Fr Melaku who made the Missions Appeal last week has written to thank everyone for the welcome he received and the donations that people generously made. There are still some donations coming in so we will let you know next weekend the total given from both our Church communities.

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<u>Quiz night</u> - the date of the next Social quiz will be Thursday 13th June. Doors open at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm.

<u>Pope Francis</u> 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 Kathv Llovd Roman Banks Jane Hardy (Kirby) Maraaret Pattenden Mary Curry Adam Quarmby Eileen Kelly John Green

Please pray for

ELLEN JACKSON (91)

who has died. May she rest in peace



Scripture Readings for this week's Masses:

| Sun | Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40 | Ps 32 | Romans 8: 14-17 | Matthew 28: 16-20 |
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| Mon | 1 Thessalonians 2: 2-8 | Ps 116 | Luke 10: 1-9 | |
| Tues | 1 Peter 1: 10-16 | Ps 97 | Mark 10: 28-31 | |
| Wed | 1 Peter 1: 18-25 | Ps 147 | Mark 10: 32-45 | |
| Thurs | 1 Peter 2: 2-5, 9-12 | Ps 99 | Luke 10: 46-52 | |
| Fri | Zephaniah 3: 14-18 | Isaiah 12: 2-6 | Luke 1: 39-56 | |
| Sat | Jude 17: 20-25 | Ps 62 | Mark 11: 27-33 | |
| Sun | Exodus 24: 3-6 | Ps 115 | Hebrews 9: 11-15 | Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26 |

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.

<u>Pope Francis'</u> 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.

<u>Environmental Survey</u> - 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.

<u>HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP -</u> 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.

<u>Craft Group</u> - there will be no Craft Group on Monday 27 May. Thank you. SVP200 Club—May winning numbers 164 and 1.

This week

| | Services & meetings | | | |
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| Saturday 25 May ST BEDE | 10.00 am Requiem Mass @ St Wilfrid's for MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Holy Souls | | | |
| Sunday 26 May TRINITY SUNDAY | 09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: Ann Francis 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: People of the parish | | | |
| Monday 27 May ST AUGUSTINE of CANTERBURY | No Mass 10.00 am Eucharistic Service at St Wilfrid's No Craft Group today 2.00 pm Wedding of Katherine Lucia Ferguson and Jack Paul Marton at St Mary's | | | |
| Tuesday 28 May | 10.00 am Mass: Gerard Coleman | | | |
| Wednesday 29 May | No Mass | | | |
| Thursday 30 May | 10.00 am Mass: Ann and Joe Tindall | | | |
| Friday 31 May VISITATION OF OUR LADY | 10.00 am Mass: Birthday Blessings | | | |
| Saturday 1 June St Justin, Martyr | 10.00 am Mass: Fr Phil Carroll 5.30 pm Vigil Mass: Mick and Shirley Degnan | | | |
| Sunday 2 June FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI | 09.30 am Mass at St Wilfrid's: People of the parish 11.00 am Mass at St Mary's: Tony Kelly | | | |

Quotation

"A real person is not afraid of trying"

- African proverb from Tanzania

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Dear BBC,

Whenever I switch on the television there is always war, violence and cruelty. Why doesn't the television ever influence the world to have peace and hope? All adults' programmes are mostly about killing, war and arguments. Nowadays even a simple children's cartoon of Tom and Jerry is all fighting and violence. The news shows war, death and destruction, I accept that, but surely there's some good news in the world that can cheer us up and put a smile on our faces.

How I long to see peace in the world. The BBC comes into all our homes so please show us happiness, faith and hope instead of sorrow. Why can't you follow nature's example. After the dead, bleak winters tiny buds appear on the trees and blossom. When spring flowers peep up through the earth to make the world full of beautiful colours, the world is filled with hope.

Children copy what they see on television so could you please put more positive, exciting, peaceful ideas into our heads. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely,

Baruch Baigel

Baruch Baigel, age 10, Rosh Pinah Junior School, Edgeware

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Confession Times

St Mary's

Saturdays at 10.45-11.30 and by request.

St Wilfrid's

before Sunday Mass