

## Diary

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>. November:** Parish Christmas Fair – pricing of items for sale in the Millennium Room from 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>. November:** Parish Christmas Fair – sorting of items for sale in the Millennium Room from 6 p.m.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet after evening Mass. All are welcome.

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup>. November:** Parish Christmas Fair – help is needed from 4 p.m. to transport goods for sale from the Millennium Room to school and to help set up tables - help from any young, strong gentlemen would be especially appreciated!! All this should be finished by 6.30 p.m.

**Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup>. November:** St. Mary's Parish Christmas Fair - The school will be open from 9 a.m. for final preparations for the Fair which will open at 11.30 a.m. Help will be required from about 3.30 p.m., when the Fair has ended, to tidy up the hall – again, help from any young, strong gentlemen would be especially appreciated!! Raffle tickets are now on sale and you are asked to take some to try and sell to family and friends – all counterfoils and monies should be returned by this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup>. Could any prizes for the Grand Draw be handed in this weekend, please? This will also be the last chance to bring in any items to sell at the Fair.

**Cake Bakers** are asked to bake some of your delicious cakes to sell on the cake stall and with the refreshments – these can be brought to the hall from 9 a.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Fair is our main fund raising event and without your help it wouldn't happen, so you are asked to support it in any way you can. As we seem to be a little down on previous years, more goods and items to sell would still be appreciated. Thank you.

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. November:** Cafod Lancaster Mass of Remembrance – this will take place at St. Anne's Catholic Church, Westby Mills at 11 a.m. and will remember and hold in prayer all deceased Cafod supporters from our Diocese, celebrating their lives, faith and compassion. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you can't attend the Mass), please send their names to [lancaster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:lancaster@cafod.org.uk) or telephone 01772 733310 by 15<sup>th</sup>. November and they will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>. to Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>. November:** The Cor et Lumen Christi Community invite you to join them for "The Living Word". This conference will address how we can meet God in the Scriptures and receive new life from them. It will include in-depth and inspirational teaching on: the Power of Scripture; Revelation – the voice of God from the heart of the Church; Jesus the Messiah – deepening our relationship with him; using the Bible to grow in Prayer. All are welcome! The event is offered on a donation-only basis. Some accommodation is available at [www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) or on 016973 45623 or via e-mail at [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org)

**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>. December:** Blackpool Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in aid of St. Mary's Building and Restoration Fund. More details later. Please make a note of the date.

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.



## St. Mary's, Fleetwood

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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.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 9<sup>th</sup>. November, 2014

### Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance, 16<sup>th</sup>. November

As I wrote in the newsletter two weeks ago, it is a long-established Catholic custom, which the Church encourages, to pray for the dead, especially during the month of November. The Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance (at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>. November) is a way of helping us to do this. It is an opportunity for the whole parish community to come together to remember, honour and pray for the dead. We will pray especially for those who have died in the last twelve months or so.

The Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance is a custom which Father Peter Foulkes began in about 1990 when he was parish priest of St. Augustine's in Preston. It was something which I greatly appreciated during the three years I was there with him and which I continued after he left. It is a simple, reflective and prayerful Liturgy and people seem to have found it to be a moving and comforting occasion. Please come and pray for our loved ones who have died. *Father Michael*

### St. Mary's Primary School

For those who were not here last weekend, we publish a statement from Mr. Andrew Cafferkey, the chair of governors at St. Mary's school, which was read out at the end of Mass: "Following a rigorous selection process, the Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs. Ann Kowalska as the permanent headteacher of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School. Mrs. Kowalska is currently the deputy headteacher at St. Teresa's in Cleveleys and will be joining St. Mary's in January, 2015. Whilst her main post is at St. Teresa's, in recent years, she has been supporting the work of staff at St. John Vianney's in Blackpool and St. Cuthbert's in South Shore, Blackpool. During this half-term, she will be liaising with governors and Miss Anne Wolstenholme, the current acting headteacher, so as to ensure a smooth transition.

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*Liturgies for the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2014*

<b>DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA (Remembrance Sunday)</b>	8.30 a.m.	Shaun McCann <i>birthday memories</i> (B.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday (10<sup>th</sup>) St. Leo the Great</b>	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup>.) St. Martin of Tours</b>	7 p.m.	Catherine Jones <i>anniversary</i>
<b>Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup>.) St. Josaphat</b>	10 a.m.	Teresa McCartney <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.McC.)
<b>Thursday (13<sup>th</sup>) of week 32</b>	10 a.m.	deceased Melville & Winstanley families (R.W.M.)
<b>Friday (14<sup>th</sup>) of week 32</b>	10 a.m.	Fred Chew <i>sick</i> (F.C.)
<b>Saturday (15<sup>th</sup>) of week 32</b>	10 a.m.	Pat Power <i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30 a.m.	Rick Taylor <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.T.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	<b>4 p.m.</b>	Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance

*Please remember in your prayers*



» **all the sick**, especially Peggie Ball, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr (*Maureen McGarvey's daughter*), Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Kathy Eaglesham, Laura Finley, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Mark Surelock, Winifred White;

**Marion Hartley** wishes to thank the parish family for all the Mass offerings, prayers and good wishes she has received during the last two years of sickness. She is now well on the road to recovery. God bless you all. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered for your intentions.

» **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 Claire Hawkes** (*a friend of Michael's*) and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Mary Elizabeth Bissett, Margaret Bromilow, Patricia Cottam, George Hargreaves, Ada Winifred Hodkinson, George Alan Hough, Catherine Jones, Robert Kirby, Tony Lavelle, Joan Rawcliffe, John Rogerson, John Syms, Winifred Welch, Edith Maud Winstanley, Conie Wright.

*Parish Property Matters – an update!*

As things stand, painting of the railings will begin early in the New Year. If one of their proposed projects were to be cancelled, then the team would come sooner. Meanwhile, we need to employ some ironmongers to make some repairs to the railings. If you can suggest any local firms to advise and give us some quotations, I would be glad to hear from you. *Father Michael*

**Next Sunday's Gospel  
for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (16<sup>th</sup> November)**

**Matthew 15 : 14-30 a story about talents**

It is encouraging to think of all the talents which friends and neighbours have and which I don't have. It is all part of the gifts of the Spirit, which Paul sees as making up the whole Body of Christ. Everyone has a special contribution to make. As for me, it is extraordinary that God created me with all my twists, defects, fears and failures and it is precisely because of those boils, sores, abscesses that God loves me, helps me and guides me to work out my salvation. And it is just possible that there may be friends who can think that God has given me talents which make a tiny contribution to the happiness and goodness of the world. In the longer version of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus mentions a man with just one talent who hides it in the ground: the master calls him "wicked and lazy" and has him thrown out. Why is he so severely treated? This is surely someone who resolutely turns his (or her) back on the goodness she (or he) has received and refuses to work with it for the Lord's purposes or for anyone else's. Such a talent goes to waste and merely rusts and corrupts. If I know anyone like that, it is just worth asking whether, with infinite and patient kindness, I can help that person to release their talent and bring it to blossom.

**Just think for a moment: what is your best talent? Is it a gift, skill or humour which brings joy and happiness to those around you? Are you like the man who buried his talent in the ground, or do you use this skill or gift or wisdom to bring joy to others?**

**ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS  
for 2<sup>nd</sup>. November**

208	D. Parker	£50
160	M. Hartley	£15

Mass Attendance: 172 (72, 100)  
 Offertory: £568.96  
 Candles: £138.64  
 St. Anthony: £28.16  
 Flowers: £6.55  
 World Needy: £54.63  
 Building Fund: £20 (*in memory of Denis Lupton*)

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*Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup>. November*

*Church Cleaning*

*Liturgy of the Word with Children*

*L. Reader & A. Morgan*

*Refreshments after Mass*

*Jo & Marion*

*The Ebola Epidemic in West Africa*

All monies in the World Needy box, from now until the end of the Church's Year (Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>. November), will go to Cafod for their appeal to provide aid to West Africa during the ebola outbreak. Please be generous, as always.