

# This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 28 March	Mass: <i>Thanksgiving</i>	
Sunday 29 March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	
Monday 30 March	No Mass	
Tuesday 31 March	Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Wednesday 1 April	Mass: <i>Margery Harrop</i>	
Thursday 2 April	Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Friday 3 April	Mass: <i>John Covery</i>	
Saturday 4 April	Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>	
Sunday 5 April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Mass: <i>Paddy Broderick</i>	

## ST MARY'S

Collection: £  
Thank you.

## Quote:

"If you have a garden and a library you have everything you need" - Cicero (born 106 BC)

## ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £  
Thank you.

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

## The Parish of St Mary + St Wilfrid

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## Let's get ethical

*I welcome the future. For it promises to restore to human relationships the compassion and grace, the mutuality and faithfulness, that the Hebrew Bible saw as a lasting ideal - more than that, as the way we bring the divine presence into our lives. The individualism of the past half-century has been one of unparalleled personal freedoms. But it has also been one of growing incivility and aggression, exploitation and manipulation, of temporary alliances rather than enduring loyalties, of quick pleasures over lasting happiness. It has been, quite simply, immature. So long as someone was there - the omnipresent state - to pick us up when we fell, it was overwhelmingly seductive. But it has become dysfunctional and cannot be sustained.*

*Morality matters. Not because we seek to be judgemental or self-righteous or pious. It matters because we cherish relationships and believe that love, friendship, work and even the casual encounters of strangers are less fragile and abrasive when conducted against a shared code of civility and mutuality. It matters because we care for liberty and have come to understand that human dignity is better served by the restraints we impose on ourselves than by those forced upon us by external laws and punishment and police. It matters because we fear the impoverishment of significant groups within society when the only sources of value are material: success and wealth and physical attractiveness. In most societies - certainly ours - these are too unevenly distributed to be an adequate basis of self-worth.*

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

**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.**

Following the most recent government advice, and that from our Bishops, church will no longer be open for private prayer. This is an arrangement no one would otherwise welcome but in the unprecedented circumstances we must take the safest measures we can. Please do your best to stay safe.

## Confession Times

### St Mary

Saturday  
10.15 - 11.00 am,

Also by request and any other time by simple arrangement

**The prayers of the parish** - it feels odd and uncomfortable not to be gathering on Sunday and other days for Mass and other events in church. But we can pray and we must. Our prayers to God who showed his care for the sick and the worried in the many ways Jesus did, means we're expressing our trust in our compassionate Lord. It also connects us to a huge family of praying people, many of whom will bring wisdom and God's Spirit in the lives of individuals and collective arrangements providing help.

Though our churches remain closed at present, I will be offering Mass at 10am each day and if you are free and able to take some moments of quiet at home at the same time - to join in a heartfelt way with the power and beauty of the Mass - it will be a sign and experience of our parish family. Just being aware of Mass being offered daily in the parish is a bonding initiative that can become more and more important to us. You may have heard that joining in Mass when not physically present is sometimes called an Act of Spiritual Communion. Do this by sitting quietly and be aware you are in God's presence. Identify with Mass being offered and make a simple pray like this:

***Great and gentle God, present among us, I love you as strongly as I am able. I deeply desire to receive you at Mass. Join me in Communion with you and all in your body, the Church, and keep me united with you forever. Amen***

We'll stay in touch. We're still trying to make arrangements to stream our Mass over the internet and we'll let you know details. In the meantime you can access Mass being streamed on line by going to [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). Take care and thank you.

**The Foodbank** - operates from Woodhouse Close Church Centre as the distribution point for the food you generously bring to St Wilfrid's and St Mary's. A smaller amount is usually kept at St Mary's to help individuals outside of the hours the foodbank is open. To comply with safety arrangements for those managing the foodbank and those needing help, the foodbank will be

**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 IDA HERBERT (82) who has died. May she rest in peace.***

**Scripture Readings** for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ezekiel 37: 12-14	Ps 129	Romans 8: 8-11	John 11: 1-45
Mon	Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-62	Ps 22	John 8: 1-11	
Tues	Numbers 21: 4-9	Ps 101	John 8: 21-30	
Wed	Daniel 3: 14-20,24-25,28	Daniel 3: 52-56	John 8: 31-42	
Thurs	Genesis 17: 3-9	Ps 104	John 8: 51-59	
Fri	Jeremiah 20: 10-13	Ps 17	John 10: 31-42	
Sat	Ezekiel 37: 21-28	Jeremiah 31: 10-13	John 11: 45-56	
Sun	Isaiah 50: 4-7	Ps 21	Philippians 2: 6-11	Matthew 26: 14-27:66

open only on **Monday and Wednesday 10 am to 12 noon.** We still need a range of staple items and ask if you are able to donate food or money, these can be taken direct to Woodhouse Close Church Centre during the times above or brought to St Mary's presbytery. The need is still great and is likely to increase. If you can help at all, many worried people will be very grateful. Thank You.

**Masses** - Fr Dennis is offering Mass each day but is not able to admit anyone into the church for Mass. We have to comply with the restrictions and cannot make exceptions. If you wish to put in Mass intentions, these should be in an envelope with the details clearly indicated and your name and phone number.

**Weekly offerings** - Clearly, the parish income is affected by the present arrangements. Direct debits will continue as usual and any weekly packets can be saved until we are able to resume Sunday Masses, or you may wish to put them through the letter box at St Mary's presbytery. Thank you.

**Palm Sunday** - is next weekend, 5th April. Palms, bulletins, Partnership notes and Conversations questions and Catholic papers will be available to be collected from the plastic box outside St Wilfrid's or St Mary's presbytery door. The Northern Cross will not be available in printed form next month but will be available on line. More information about this next week. Thank you.