

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

PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.