

This week

	Services & meetings	Location
Saturday 29 December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	9.30 am - Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>For all who have died in 2018</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 30 December HOLY FAMILY	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Deceased of the Gabriele Family</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Joseph Ian Bowes</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Monday 31 December	8.30 am - No Mass 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service	St Mary St Wilfrid
Tuesday 1 January MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	9.30 am - Mass: <i>World Peace</i> 09.30 am - Eucharistic Service 7.00 pm - Prayer Group & Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid
Wednesday 2 January <i>SS Basil and Gregory</i>	9.30 am - Eucharistic Service <u>7.00 pm</u> Mass: Margery Harrop	St Wilfrid St Mary
Thursday 3 January	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Joe Tindall</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service	St Wilfrid St Mary
Friday 4 January	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Andrew Patrick Donohoe</i>	St Mary
Saturday 5 January	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Elaine Miller</i> 9.30 am - Eucharistic Service 5.30 pm - Vigil Mass: <i>People of the parish</i>	St Wilfrid St Mary St Mary
Sunday 6 January THE EPIPHANY	9.30 am - Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i> 11.00 am - Mass: <i>Tommy and Veronica Loye</i> 4.00 pm - Holy Hour Adoration	St Wilfrid St Mary St Wilfrid

ST MARY'S

Collection: £530.36
Thank you.

Quote:

"Too humble is half proud"
- Yiddish proverb

ST WILFRID'S

Collection: £257.91
Thank you.

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Sunday, 30 December 2018

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Mary, Mother of God

She had been a child who played, ate, slept, like any other child - but unlike others, wept only for pity, laughed in joy not triumph, compassion and intelligence fused in her, indivisible. Called to a destiny more momentous than any in all of Time, she did not quail, only asked a simple, "How can this be?", and gravely, courteously, took to heart the angel's reply, perceiving instantly the astounding ministry she was offered.

To bear in her womb infinite weight and lightness; to carry in hidden, finite inwardness, nine months of Eternity, to contain in slender vase of being the sum of power - in narrow flesh, the sum of light.

Then bring to birth, push out into air, a man-child needing like any other, milk and love - but who was God. This was the minute no one speaks of, when she could still refuse. A breath unbreathed, Spirit suspended, waiting.

She did not cry, "I cannot, I am unworthy", nor "I have not the strength." She did not submit with gritted teeth, raging, coerced. Bravest of all humans, consent illuminated her. The room filled with its light, courage unparalleled, open her utterly.

- from 'The Annunciation' by Denise Levertov

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will usually be:
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Confession Times

St Mary
Saturday
10.15 - 11.00 am,

St Wilfrid
Before Sunday morning
Mass until 9.20 am.

Also after weekday
morning Masses by
request and any other
time by simple
arrangement

2019 - "Hey, the year is brand new", the man said. "It's never happened before! Just think - a whole new year to do lots of new things. Wow!."

"But there's a pile of old things we need to keep going as well," she said. "And we don't know what this mess of Brexit will do. We'll be worse off, everyone says. What a circus!"

"Aye" but your spirit and mine are going to get us through," he said. "We can't alter what other people do but we have the ability to choose how we get on with living through the mess. Remember, this is a new year. We can do something new". "But we are limited," she said. "But we're imaginative", he replied. "Let's decide to see what good things we can do and not moan about negatives. Beefing about things is valuable when it plants seeds for something better. Let's go for it! OK?!"

Food Bank - many thanks for your support, this week we are short of tinned or packet potatoes, rice pudding, corned beef, tinned mince and steak, fruit, custard, tomatoes, tinned meals, jars of pasta sauces, paste and jam. vegetables, long life milk and pasta snacks. We don't need pasta or rice.

Crisis Fund - please consider helping hard-hit families with gas and electric needs. Donations labelled Crisis Fund can be handed in at any time. Thank you.

FLAME 2019 - Our Partnership is covering the cost of a bus to take some of our young people and interested adults to this gathering of Catholic Youth in Wembley Arena on Saturday 2 March 2019. Will you sponsor a young person's fare (£40) or help towards it? You'll be reimbursing the Partnership and be giving a young person a day to remember. Thank you. Envelopes at the back of church.

Our Christmas Collections - from Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses will be divided equally between The Foodbank/Butterwick Hospice/The Woman's Refuge/The Diocesan Destitute Asylum Seekers Fund. Thanks you all in advance for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Thank you for all who have helped to make our parish community work well over this year. If you have time to offer, please let us know and ideas are always welcome.

20018 Memorial Mass - Our Vigil Mass this Saturday is offered for all of those from our parish whose funerals have

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
Bill Gillon
Maureen Nicholson
Norah Hutchinson
Robin Davis
Angela Graham
Stephen Gregory
Frank Ridley
Christopher Dawes
Jack Tobin
Jacob Thomas
Charlotte Thomas
Marie Robinson
Sheila Campbell
John Boyle
Teresa Brown
Shirley Degnan
Margaret Brown*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14	Ps 127	Colossians 3: 12-21	Luke 2: 41-52
Mon	1 John 2: 18-21	Ps 95	John 1: 1-18	
Tues	Number 6: 22-27	Ps 66	Galatians 4: 4-7	Luke 2: 16-21
Wed	1 John 2: 22-28	Ps 97	John 1: 19-28	
Thurs	1 John 2:29 - 3:6	Ps 97	John 1: 29-34	
Fri	1 John: 3: 7-10	Ps 97	John 1: 35-42	
Sat	1 John: 3: 11-21	Ps 99	John 1: 43-51	
Sun	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Ps 71	Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6	Matthew 2: 1-12

taken place from here. Welcome to families who have joined us for the Mass. There will also be an opportunity to hear you call out the names of others whose funerals took place elsewhere but who we remember dearly as the year draws to its close. Everyone is welcome. Note that we are celebrating the feast of the Holy Family. It has significance for families everywhere.

Catholic Papers - the Christmas issue of the Catholic papers are double issues and, inevitably, double the price:

- * The Universe Christmas Double issue dated 21 and 28 December 2018 £3.00
- * The Catholic Times Christmas Double issue dated 21 and 28 December 2018 £3.00
- * Catholic Herald Christmas Double issue dated 21 and 28 December 2018 £ 5.00

January's Northern Cross - will be on sale here on the weekend of 5-6 January. Hope you can last out until then!

The Second Collection - next weekend will be for the Church's work for racial justice. It will be to support those who work at the sharp end of promoting equality and helping victims of racial discrimination. Since the Brexit referendum, racial prejudice has increased due to an inflated sense of the effects of immigration. This is deeply wounding to many and a challenge to us all.

The White Flower Appeal - which we make each January to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and who campaign against euthanasia, will be on Saturday-Sunday 12 and 13 January. Your support is deeply valued.

Enormous Thanks - to everyone for your love, kindness, prayers, thoughts, cards and gifts over Christmas. I hope it was a blessed and enjoyable time for you. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you greatly.