

## Diary

**Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance - 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. today** 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. 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.

**Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November:** Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7 p.m. in the Millennium Room.

**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 - sadly, we have had to postpone this concert until the spring/summer.

**9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2015:** A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje led by Sister Philomena Dunning. The cost of the pilgrimage is £439 on a half-board basis and sharing a room. For more details, refer to the poster in the church porch.

## *Thank you for your generosity*

International Aid Trust, based in Penwortham, Preston, came recently to collect some sacks packed with what you gave to the poor in Lent. There were 84 sacks this time. In June this year, another 84 sacks were sent off making a total of 168 sacks for the year, which is a great increase on previous years. So our great thanks go to God, to everyone who donated things and also to everyone who helped pack the sacks.

*Audrey Armour*

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.

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2014

## *The Breaking of Bread*

As we know from chapter two of the Acts of the Apostles, the "breaking of bread" is the oldest name we have for what we now call "the Mass" or the "Holy Eucharist".

In their excellent document, Celebrating the Mass, the Bishops of England and Wales have this to say about the "breaking of bread": "The action of 'fraction' or 'breaking' of the bread which, in apostolic times, gave its name to the Holy Eucharist, will bring out more clearly the force and importance of the sign of unity of all (the faithful) in the one bread and of the sign of charity **if one bread is distributed among all the congregation.**"

Following the Bishops' guidelines, we will soon be using larger altar breads for the celebration of Mass. This will enable the bread at Mass to be more clearly seen by everyone, especially when it has been consecrated and the priest holds up the Body of Christ for everyone to look at and adore. It will also express more fully the action of "breaking" or "fraction" and probably be closer to the action of Jesus himself at the Last Supper. (c.f the communion hymn: *This is my Body, broken for you.*)

*Father Michael*

## *Golden Jubilee Award*

Congratulations to Tom Pinder for fifty years of service to the Church as a member of the Knights of St. Columba. Having joined the Knights in 1964, Tom became Youth Officer in 1970. His work with our local schools has resulted in Cardinal Allen school winning the Knights' national prayer competition and St. Mary's winning the photographic competition.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Provincial Grand Knight presented Tom with his golden jubilee medal and a framed citation from the Order. Well done, Tom, and thank you!

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## Liturgies for the week 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. November, 2014

<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>	<b>Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance</b>
<b>Monday</b> (17 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 33	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Tuesday</b> (18 <sup>th</sup> .) of week 33	7 p.m.	In Thanksgiving <i>students</i> (P.L.)
<b>Wednesday</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 33	10 a.m.	Richard Hearty <i>R.I.P.</i> (D. & K.)
<b>Thursday</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> ) of week 33	10 a.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.S.)
<b>Friday</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> ) <b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	10 a.m.	The Faithful Departed (J.E.)
<b>Saturday</b> (22 <sup>nd</sup> ) <b>St. Cecilia</b>	10 a.m.	Brian Morris <i>R.I.P.</i>
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING</b>	8.30 a.m.	Annie Peoples <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish

### 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;

» **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 Clare Hawks** (*a friend of Michael's*) and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Brian Andrews, Tessa Armour, baby Irene Avery, Beryl Ball, Mary Elizabeth Bissett, Joy Casey, Patricia Cottam, Ronald Gardner, Sheila Haidlinger, Elizabeth Harrison, Ada Winifred Hodkinson, John Kay, Irene Ross, Monica Ross, Tom Sheridan.

### Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance

Please don't forget this opportunity: **4 p.m. this Sunday**, for the parish community to come together to pray for all our relatives and friends who have died, especially those who have died in the last eighteen months or so who will be prayed for by name. Your prayerful presence will also be a great comfort and support to those recently bereaved.

### 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 Feast of Christ the King (23<sup>rd</sup>. November)

### Matthew 25 :31-46 the Last Judgement

This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted is that of the Final Judgement of all but we shall each of us, at the moment of death, face the judgement of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express and yet fulfilling and re-assuring. We will know at last in a naked way our own sin and also our own infinite value before the transcendent figure of the Lord. Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not, first of all, on our prayer-life; not on our asceticism; not on penances undertaken; but on our respect for others - how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. The ten commandments of the Old Testament, the eight beatitudes of the New can be summarised in this way: speak the truth, be honest (including financially), honour father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, make peace. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ.

**What does it mean that Jesus is in all other people, especially the stranger, the sick, the comfortless, even those in prison?**

**How does this teaching of Jesus change my attitude to people I despise or avoid or just ignore?**

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

#### for 9<sup>th</sup>. November

67	A. Lydon	£50
59	J. Jackson	£15

Mass Attendance: 173 (80, 93)

Offertory: £419.69

Candles: £111.05

St. Anthony: £61.01

Flowers: £3.73

World Needy: £71.40

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

*Church Cleaning*

*Liturgy of the Word with Children*

*children stay in church*

*Refreshments after Mass*

*Kath & Maureen*

### 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.