

## Diary

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February: Education Sunday** – this is a day of prayer for all those involved in Catholic education in any way as teachers, governors, etc., etc.

**Aid to the Church in Need Appeal** by Mr. Chris Robson at both Sunday Masses – see overleaf for details.

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February: Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes** at Sacred Heart, Talbot Road, Blackpool at 7 p.m. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated. Refreshments will be provided afterwards. All are welcome.

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February: Organ and Piano Recital** of French Romantic Music in aid of **Iraqi Christians in Need** (I.C.I.N. – see poster for details) will be held here in St. Mary's at **7 p.m.** The organist and pianist is Mr. **Carl Bahoshy** from London. Carl is a practising Catholic and the son of Iraqi Catholics. There is no charge for admission but there will be a retiring collection and the monies raised from the recital will go to support Christians in Iraq.

## Step into the Gap

Applications are now open for this **fully-funded gap year for 18 to 30 year olds** with Cafod and the Society of the Holy Child Jesus in partnership with our placement hosts in Blackpool, Newcastle and Salford. Your journey begins and ends in the U.K. but takes you to one of the poorest countries in the world to meet amazing people and share their lives.

You will then use those experiences, when you return, to lead young people to a better understanding of how their faith helps them to take action for change. For more information, see [www.cafod.org.uk/stepintothegap](http://www.cafod.org.uk/stepintothegap) **Closing date for applications is 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015.**

## Diocesan Youth Service

There are **Gap Year Opportunities** with the Youth Service at Castlerigg Manor and they are now recruiting for September, 2015. You can check out the details at [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk) or contact Father Philip on 017687 72711.

## Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study

**The theme of the the course is "Praise Him"** and is based on study materials from the York Courses. The course starts in the week beginning Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February and runs for five weeks. There are four venues and times to choose from: **Tuesdays** from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in St. Wulstan's Rooms; **Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9 p.m. here in St. Mary's**; **Thursdays** from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Baptist Church and at St. Peter's Church from 7.30 to 9 p.m. There is a list at the back of church for your to sign up for your chosen venue. For more details, contact Canon John Hall on 876176.

**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.**

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2015

### St. Mary's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**In November, 2017, St. Mary's Parish will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful neo-gothic church.** The Parish Pastoral Council have already started thinking about how we could celebrate and would welcome any suggestions from the parish family as we would like a series of events to run throughout the whole year. We would also like to produce a variety of mementoes for friends and visitors to purchase.

It has been suggested that we have a **2017 St. Mary's calendar** showing a selection of photographs, month by month, recording life in the parish throughout the year. **Please can parishioners start photographing events** from now and for the next twelve months and pass any snaps of the inside or outside of the church to Barbara Lynch. You might have some amazing photographs recording events from the past that could also be included. **We would like the completed calendar to be on sale at Tram Sunday, July, 2016.**

### Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass

In recent months, several people who exercise this ministry at Mass have been ill or have been unavailable for other reasons. This has meant that, on some occasions, we have not had sufficient ministers. This has been particularly true on weekdays. On one Tuesday evening, it was not possible to distribute Holy Communion under both kinds because there was no minister.

Would you please think about taking on this important ministry? You may not think you are worthy but it is a **ministry of service** to the whole Eucharistic community. If you are interested, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Father Michael. Expressing an interest or willingness at this point does not necessarily commit you. Some training or formation will be arranged. Please give it some thought. Thank you.

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*Liturgies for the next two weeks 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> February*

<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (M.H.)
<b>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup>) The PRESENTATION of the LORD</b>	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Tuesday (3<sup>rd</sup>) of week 4</b>	7 p.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup>) of week 4</b>	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Thursday (5<sup>th</sup>) St. Agatha</b>	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Friday (6<sup>th</sup>) S.S. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</b>	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Saturday (7<sup>th</sup>) of week 4</b>	10 a.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.S.C.)
<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30 a.m.	John Smith <i>Anniversary</i> (L.B.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
<b>Monday (9<sup>th</sup>) of week 5</b>	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup>) St. Scholastica</b>	7 p.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.H.)
<b>Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>) OUR LADY of LOURDES</b>	10 a.m.	Deceased members of the Toole, Campbell & Burns families (S.B.)
<b>Thursday (12<sup>th</sup>) of week 5</b>	10 a.m.	Patricia Barnes <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.C.C.S.)
<b>Friday (13<sup>th</sup>) of week 5</b>	10 a.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.S.)
<b>Saturday (14<sup>th</sup>) STS. CYRIL &amp; METHODIUS</b>	10 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (Nautical College Students)
<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Winifred & Tony Cossey <i>R.I.P.</i> (W.W.)

*Please remember in your prayers*



» **all the sick**, especially Peggie Ball, Pastor Steve Bond, Deborah Carr, Fred Chew, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Marianne Delaney, Laura, Joanne & Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Sara West (*a friend of Kathy's*), Winifred White, Jo Wright;

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, 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 Doreen Buckley, Edward "Ted" Albert McParland, and those whose anniversaries are these next two weeks:** Evelyn Ball, Frank Byrne, Thomas Calvin, John Casey, Winifred Cossey, Charles Coxall, Colin Dewhurst, Charles Godfrey, Harry Godfrey, Joan Hadgraft, Mary Hall, Mary Hawes, Mary Lennox, James McGuirk, Alice & Mary Marsland, Edward Myerscough, Liz O'Donnell, Kathleen Siddall, Christina Smith, Syd Spore, Gilbert Turner, Neville Twiggs, Agnes Ward, Mary Woods, Thomas Worden.

**Next Sunday's Gospel  
for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (8<sup>th</sup> February)**

**Mark 1 : 29-39 Jesus at Capernaum**

The snippets gathered in the gospel reading give us a sample of Jesus' activity at Capernaum – healing and prayer. The first incident, the healing of the relative of his friend and follower Simon Peter, reminds us that Jesus does respond if we pray for the needs of our nearest and dearest. Then, the summary of his evening activity shows his concern to bring healing and wholeness. Any Christian will desire to follow his example: we can harm or heal those around us in so many ways. It does not need to be a miracle! A greeting, a look, a smile, a touch can bring the peace of Christ to someone in desperate need of reassurance - and no less can these actions harm and wound. But the third little story, of Jesus going off to pray in the early morning, shows that the well-spring of all his activity was his union with God whom he called his Father. We cannot say what Jesus' prayer was, any more than I can say what your prayer is, but the confident communication between Father and Son must have been the source of his strength and compassion.

**What sort of things can you do to bring healing to others? Where do you find it easiest to pray?**

**ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS  
for 25<sup>th</sup> January**

89 Arthur & Marina Smith £100

Mass Attendance: 168 (58, 110)  
Offertory: £474.89  
Candles: £103.28  
Books & Papers: £8.19  
St. Anthony: £3.05  
World Needy: £36.56  
Building Fund: £2.60

**PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR B-  
Year B Volume 1 – Page 132**

*Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February*  
**Church Cleaning**  
*Liturgy of the Word with Children*  
*M. Hartley & J. Jackson*  
**Refreshments after Mass**  
*Jo and Marion*

*Aid to the Church in Need (A.C.N.)*

**This Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February**, Mr. Chris Robson will be speaking at both Masses about the work of A.C.N. and appealing on their behalf. After both Masses, he will be selling A.C.N. Easter cards and prayer books and will be available for people to speak to him. **N.B.** In his capacity as an historian, Chris is writing a revised history of St. Mary's parish to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup>. anniversary of the church in 2017. Please feel free to talk to him about this as well!!

**PLEASE take this newsletter home with you as a useful reference!**