

## Dear Friend,

Does religion make you happy? Or does it give you a headache?

Does religion solve your problems? Or does it create them?

Does religion set you free to live and to love? Or does religion limit you and mess up your life?

Some of us can have deep questions and deep doubts surrounding our faith; questions and doubts caused by the suffering in our own lives:

by the pain of loneliness, failure and broken relationships, by the difficulty we can have in relating to other people, by the conflicts in our marriage, the upsets in our family or the clashes we have with our children.

There can be events in the past that we cannot understand, or cannot accept; events that have deeply wounded us, and the wounds have not healed.

We can have moral problems about the way we live our sexuality, perhaps outside the teaching of the Church, but we don't feel we can live in any other way.

In front of our questions and doubts the Church is not silent. The Church wants to offer us a message of life, a message of hope, a message of consolation, a message of encouragement, a message of love.

But the Church can only speak to those who are willing to listen! Come to the Parish Mission and listen to the Catechesis in the Year of Mercy.

There will be a seat waiting for you which only you can fill.

Fr Hawomir Witon

Parish Priest

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Cover shows the Wilton Dyptic 1195 with our Lady and the flag of St George. With special thanks to the National Gallery for permission to use their art work.

## A Parish Mission in the Year of Mercy

You are invited to Come and Listen to the Good News for your life!

> Tuesdays and Fridays at 7.30pm beginning Friday 13th May

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"God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish." **Pope Francis**