

Diary

Monday, 21st. July: **St. Mary's Catholic School Year 6 Leavers' Mass** – Mass will be at the normal time of 10 a.m. Hopefully, the whole school will attend to celebrate Mass at the end of the school year. Towards the end of Mass, we will be offering thanks to Jackie Jackson for all that she has done for the school and wishing her well in her retirement.

Tuesday, 22nd. July: Today is the **36th. Anniversary of Father Michael's Ordination to the Priesthood.** Ad Multos Annos!

Also today: The school closes for the summer holidays. We wish all the staff and pupils and happy and restful few weeks. **You are invited** to join staff and others from St. Mary's School at the **7 p.m.** Mass when we will thank God for and celebrate the work of **Jackie Jackson** who retires from school after 29 years!

Sunday, 27th. July: Day for Life – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life – will, this year, call upon young people, in particular, to protect and cherish life from conception to natural death. For more information, visit www.dayforlife.org There will be an obligatory second collection today the proceeds of which will go to the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

We would like to invite Bishop Michael to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's next year, 2015, preferably during Eastertide. As you probably know, the Bishop will only come to celebrate Confirmation in an individual parish if there are twelve candidates or more. Would anyone who is of secondary school age or over and would like to be confirmed, please hand your details to Bill or Michael. We need to know your name and contact details as well as some details about the place of your Baptism and the approximate date.

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. 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

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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Parish Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

Deacon: **Rev. Bill Wright**

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th. July, 2014

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School – End of Year Report!

As the school year comes to a close, the school is to be congratulated on its S.A.T. results this year as well as on its sporting achievements.

The S.A.T. results are the best for three years. Well done Year 6! Thank you for all your hard work and best wishes for your success in your new schools. Thanks, also, must go to your class teacher, Cat Venning, for all her hard work and teaching skill.

For the second year running, St. Mary's football team has won the Elliott Cup (*it's like winning the F.A. Cup for school!*). This year, they also won the schools' league! St. Mary's were also winners of the Inter-Schools' Athletics Championship. Congratulations to all the pupils who contributed to this success! Thanks, also, to the staff who trained and worked with them.

In many ways, this has been a challenging and, at times, difficult year for the school but very significant improvements have been made which will bear fruit in the future. Thank you to all the staff for your hard work and for rising to meet so many challenges. Best wishes and prayers for members of staff who are leaving.

Special thanks are due to Sharon Jones, the Associate Headteacher, for so cheerfully leading and then supporting the school during this last year. Sharon has become a governor and will continue to be involved with the school. Thanks also go to Miss Anne Wolstanholme, the Acting Headteacher, who will continue in that role in the autumn term.

May the whole school enjoy a happy, safe and well-deserved summer holiday.

Father Michael

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Liturgies for the week 20th – 27th July, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish Eileen Hearty <i>Lately dead</i> (A.N.)
Monday (21 st) of week 16	10 a.m.	St. Mary's School Leavers' Mass
Tuesday (22 nd) St. Mary Magdalen	7 p.m.	Rose (<i>Anniversary</i>) & Joe Murphy (<i>R.I.P.</i>) (M.J.M.)
Wednesday (23 rd) ST. BRIDGET	10 a.m.	Elizabeth Bromilow <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.B.)
Thursday (24 th) St. John Boste, Blessed Christopher Robinson & Companions, Martyrs of Cumbria	10 a.m.	Intentions of Father Michael <i>Ordination anniversary</i> (K.M.E.)
Friday (25 th) ST. JAMES	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday (26 th) St. Joachim & St. Anne	10 a.m.	Deceased members of McGuirk family
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish Joan Casey <i>sick</i> (A.A.)

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 (*a friend of Michael's*), Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Alison Lyon, Dave Parker, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Abraham Victory, Winifred White, and baby Cillian Patrick Wilson;

» **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, Joanne Baker, Joan Boylan, Paul Brackell, Father John Hawkins, Father Joe Hothersall, Keith Kitchen, Patrick McQuade, Sally Penton, John Barry Phelps, Cliff Wilkinson, and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Helen Andrew, Elizabeth Bromilow, James Clarkson, Gerard Dickins, Jopseph T. Hardy, Bernard Hewitt, Josephine Hindle, David Loughnan, Raymond Madej, Rose Murphy, baby David Reidy, Thomas Riches, Ron Templeton, Bill Wright.

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!

Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (27th July)

Matthew 13 : 44-52 New Treasures and Old

St. Matthew presents us, this week, with three final pictures from his collection of Jesus' images about the Christian community. Matthew likes pairs of parables: the dragnet pairs with last week's dandelion-parable, the treasure pairs with the pearl. The Kingdom is an exciting and unexpected treasure which can change our whole life; it's like winning the pools or the lottery – except that God's gifts change us only for the good and fill our lives with meaning and joy. Of course, we know that God's call is demanding: you've got to pay a price for the field in which the treasure lies or for the genuine pearl found in a junk-shop! The very last picture - the householder bringing down different food-packets, pots and jars off the shelf - is encouraging too. Some are old favourites (perhaps like the Christian values and prayers which we inherited from our families) but some add new flavours too, which we have discovered or been taught ourselves. If we listen, the Spirit is always there to show us new ways of living out our Christian calling, revealing to us an opportunity for prayer or help or service. This 'householder' is often thought to be Matthew's secret signature for himself: he brings out old and new in the Christian message.

How can we learn new ways of living out our Christian calling?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 13th July

154 Michael Lupton £100
83 Kath McColgan £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 214 (84, 130)
Offertory: £638.68
Apostleship of the Sea: £138.88
Candles: £147.13
St. Anthony: £4.72
World Needy: £56.27
Flowers: £8.90
Books & Papers: £3.90

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Week beginning 27th July

Church Cleaning

Group 1 Anne Towler's group

Liturgy of the Word with Children

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Refreshments after Mass

Jo & Marion

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 www.catholicsingles.org.uk or e-mail infor@catholicsingles.org.uk for more information.

