

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 3 April HOLY SATURDAY	8.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass: <i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday 4 April EASTER SUNDAY	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>World Peace</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>60th Wedding Anniversary Mass for Ann and Peter Ayres</i>
Monday 5 April	No Mass: 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Tuesday 6 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Joan and Ronnie Banks</i>
Wednesday 7 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>Fr Ronnie Richmond</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Thursday 8 April	10.00am Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Friday 9 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 11.00 - 1.00 - St Mary's open for private prayer
Saturday 10 April	10.00 am Mass: <i>James Halpin</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Thanksgiving (L)</i>
Sunday 11 April 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Arthur Oldfield and Wilfred Teesdale</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Elaine Miller</i>

Quote:

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens"
- Jimi Hendrix

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EASTER SUNDAY

EASTER LIGHT

Jesus lights up the landscape; and what St John tell us is that one bit of the landscape that he lights up is the Bible itself. The disciples haven't known how to read their own scriptures until now; but they come to see that the events of Good Friday are part of the pattern of God's work with his people all along. Salvation and renewal always come as people are shocked into the recognition of how deeply they have betrayed God.

God is always faithful to his people, even when all they have to give him is rejection and contempt. And no human rejection can destroy God's longing to be with those he loves. This is what that first Easter morning begins to get across to them. Not even the torturing to death of Jesus can change this love; and so when the disciples come looking for a body, they find an empty grace - like a door open into God's future.

- Rowan Williams

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.

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 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

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)*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 10: 34, 37-43	Ps 117	Colossians 3: 1-4	John 20: 1-9
Mon	Acts 2: 14, 22-23	Ps 15	Matthew 28: 8-15	
Tues	Acts 2: 36-41	Ps 32	John 20: 11-18	
Wed	Acts 3: 1-10	Ps 104	Luke 24: 13-35	
Thurs	Acts 3: 11-26	Ps 8	Luke 24: 35-48	John 13: 1-15
Fri	Acts 4: 1-12	Ps 117	John 21: 1-14	John 18: 1 - 19: 42
Sat	Acts 4: 13-21	Ps 117	Mark 16: 9-15	Mark 15: 33 - 16:6
Sun	Acts 4: 32-35	Ps 117	1 John 5: 1-6	John 20: 19-31

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.

**A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER
TO YOU AND YOURS**

THANK YOU ALL.