

Diary

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

Friday, 19th. to Sunday, 21st. September: Vocations Discernment Weekend – Do you think God may be calling you to something more in your life? Ever thought of the Priesthood? At Our Lady & St. Joseph, Carlisle, there will be a weekend for those discerning a vocation in the Diocese of Lancaster. For more information, contact Father John Millar (*assistant vocations director*) at jwmillar1@gmail.com or on 01228 521509.

Forty Hours Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

This will take place next weekend, 6th -7th. September and lists will be available for you to sign up for a time of prayer on these days. We are appealing for contributions towards the flowers for this weekend. Please put what you can in the slot marked flowers at the back of church or hand your donation to Bill or Michael.

The Gaza Crisis

All monies in the World Needy box, from now until the end of September, will go to Cafod for the relief of suffering in Gaza.

Parish Property

Please think about volunteering your help and advice about the essential works described last week, especially if you have a particular expertise. Thank you.

Miscellaneous items available: During the last twelve months, I have been trying to go through all the rooms and most of the drawers in the presbytery. In the course of this, I have come across **four medals of St. Maria Goretti**. Two of them are in good condition. The other two have a small relic on the reverse side. If you would like one, please let me know. Also available is a **four-drawer, good quality, metal filing cabinet** which is surplus to requirements. It is in good condition, contains some files but, unfortunately, does not have a key. If you can make use of it, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, it will be disposed of. Left at the back of church recently was a **full set for Holy Communion in the home**. It comprises a tray, crucifix, candle sticks, candles, etc. Again, if you would like it, please let me know. *Father Michael*

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

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

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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st. 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! Attending these meetings does **not** commit you to undertaking this ministry!

Liturgies for the week 31st. August – 7th. September, 2014

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| Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. | The People of the Parish Eileen Cheetham <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.A.) |
| Monday (1 st .) of week 22 | 10 a.m. | Celebration of the Word |
| Tuesday (2 nd .) of week 22 | 7 p.m. | The Faithful Departed (J.E.) |
| Wednesday (3 rd .) ST. GREGORY th GREAT | 10 a.m. | Deceased members of the Melville family (R.W.M.) |
| Thursday (4 th .) St. Cuthbert | 10 a.m. | Eileen Hearty <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.H.) |
| Friday (5 th .) of week 22 | 10 a.m. | Deceased Bromilow family (J.B.) |
| Saturday (6 th .) of week 22 | 10 a.m. | Joan Dossett <i>Lately dead</i> (L.C.M.) |
| Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. | Richard Jones <i>birthday memories</i> (C.J.) 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, Dave Parker, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Abraham Victory, Winifred White, baby Casey Williams (*grand-daughter of friends of Michael's*);

» **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 **John Joseph Dicks, Nigel Edwards** (*son of Deacon Tony of Sacred Heart Parish*), **Peter Edwards** and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Edna Benson, Robert Carter, Agnes & Will Crookall, Frank Hill, Mary Frances Lennox, William O'Neill, Thomas Rayner, Agnes Stott, Mary 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. As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, in September, Simon Stewart is giving a two-part series here on this subject. This is a golden opportunity to find out more without committing yourself!

Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (7th. September)

Matthew 18 : 15-20 Reconciliation

The Church has had to be selective as we work through the Gospel of Matthew for this year's readings. In this eighteenth chapter of Matthew on relationships within the community, it is striking that the Church has chosen this passage to put before us. The first part is all about sorting out disputes and about forgiveness. Despite the presence of Christ in the Christian community, there are going to be disagreements and misunderstandings in every church and every family. The vital thing is to sort them out and not to let them fester. So here we are given a safe process to do this. Just after today's passage, Jesus underlines his teaching here when he says that we have to forgive not just seven times (the perfect number) but seventy-seven times. That means again and again and again, without limit. Christ also reminds us that he is present always in his community. The same promise is given at the beginning (the name Emmanuel means 'God with us') and at the end of the gospel ('I am with you to the end of time'). Therefore, the decisions of the community will be considered binding in the sight of God. It is especially striking that the same pledge (of binding and loosing) is made with the Church here as had earlier been made with Peter himself; Peter, on his own, exercises the authority of the Church.

How may we best put this process of reconciliation described by Jesus into practice?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 24th. August

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| 114 Fred Chew | £50 |
| 44 Maureen Bate | £15 |

Mass Attendance: 172 (79, 93)
 Offertory: £496.21
 Candles: £140.29
 Books & Papers: £12.27
 St. Anthony: £5.09
 Flowers: £7.18
 World Needy: £67.98

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Week beginning 7th. September

Church Cleaning
Liturgy of the Word with Children
Refreshments after Mass

No information available at the time of going to press.

Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single, adult Catholics of all ages to meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, visit the website at or e-mail infor@catholicsingles.org.uk for more information.