

Diary

Sunday, 19th October: World Mission Sunday – There will be a retiring collection to support the Church's missionary work throughout the world.

Vocations Discernment Day at Our Lady & St. Joseph's, Carlisle. For details, contact Father Darren on 01722 719604 or Father John on 01228 521509.

Tuesday, 21st October: Clergy Deanery Conference at St. John's, Poulton, from 10.30 a.m.

Wednesday, 22nd October: Due to a visit to St. Mary's School by applicants for the post of headteacher, there will be no Mass today but a Celebration of the Word at the usual time of 10 a.m.

Thursday, 23rd October: The Funeral Mass of Denis Lupton will be celebrated at **11 a.m.** Please note the change from the usual time of Mass.

Today, **the formal interviews** will take place in the presbytery for the post of **headteacher** of St. Mary's Catholic Primary School. Please pray that the Governors will be guided by the Holy Spirit and that it will be possible to appoint a successful applicant.

Presentation of Examination Certificates at Cardinal Allen School at 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 24th October: School closes this afternoon and we wish all children and staff a restful half-term holiday.

Thursday, 30th October: Christmas Fair Bottle Stall Quiz Night, with pie and pea supper in the Millennium Room at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £4. Get your team of four people together. Come and join in the fun which will include a raffle, "One for the Pot" and Irish bingo!

Saturday, 15th November: St. Mary's Parish Christmas Fair. Raffle tickets are now on sale and you are asked to take some to try and sell to family and friends. There is a list at the back of church if you wish to **donate a prize for the Grand Draw**, either a gift or money towards the Star Prize. Items are needed to sell at the Fair and you are asked if you could donate something for the various stalls and suggestions are: **toiletries; groceries; good as new items; bottles (such as wine, etc.) for the bottle stall; paperback books; toys or games (complete and in good condition); sweets and chocolates.** Cake bakers will be asked nearer the date to bake some of their delicious cakes either for the Cake Stall or to sell with the refreshments. **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.**

Sunday, 14th 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.

The Ebola Epidemic in West Africa

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.

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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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.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th October, 2014

Praying for the Dead

It is a long-established Catholic custom to pray, especially during the month of November, for our relatives and friends who have died. On Remembrance Sunday, we pray especially for all who have died in conflicts and wars, especially the two world wars.

Christians have prayed for the dead from our earliest times. It is a tradition that stretches back into the Old Testament, as we can see from the Second Book of Maccabees: "Therefore, Judas Maccabees made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin." (*II Macc. 12 : 45*)

Church teaching encourages the practice of honouring and praying for the dead: "And so, from the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in intercession for them, above all, in the Eucharistic Sacrifice." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

As last year, the November Book of Remembrance will be placed near the altar throughout the month. Next Sunday, the Book of Remembrance, with some of this year's additions, will be available at the back of church. **Please check that the relatives and friends** whom you wish to be prayed for have been included. Write the names of any who are missing on the list which will be provided.

After discussion with the Parish Pastoral Council, it was suggested that a Liturgy of Prayerful Remembrance be celebrated on Sunday, 16th November at 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for the **whole parish community** to come together to remember, honour and **pray** for our dead. We will try to pray by name for those who have died in the last twelve months or so. I will be personally inviting the families of those people whose funerals have taken place in St. Mary's during the last year.

The Liturgy itself will, hopefully, be simple, reflective and a source of comfort and hope for people who are grieving.

Liturgies for the week commencing 19th October, 2014

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	In thanksgiving (students)
Monday (20 th) of week 29	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (21 st) of week 29	7 p.m.	Annie Peoples <i>R.I.P.</i> (Mr. E)
Wednesday (22 nd) of week 29	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Thursday (23 rd) of week 29	11 a.m.	Funeral Mass for Dennis Lupton
Friday (24 th) of week 29	10 a.m.	Deceased members of McGuirk family
Saturday (25 th) of week 29	10 a.m.	Deceased members of Power family
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Judith Anne Tilling <i>Anniversary</i> (J.W.)

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially 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, baby Casey Williams;

» **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 Dennis Lupton, Ken Porter and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Winnie Buxton, Annie Cartmell, baby Martin Cawley, Edith Harris, Joan Hearty, Joseph McCormack, Frank McKenna, Louis Parkinson, Margaret Pilkington, Hilda Reilly, Eileen Scott, Frances Smith, Jamie Sorrell, Judith Anne Tilling.

Anniversaries of Death

In an effort to bring our list of anniversaries up-to-date, **I would be grateful if you could let me have the names of any relatives, friends, etc. who have died in the last two years and give me their dates of death.** The names of these people will be added to the anniversaries list and to the Book of the Dead for November prayers. **Time is getting short!!**

Holiday at the Villa Palazzola, 6th to 13th June, 2016

I have booked to take a group out to the Villa Palazzola, a little to the south of Rome in the Alban Hills, in 2016 for a holiday. The setting is beautiful and relaxing and there are opportunities to explore the local area as well as to go down into Rome for a day. I am giving parishioners of St. Mary's the first opportunity to book their places for a returnable deposit of £50. Please pick up the leaflet at the back of church to book your place or go to the website: www.palazzola.it to find out more about this beautiful place.

Father Michael

Next Sunday's Gospel

for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (26th October)

Matthew 22 : 34-40 the Greatest Commandment

Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society. A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests. By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of sex, but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver. Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'.

How do we put into practice this commandment to love?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 12th October

219	C., C. & L. Wilson	£50
160	M. Hartley	£15

Mass Attendance: 191 (78, 113)
Offertory: £547.38
Other figures will be available next weekend

from now until the end of the Church's year, all donations will be for Cafod's ebola appeal

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Week beginning 26th October
Church Cleaning
Liturgy of the Word with Children
M. Hartley & J. Jackson

Refreshments after Mass
Kath & Maureen

A.P.F. Red Mission Boxes

Thank you to those who asked to have a mission box at the recent appeal by Father Frank of the Mill Hill Missionaries. Peggie Ball has decided to step down as the organiser for the parish and Anne Duxbury has volunteered (*well, her arm has been twisted*) to take over Peggie's job as Secretary. All box holders are asked if, from this month, mission boxes be brought to church to be emptied every four months: that is in October, January, April and July. Anne Duxbury will empty them after the 8.30 a.m. Mass and Audrey Armour will empty them after the 10.30a.m. Mass.