

A warm welcome to Fr Melaku of the Verona Fathers who visits us to talk about the missionary activity of the Church and to accept any help you are able to give to assist in the work of spreading the Gospel to all nations. Thank you.

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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.

Pope Francis recognises 2025 as a year of Jubilee and asks that 2024 be a Year of Prayer leading up to it.

SIGNIFICANCE FESTIVAL WEEKEND - all are welcome to the Emmaus Village for the Significance Festival on **Saturday 29th June** from 10.00am. The day will offer a fayre of stalls and activities, sessions for children and young people, guest speakers and live music. Mass celebrated by Bishop Stephen will take place at 3.15pm, followed by a Barbecue and Ceilidh in the evening. Entry is free with charges for accommodation and camping (self-catered) on Friday and Saturday nights. BBQ tickets will cost £10. All proceeds and any donations will support Significance, the charity founded by Fr Dermott Donnelly. Please support this vital work. To book email Nicole at nsalkeld@ymt.org or Tel. 01207 592244.

The Foodbank - a huge thank you for the donations received last week. **The following items are needed this week, soup, tinned vegetables, sugar and bars of soap. Also bags for life. 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

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
John Green*

Please pray for

**MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM
(74)**

*who has died.
May he rest in
peace*



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

Sun	Acts 2: 1-11	Ps 103	1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13	John 20: 19-23
Mon	James 3: 13-18	Ps 18	Mark 9: 14-29	
Tues	James 4: 1-10	Ps 54	Mark 9: 30-37	
Wed	James 4: 13-17	Ps 48	Mark 9: 38-40	
Thurs	Isaiah 52: 13-53: 12	Ps 39	Luke 22: 14-20	
Fri	James 5: 9-12	Ps 102	Mark 10: 1-12	
Sat	Ecclesiasticus 39: 6-10	Ps 36	Matthew 5: 13-16	
Sun	Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40	Ps 32	Romans 8: 14-17	Matthew 28: 16-20

kettle or warm up food.

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.

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 offerings on the marble bench outside the meeting room.

Craft Group - there will be no Craft Group on Monday 27 May. Thank you.

SVP200 Club—May winning numbers 164 and 1.

This week

	Services & meetings
Saturday 18 May	10.00 am Mass: <i>People of the parish</i> 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 19 May PENTECOST SUNDAY	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Private Intention</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>Vasey, Hogg & Cruddace Families</i>
Monday 20 May <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	No Mass 10.00 am <i>Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's</i> 1.00 pm <i>Craft Club at St Mary's</i>
Tuesday 21 May <i>St Godric of Finchale</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Paddy Flynn</i>
Wednesday 22 May <i>St Rita</i>	10.00 am Mass: <i>Kevin Gogarty</i>
Thursday 23 May JESUS ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST	10.00 am Mass: <i>Private Intention</i>
Friday 24 May	No Mass:
Saturday 25 May ST BEDE	10.00 am Requiem Mass @ St Wilfrid's for MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: <i>Holy Souls</i>
Sunday 26 May TRINITY SUNDAY	09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: <i>Ann Francis</i> 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: <i>People of the parish</i>

Quotation

"Imagination is more important than knowledge"
- **Albert Einstein**

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PENTECOST

Prayer is an inside job

St Augustine had a restless and troubled youth and from his late teens spent many fruitless years searching outside himself for truth, happiness and fulfilment. When he was about 33, after much mental torment and uncertainty, he made the life-changing discovery that what he was seeking was within himself.

All we need to guide us, he realised, is to be found in our own hearts. There, in the depths of our being, are truth and goodness and love. And these are to be found there because the source of all life is within, the God who has made his home in us.

And so we get the great lament: the lament that Augustine had taken so long to discover that God had made his home in him; that he had spent half a lifetime searching in the wrong places for what he needed most. And all the time he had been seeking God, God had never been absent. This is what he wrote:

Late have I loved you, beauty ever old yet ever new! Late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside. There I sought you, as I rushed about among the beautiful things you had made. You were with me, but I was not with you. The beautiful things of this world kept me far from you. You called. You cried. You burst through my deafness. You scattered my blindness. I breathed your fragrance, and now I pine for you. I tasted you, and I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me, and I burn with desire for your peace.

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Confession Times

St Mary's

Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.

St Wilfrid's

before Sunday Mass