

Diary

Sunday, 14th September: Open Afternoon at the new Christ the King church in Blackpool. The new church, in Rodwell Walk, will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday and for the following two Sundays. All are welcome.

Today is also a day of prayer for racial justice.

Wednesday, 17th September: A Church for Children too – the first of two talks by Simon Stewart about the Celebration of the Word with Children will take place here, in St. Mary's, at 7 p.m.

Thursday, 18th September: Cardinal Allen Catholic High School Open Evening from 6.30 p.m. when the headteacher will give his address. All are welcome to go along, especially if you have a child in year 6.

Friday, 19th to Sunday, 21st September: Vocations Discernment Weekend – Do you think God may be calling you to something more in your life? Ever thought of the Priesthood? At Our Lady & St. Joseph, Carlisle, there will be a weekend for those discerning a vocation in the Diocese of Lancaster. For more information, contact Father John Millar (*assistant vocations director*) at jwmillar1@gmail.com or on 01228 521509.

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.

The Gaza Crisis

All monies in the World Needy box, from now until the end of September, will go to Cafod for the relief of suffering in Gaza.

Parish Property

Please think about volunteering your help and advice about the essential works described two weeks ago, especially if you have a particular expertise. Thank you.

Miscellaneous items available: During the last twelve months, I have been trying to go through all the rooms and most of the drawers in the presbytery. In the course of this, I have come across **four medals of St. Maria Goretti**. Two of them are in good condition. The other two have a small relic on the reverse side. If you would like one, please let me know. Also available is a **four-drawer, good quality, metal filing cabinet** which is surplus to requirements. It is in good condition, contains some files but, unfortunately, does not have a key. If you can make use of it, please let me know as soon as possible. Otherwise, it will be disposed of. Left at the back of church recently was a **full set for Holy Communion in the home**. It comprises a tray, crucifix, candle sticks, candles, etc. Again, if you would like it, please let me know. *Father Michael*

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.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14th September, 2014

New Parish E-mail Address & Website

Our new website is now live at www.stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk – please take a look. Those people who have seen it seem to be quite impressed with it. I hope you are too. Our thanks go to **Joan Bailey** who designed and created it. Please note that the parish also has a new e-mail address : parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk If you would like to receive this newsletter by e-mail – saving on our printing costs – please e-mail the new address with your name, address and contact telephone number and we will begin sending you the newsletter straight away.

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

A Church for Children Too

Simon Stewart, a lay chaplain at St. Mary's College in Blackpool and an experienced adult education worker, will give a **two-part series** for people involved in the Celebration of the Word with Children. It will take place here, in St. Mary's, on **Wednesdays, 17th and 24th September**. Please put the dates in your diary! Attending these meetings does **not** commit you to undertaking this ministry!

Liturgies for the week 14th – 21st. September, 2014

The EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish Richard (R.I.P.) & Margaret Hearty <i>wedding anniversary</i> (M.H.)
Monday (15 th) Our Lady of Sorrows	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (16 th) Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian	7 p.m.	Raymond & Mary Madej R.I.P. (A.M.)
Wednesday (17 th) of week 24	10 a.m.	Colin Proctor R.I.P. (M.Mc.)
Thursday (18 th) of week 24	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Friday (19 th) of week 24	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Saturday (20 th) Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Choing Ha-sang & Companions	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Steven Woodcock <i>Lately dead</i> (H.K.) The People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers



» **all the sick**, especially Althea Armour, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr (*Maureen McGarvey's daughter*), Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura Finley, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Dave Parker, 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 **Nigel Edwards, Peter Edwards, Dorothy Gorrell** (*a friend of Michael's*), **Canon Nick McArdle, Annie Peoples, Abraham Jeremiah Victory** and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Mary Aldred, Barbara Cowell, Ena Eastham, Philip Gray, Charlie Latus, Mary Madej, John Patrick Russell, Peter Stefani.

Celebration of the Word with Children

This is the more accurate term for what is often called "Children's Liturgy". Whatever you call it, **this is a very important and valued part of our Sunday worship**. It provides the opportunity for the children at Sunday Mass to reflect on the Sunday scripture readings and to pray at a level appropriate to them. At a brief meeting, earlier this year, with the present team of people involved in this important ministry, I was asked to appeal for more volunteers to help with it. Most of the people involved have been doing it for a long time. Some are no longer able to do it and gaps are appearing when it is not possible to celebrate it. **Please think about becoming involved**. You will not be left on your own but will work with others who are experienced. As stated elsewhere in this newsletter, in September, Simon Stewart is giving a two-part series here on this subject. This is a golden opportunity to find out more without committing yourself!

Read next Sunday's Gospel for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (21st. September)

Matthew 20 : 1-16 the generosity of God

It is hard not to sympathize with the workers who have sweated it out right through the day in the hot sun. The idlers who have hardly got earth on their spades or grease on their hands get a great bonus and I get no bonus at all! Is this fair? No. God is not fair. You can't apply the concept of "fairness" to God at all. We can't enter into a reckoning with God. God does not calculate as we do. In the terms of this world, this is obvious enough. The wicked do prosper, while honesty and high moral standards, instead of being rewarded are often simply mocked. Can we go deeper and say that the reward is in heaven? This hardly fits with the way Jesus worked here on earth. He did not reward the virtuous. He said he was the doctor who had come to the sick. His favourites were the worst of society, tax-collectors and prostitutes, not even amiable rascals. Heaven was open to anyone who accepted him. It is no good looking for fairness in God, for this implies that we deserve something. We cannot claim to 'deserve' anything; we are simply called into a loving relationship and to put our trust in Jesus.

What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your life?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 7th. September

56	Judith Halloran	£50
21	M. Holden	£15

Mass Attendance: 190 (88, 102)

Offertory: £539.49

Candles: £143.11

Books & Papers: £12.98

St. Anthony: £3.92

Flowers: £20.16

World Needy: £68.84

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Week beginning 21st. September

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Refreshments after Mass

No information available at the time of going to press.

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 or e-mail infor@catholicsingles.org.uk for more information.