

# This week

	Services & meetings
<b>Saturday 27 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Peter and Agnes Hall</i> <b>5.30 pm Vigil Mass:</b> <i>Frank and Robbie Lowe</i>
<b>Sunday 28 March</b> PALM SUNDAY	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>People of the parish</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>Patricia Brodie</i> <b>5.00 pm: Service</b> <i>Forgiveness and Reconciliation at St Mary's</i>
<b>Monday 29 March</b>	<b>10 am Mass:</b> <i>Holy Souls</i> <b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Laura Rea</i>
<b>Wednesday 31 March</b>	<b>10.00 am Mass:</b> <i>Margery Harrop</i> <b>11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer</b>
<b>Thursday 1 April</b> MAUNDAY THURSDAY	<b>7.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: St Mary's</b>
<b>Friday 2 April</b> GOOD FRIDAY	<b>3.00 pm Mass: Solemn Celebration of the Passion</b>
<b>Saturday 3 April</b> HOLY SATURDAY	<b>8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass:</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday 4 April</b> EASTER SUNDAY	<b>9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's:</b> <i>World Peace</i> <b>11.00 am Mass at St Mary's:</b> <i>60th Wedding Anniversary Mass for Ann and Peter Ayres</i>

## Quote:

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;  
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen"  
- *Winston Churchill*

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# PALM SUNDAY

## *This Week*

*Can we slow down as we enter this week?*

*Think about what's true, what's real.*

*Our God lived life with us.*

*He invested in appreciation, in respect, in seeing in people what few others ever see.*

*And he gave it a voice, a touch, a smile.*

*He stood by his fellow humans,  
listened like mad to their stories,  
joined them in their tears.*

*He held hands, hugged lepers, ate with the best and the worst,  
laughed, sang, poked fun - and he loved.*

*They saw it in his face, heard it in his voice - if they slowed down -  
took time to think, to dare to take in that they're accepted,  
included, cherished and honoured, just as they are. It's wild.*

*It was too much for some, who lived narrow lives, fixers who  
needed to control. They missed the invitation to be still and  
discover a God of love, too busy building kingdoms of their own to  
explore one given freely and with an open door.*

*Slowing down - especially this week - is a requirement to savour  
the wonder of God's love. It's hard to believe a gift so big, so  
personal and so universal. You can't do it on the run.*

*So slow down. For heaven's sake. This is a Holy Week.*

**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

By request and by simple arrangement.

**Sunday is Palm Sunday** - Palms will be given to you as you leave Mass today. This another COVID change. At 5pm at St Mary's we will have our Lenten Service of Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Please ring to book in for this so that we can ensure safe numbers. Thank you.

**Holy Week** - this is such a special time and I know that many people make it a very personal part of their prayerful life. The Masses and our Good Friday Service will all be at St Mary's and will be streamed online. St Wilfrid's is not equipped for streaming and our Sunday 9.30 am Masses will not be online. St Mary's 11 am Masses will continue to be available on line as usual.

**Please book in** (01388 603431) for each of the celebrations of the Triduum - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Morning Masses. When we have full safety numbers we will have to indicate that we are unable to accept extras. Turning up without a booking may be risky.

**Parish Weekly Envelopes** are available at the back of each church. Please collect yours or perhaps arrange for us to deliver. Could all who helpfully donate by standing order please collect your box of envelopes so that you have the white envelopes for the monthly second collections? Enormous thanks.

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

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** has regrettably been cancelled this year.

**The CAFOD Walk for Water** has so far raised more than £2700 through the generosity of our walkers and the kindness of the sponsors who have supported the walks. Enormous thanks for the sensitivity we all feel towards families who have to search every day for water - and water that is not always healthy. We take so much for granted that millions in our world are unable to rely on.

**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. The difference it makes helps 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

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  
MICHAEL WINTER (78)  
who has died.**

**May he rest in peace**



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Isaiah 50: 4-7	Ps 21	Philippians 2: 6-11	Mark 15: 1-39
Mon	Isaiah 42: 1-7	Ps 26	John 12: 1-11	
Tues	Isaiah 49: 1-6	Ps 70	John 13: 21-33, 36-38	
Wed	Isaiah 50: 4-9	Ps 68	Matthew 26: 14-25	
Thurs	Exodus:12: 1-8, 11-14	Ps 115	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	John 13: 1-15
Fri	Isaiah 52: 13 - 53:12	Ps 30	Hebrews 4: 14-16, 5: 7-9	John 18: 1 - 19: 42
Sat	Ezekiel 36: 16-28	Ps 41	Romans 6: 3-11	Mark 15: 33 - 16:6
Sun	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Ps 117	Colossians 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9

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: coffee, tinned meat pies and packet soup. 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.

**Northern Cross** - thank you all for your prayers and support for our editor, Emma and her family. They are progressing well. Pick up your copy of the March issue of the paper, available now.

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

**PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND SAVE LIVES.**