

Diary

Sunday, 23rd November: Today is Youth Sunday when we think especially of our young people and pray for them and for all who work with them, in particular those who are working in our Diocesan Youth Service, including our own Lauren Lynch, who is currently spending a year working at Castlerigg Manor. There is a retiring collection for the Youth Service.

Friday, 28th to Sunday, 30th 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 or on 016973 45623 or via e-mail at stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org

Sunday, 14th December: Blackpool Male Voice Choir - sadly, we have had to postpone this concert until the spring/summer.

9th to 16th 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.

Parish Christmas Fair

A big **thank you** to everyone who worked so hard for this year's Christmas Fair and to all who supported it. A total of **£2,582.27** was raised for parish funds. Thank you!

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

Prize	Ticket Number	Name/telephone
star Prize £100	2602	Nikla Diamante
grocery hamper	3696	Mr. Damerall
red wine	4617	E. Hughes, 17, Laidleys Walk
chocolate biscuits	0913	Elaine Porteus
blue handbag	0912	Elaine Porteus
game	0189	M. Carter
bucks' fizz	1817	Hayley Connor
Fox's biscuits	0170	M. Carter
D.V.D. game	0822	875822
white wine	4654	777578

Unclaimed prizes will be at the back of church on Sunday or can be claimed from the presbytery (34, Kemp Street) during the week. Once again, many thanks!

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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

23rd 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

Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance

Thank you to all who attended this prayerful liturgy. There were some 88 people here. I hope that those who had been recently bereaved found it uplifting and of some comfort and help in their grief. It seems, from comments made to me, that this was the case.

Thank you to Vaughn Richardson, from St. Peter's, who enhanced the liturgy with his playing of the organ, and to his friends from St. Peter's who helped to lead the singing.

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Liturgies for the week 23rd – 30th November, 2014

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	8.30 a.m.	Annie Peoples <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
Monday (24 th) Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (25 th) of week 34	7 p.m.	Annie Peoples <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.B.)
Wednesday (26 th) of week 34	10 a.m.	Catherine Davenport <i>Lately dead</i> (J.S.)
Thursday (27 th) of week 34	10 a.m.	sick person (A.A)
Friday (28 th) of week 34	10 a.m.	Kathleen & Charlie Morris <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.M.)
Saturday (29 th) of week 34	10 a.m.	In thanksgiving <i>students</i> (O.)
First Sunday of Advent	8.30 a.m.	John Darville <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.R.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish

A new Liturgical Year begins

Please note that next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. This is the beginning of a new Church year, the year of Mark (year B), when we concentrate, for the most part, on reading the Gospel of St. Mark.

"Advent has a two-fold character for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and, likewise, is a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, n. 39*)

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 John Balshaw Brooks, Clare Hawks** and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Jane Monica Cartmell, Ronald Gardner, Sheila Haidlinger, John Kay, Terence Keating, Veronica McManus, Monica Ross, Brian Wood.



Next Sunday's Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent (30th November)

Mark 13 : 33-37 the Watcher at the Door

This brief parable of the master returning unexpectedly is typical of Jesus' vivid way of speaking. The message is typical, too, because Jesus was constantly stressing that there is no time to lose. When he came in his earthly ministry, he again and again challenged his hearers to make up their minds NOW, to change their ways NOW. He challenges us to do the same. We can hear the rattle of the returning Master's key in the lock. There is no time to hide the contraband, to pull our uniforms straight before greeting the Master at his entry. Even if we do not think that the world's end is imminent, even if death is not threatening, every moment counts, every decision is for or against Jesus. Saints are rumoured to have said that, if they received the news that they were to die that night, they would carry on doing what they were doing anyway. Saints can do this, because they are ready for the coming of the Lord. But what about us? If we need to put things a bit more in order to prepare for the Lord's coming, is there any valid reason to delay? The four weeks of Advent are a good time to clean things up for the Lord's coming.

What would you like to change about your life in preparation for the coming of the Lord?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 16th November

153 Winifred Wright £50
79 Peggie Ball £15

Mass Attendance: 173 (78, 100)

Offertory: £528.72

Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance: 88

Donations to Building Fund from this
Liturgy: £58.64

Other Building Fund Donations: £100

No other figures available – see next
weekend's newsletter

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Week beginning 30th November

Church Cleaning

Group 1 Anne Towler's group

Liturgy of the Word with Children

M. Hartley & J. Jackson

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen

The Ebola Epidemic in West Africa

This is the last week for making donations to this appeal: All monies in the World Needy box, from now until the end of the Church's Year (Saturday, 29th November), will go to Cafod for their appeal to provide aid to West Africa during the ebola outbreak. Please be generous, as always.