

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*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 9: 26-31	Ps 21	1 John 3: 18-24	John 15: 1-8
Mon	1 John 1: 5-2:2	Ps 102	Matthew 11: 25-30	
Tues	Acts 14: 19-28	Ps 144	John 14: 27-31	
Wed	Act 15: 1-6	Ps 121	John 15: 1-8	
Thurs	Acts 15: 7-21	Ps 95	John 15: 9-11	
Fri	1 Corinthians 15: 1-8	Ps 18	John 14: 6-14	
Sat	Acts 7: 55-60	Ps 30	Matthew 10: 17-20	
Sun	Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48	Ps 97	1 John 4: 7-10	John 15: 9-17

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

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

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 27 April	9.00 am Mass: Holy Souls 10.00 am: First Confessions 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Michael Ward and James Bowman
Sunday 28 April <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Holy Souls 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the Parish
Monday 29 April	No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's 1.00 pm Craft Club at St Mary's
Tuesday 30 April	10.00 am Mass: Fr Phil Carroll 5.30 pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 1 May	10.00 am Mass: Edward and Honor Jordan
Thursday 2 May	No Mass
Friday 3 May <i>SS PHILIP & JAMES</i>	8.15 am Mass in St John's School Chapel 10.00 am Mass: Special Intention (P)
Saturday 4 May <i>THE ENGLISH MARTYRS</i>	10.00 am Mass: Paul Mary Chu Sinh 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: People of the parish
Sunday 5 May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Bishop Kevin Dunn & Fr Ciaran McDonnell 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Private Intention

Quotation

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing
- Albert Einstein

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYERS OF THE NORTHERN SAINTS

*Watch, watch
for the bright shining light in the sky.
Aidan and Hilda have passed through the gate of glory.*

*Listen, listen
for the sound of prayer rippling through the waves.
Cuthbert is knocking at heaven's door.*

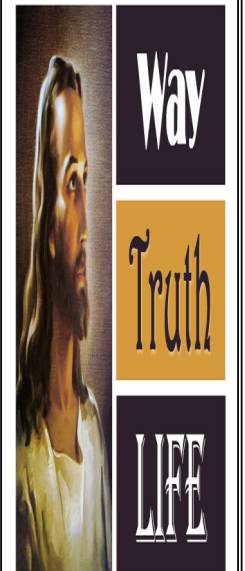
*Sing, sing with Caedmon
the song of God's wonders in sand, sea and stars.*

*Be aware of the saints beside and around you:
the keepers of wisdom; the hospitality givers,
the teachers and healers:
those who shine with the uncreated light of God.*

*Let all the earth be glad and the heavens resound
with the delight of God's people.*

*As Hilda returned to the north as Columba left Ireland,
not with joy and praise but with struggle and reluctance;
so let us wrestle for a blessing, walk with a limp, pray with a
question, put our hands in the wounds of your world,
elusive God.*

- Kate McIlhagga



Confession Times

St Mary's

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

St Wilfrid's

**before
Sunday
Mass**