

Diary

Monday, 11th August: C.W.L. meeting at 2 p.m. in the Millennium Room for refreshments.

Friday, 15th August: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our patronal feast and a holy day of obligation – there will be a feast day celebration of Mass at 7 p.m. at which the guest preacher will be Canon Tom Dakin. This will be followed by a social gathering in the Millennium Room. Please come to honour Mary, our patron, on this, her greatest feast.

Sunday, 31st August: S.P.U.C meeting at 6 p.m. at Emmanuel Church, Lofthouse Way. The guest speaker will be Peter Smith who works full-time for S.P.U.C.

Friday, 12th to Sunday 14th September: "Brave of Heart" – a weekend journey for men at the Old Convent, Wigton, with life changing talks, praise, worship and fellowship, Mass and the opportunity for Reconciliation (*donation only after £5 registration fee*) – for more details, visit www.coretlumenchristi.org or telephone 016973 45623 or e-mail stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

Red Mission Boxes

Did you know that you can claim Gift Aid on your donations? There are forms at the back of church which give full details of the scheme. You can get in touch with Peggie Ball on 875549 or Audrey Armour on 875503.

The Gaza Crisis – from Cafod

Please help to stop the violence in Gaza and provide aid to families who are in great need. Write to the Foreign Secretary, The Right Honourable Philip Hammond, asking him to show stronger support for a comprehensive and permanent ceasefire, to help secure humanitarian access to the people who are suffering and to work with other Governments to find a long-term solution to the Israeli – Palestinian conflict. The address is The Foreign & Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH or simply **sign the Cafod petition** on the table at the back of church. "We have to continue tirelessly to pray for peace but prayers alone are not enough. There must also be a serious effort to reach a peace accord." Bishop William Shomali, Auxiliary Bishop of Jerusalem.

World Youth Day in Krakow, July 2016

Fifty places are available for young people from this Diocese. The age range is 16 to 23 years. The all-inclusive cost is £750 for the week as well as preparation weekends. Join millions of young people from around the world for the event of a life-time! For more information, visit www.castleriggmanor.co.uk or www.worldyouthday.com/krakow-2016
For parents: "The best thing I did in eighteen years of bringing up my son was to buy him a ticket for World Youth Day."

Welcome families and friends to St Mary's: join us in the Millennium Room for refreshment and community social time after 10.30 a.m. Mass.



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Sunday Mass 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Weekdays except Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 6:40 p.m. Rosary, 7 p.m. Mass

Mondays: 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist : Saturday 10:30-11 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th August, 2014

New Parish E-mail Address

Please note that the parish now has a new e-mail address which you can begin using straight away. Eventually, the old one will be dispensed with. The new address is parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk. Soon, we will have a new website up and running – more details later. If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail – saving on our printing costs – please e-mail the new address with your name, address and contact telephone number and we will begin sending you the newsletter straight away.

Holiday at the Villa Palazzola, 6th to 13th June, 2016

I have booked to take a group out to the Villa Palazzola, a little to the south of Rome in the Alban Hills, in 2016 for a holiday. The setting is beautiful and relaxing and there are opportunities to explore the local area as well as to go down into Rome for a day. I am giving parishioners of St. Mary's the first opportunity to book their places for a returnable deposit of £50. Please pick up the leaflet at the back of church to book your place or go to the website: www.palazzola.it to find out more about this beautiful place.

Father Michael

A Church for Children Too

Simon Stewart, a lay chaplain at St. Mary's College in Blackpool and an experienced adult education worker, will give a **two-part series** for people involved in the Celebration of the Word with Children. It will take place here, in St. Mary's, on **Wednesdays, 17th and 24th September**. Please put the dates in your diary!

Liturgies for the week 10th – 17th August, 2014

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Shaun McCann <i>Anniversary</i> (B.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday (11 th) St. Clare	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday (12 th) of week 19	7 p.m.	Catherine Jones <i>birthday memories</i> (P.J.)
Wednesday (13 th) of week 19	10 a.m.	Eileen Hearty <i>R.I.P.</i> (J. & B.)
Thursday (14 th) St. Maximilian Kolbe	10 a.m.	Renee Millett <i>R.I.P.</i> (H.M.)
Friday (15 th) ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	7 p.m.	Sally Penton <i>Lately dead</i> (M.J.M.)
Saturday (16 th) of week 19	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Rick Taylor (C.S. & D.T.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Althea Armour, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr (*Maureen McGarvey's daughter*), Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura Finley, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan (*son of a friend of Michael's*), Dave Parker, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Abraham Victory, Winifred White;

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Dennis Halloran, Gerry & Brenda McCaul, Sheila Mullen, Walter Myerscough, Betty Poole, Joan Rayworth, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently**, especially, Elizabeth Marie Quirke, Cornelius Revere, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Harry Allen, Mary E. Bissett, Gladys M. Brown, John Donnelly, Gerard J. Kennedy, Celia Melville, Violet Sheridan, Mary Slavin, Thomas Tipping, Florence Watson, Louis Wilson.

Celebration of the Word with Children

This is the more accurate term for what is often called "Children's Liturgy". Whatever you call it, **this is a very important and valued part of our Sunday worship**. It provides the opportunity for the children at Sunday Mass to reflect on the Sunday scripture readings and to pray at a level appropriate to them. At a brief meeting, earlier this year, with the present team of people involved in this important ministry, I was asked to appeal for more volunteers to help with it. Most of the people involved have been doing it for a long time. Some are no longer able to do it and gaps are appearing when it is not possible to celebrate it. **Please think about becoming involved**. You will not be left on your own but will work with others who are experienced.

Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (17th August)

Matthew 15 : 21-28 Jesus & the Canaanite woman

This is an especially significant scene in two ways. Mark's Gospel was the first to be written and Matthew edits and expands it, using other sources as well. In Mark, this scene is the only explicit encounter between Jesus and a gentile – and a woman at that! At first, Jesus is reluctant to do anything for her, for his mission was primarily to Israel. He puts her off and is really quite brusque to her. However, she wins through by her persistence and her determined confidence in his power. The disciples get fed up with her shrieking after them and asking Jesus to cure her daughter, which he does. We need to be persistent in our prayers and in our efforts. God does not grant a casual request. Secondly, this passage reveals a lot about Jesus' relationship to women and about his sense of humour: Jesus and the woman seem to tease each other with their repartee. There is the same repartee in the account of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman in the Gospel of John: she stands up to him with her cheeky responses. Jesus and the woman are both obviously enjoying this playful scene. It suggests that not everything is solemn and serious in heaven and there is room for a sense of humour!

Is Jesus rude to the Canaanite woman or is he merely challenging her? How does Jesus challenge you?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 3rd August

85 Dennis Halloran £50
15 Frances Connolly £15

Sunday, 3rd August

Mass Attendance: 171 (78, 93)
Offertory: £471.30
Candles: £292.93
Church Building Fund: £7.30
Books & Papers: £15.55
St. Anthony: £1.76
Flowers: £33.86
World Needy: £168.74

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Week beginning 17th August

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Refreshments after Mass

No information available at the time of going to press.

Socks!

The clients at the soup kitchen in Lytham Road, Blackpool, would be glad to have your surplus socks if you would like to donate them. Also, anyone willing to join the teams of helpers would be very welcome. Please ring 875503.