



St. Mary's, Fleetwood

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Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Murphy

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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.

St. Peter & St. Paul 29th. June, 2014

The Parish Patronal Feast

At a Parish Pastoral Council meeting earlier this year, the subject of the date of the Parish Patronal Feast was raised. For many years now, certainly since Father McMahon's time, it has been celebrated on 8th. September on the **Feast** of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was suggested by some that a more suitable date would be 15th. August, the **Solemnity** of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please note that the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **only** a **feast**. This means that it cannot take the place of the Sunday Liturgy. In the hierarchy of things, the Sunday Mass has greater importance. But, the Feast of the Assumption is a feast of the highest rank i.e. it is a **Solemnity**. A Solemnity is of higher rank than a Sunday in Ordinary Time and, therefore, the Mass of the Solemnity takes precedence over the Mass for Sunday.

This means that, if we change our patronal feast to the Assumption, it means we can always celebrate it fully, even when it falls on a Sunday.

When I asked our local expert, Canon Dakin, for advice, he replied, "The Assumption is the most ancient and solemn feast which the Church celebrates in honour of the Virgin. It ought to be the most popular and the most festive feast because it is the principal feast of the Mother of God. This justifies the rule that a church dedicated to St. Mary celebrates its patronal feast on the Assumption."

The Parish Pastoral Council and I therefore suggest that we celebrate our patronal feast this year on Friday, 15th. August. A festive Mass at 7 p.m. will be followed by a social gathering. More details to follow!

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Liturgies for the week 29th. June – 6th. July, 2014

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish John Hartley <i>Anniversary</i> (M.H.)
Monday (30 th) of week 13	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday (1 st) of week 13	7 p.m.	Jane Ellen Parkinson <i>Anniversary</i> (E.W.)
Wednesday (2 nd) of week 13	10 a.m.	Margaret Parkinson <i>Anniversary</i> (E.W.)
Thursday (3 rd) ST. THOMAS	10 a.m.	Anne & Frank Pinder <i>R.I.P.</i> (S.B.)
Friday (4 th) of week 13	10 a.m.	Arran Tosh <i>Lately dead</i> (B. & J.)
Saturday (5 th) of week 13	10 a.m.	Dave Corless <i>Lately dead</i> (T. & M.)
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish Chrissie Anthony <i>R.I.P.</i> (T.H.)

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Althea Armour, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr (*Maureen McGarvey's daughter*), Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Alison Lyon, Dave Parker, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Abraham Victory, Winifred White, Cliff Wilkinson, 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, Sally Penton, Betty Poole, Joan Rayworth, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently, especially, Betty Cooper, Dave Corless, Ann Finley, Eileen Hearty, Arran Tosh** (*Bill's great-nephew, aged just 14*) and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** William Dallas, Aileen Eaves, Joan Elizabeth Hall, Elsie Harper, Joseph Hodgson, Catherine Martin, Joan Rimmer, Ivy Shuttleworth, Thomas Smith, Pat Taylor.

Cardinal Allen Catholic High School Assistant Chaplain required for September, 2014

32 hours per week – Grade 3 (9-13) – term time only
Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 2nd. July. Interviews will be in the week commencing 7th. July.
For more details, see the notice at the back of church.

New pulpit & lectern falls

Whilst we were at Palazzola, we purchased some new pulpit and lectern falls from a shop in Castel Gandolfo. The liturgical colours chosen extend the range of liturgical colours we have available to us. This means that the liturgical colour of the day will be more obvious as you come into church. The money used was from monies raised from the sale of Bill's cards. Please continue to buy them!

Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (6th July)

Matthew 11 : 25-30 Father & Son

This much-loved and encouraging passage tells of the intimacy of the relationship between Father and Son in a way that no other passage of the synoptic gospels does. It is reminiscent of those passages in John 5 which unfold the equality of Father and Son: the Son does nothing but what he sees the Father doing; the Father loves the Son so that he entrusts all things to the Son; and the Son gives life just as the Father gives life. Then we read about the gentle invitation of the Son to all who are overburdened. The 'yoke' is often a symbol of the Law of Moses, which could seem burdensome with its many commands, though it was also valued as God's revelation of himself to his own people in love. Christ is not a tyrannical master, but is a sympathetic, gentle and humble leader who shares his life with his followers. The 'yoke' or law of Christ is the interior impulse of the Spirit which we read more about in today's second reading. It cannot be burdensome, since it is a joy to carry this 'yoke'; it is a way of living with Christ and by his Spirit. Martyrs are subjected to physical pains yet, for them, joy is a constant feature in the accounts of their martyrdom.

Do you ever feel you can't cope? Do you ask Jesus for help? What does Jesus mean by his 'yoke'? Do you find it comfortable?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 22nd June

164 Peter Connor	£50
81 Brigid McCann	£15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 257 (78,179)
Offertory: £567.36
(Sunday, 15 th . 8.30 a.m.: £172.57)
Candles: £118.04
St. Anthony: £6.24
World Needy: £45.41
Flowers: £46.07
Books & Papers: £6.67

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Week beginning 6th July

Church Cleaning

Group 3 Irene Rankin's group

Liturgy of the Word with Children

M. Hartley & J. Jackson

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen

Diary

Sunday, 29th June: The Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul – there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence today.

Saturday, 12th July: A "miles of smiles" parish trip to St. Mary of Furness & Furness Abbey – more details shortly but please put the date in your diary.

Tuesday, 15th July: Mass of Blessed Edward Bamber at 6.30 p.m. at St. Winefride's House, Bispham. At this annual Mass, the chief celebrant will be Bishop Michael Campbell. All are invited to join the community there for Mass followed by light refreshments.

Covenant Books

Covenant Books, beside Holy Family Church in Ingol, Preston, have asked us to remind you that they are still trying to survive in the current, difficult, economic climate but that, thanks to their volunteers, they are surviving. However, they need your support and ask you to think of them before you think of the High Street, especially when it comes to gifts, cards, etc. for special occasions such as First Holy Communions, Confirmations, Baptisms and Weddings. They have a large range of gifts and books as well as many other resources and there is free parking, free coffee and a great welcome when you visit. Telephone them on 01772 735993, look them up at www.covenantbooks.co.uk. They are open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

St. Winefride's House for Retired Priests

"Occasionally, we hold special events at St. Winefride's (*Low Moor Road, Bispham*) such as our annual outdoor Mass (*see above*) when extra support is very much appreciated. This will generally involve helping set up for the Mass, putting out tables, assisting with refreshments and generally being a "friend" of St. Winefride's House. It is a warm and caring environment and a wonderful place in which to become involved. If you can spare any time at all and would like to find out how you can help, please contact Father Peter Draper on 01772 725193 or Barbara Lynch at St. Winefride's on 0745 429894. Thank you."

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.

St. Mary's Catholic College

Lay Chaplain (Counsellor) required for September, 2014

30 hours per week over 4/5 days – new N.J.C. Grade F (26-30) – term time only

Closing date for applications is Tuesday, 8th July.

For more details, see the notice at the back of church.

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.