

## Diary

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March:** **Prayer Vigil for Religious Freedom** at Holy Family, Freckleton, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. This event has been organised by the clergy of Holy Family and Aid to the Church in Need and will give all a chance to learn about, reflect upon and pray for all those Christians around the world who are currently suffering terrible hardships because of their faith.

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March:** **Children from year 4/5 in St. Mary's school** will be joining parishioners for the 10 a.m. Mass. Parents, guardians and families welcome!

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March:** **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting at 7 p.m. in the Millennium Room

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March:** **Women's World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m.** – this will follow the Lenten Lunch at the United Reformed Church, Agnew Road. Last week's Lenten Lunch raised **£166.47** for the Fisherman's Mission.

**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March:** **Catholic Women's League Coffee Morning** in Pablo's restaurant after Mass at about 10.30 a.m. **N.B.** This will be the first of regular monthly coffee mornings to be held on the first Saturday of each month. Past, present and new members are welcome!

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May:** **Discover your vocation** – Come and join us for a weekend of discovery at Our Lady & St. Joseph's, Carlisle. This weekend is for males, 16+, who are interested in discovering their vocation in the Church. For more information, contact one of the vocations team: Father Darren on 01772 719604, [priest@lancastervocations.org](mailto:priest@lancastervocations.org) or Father John on 01228 521509.



### Opportunities for Prayer in Lent

### *Evening Prayer of the Church*

will be celebrated here at **4 p.m.** on all the Sundays of Lent and will include Adoration of the Holy Eucharist & Benediction.

### *Way of the Cross*

here on Thursdays at 12.30 p.m. followed by a Lenten Lunch.

### *Ecumenical Stations of the Cross*

on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. in St. Nicholas' & St. Wulstan's, this week at St. Wulstan and alternating between the two churches.



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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.**

## Second Sunday in Lent 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2015

### *Fund-raising*

**Easter raffle tickets are NOW ON SALE!!** – please take a bundle of five books to sell to family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, etc. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday.

The “**Gold Rush Appeal**” invites parishioners and friends to dig out any broken or unwanted items of gold or silver jewellery (*broken chains, bracelets, odd cuff links or earrings, etc.*). This can be passed on to Father Michael or Barbara Lynch. The gold/silver will be weighed at our local jewellers and converted to cash.

### *The St. Augustine's Lenten Vestment*

The vestment, today, symbolises the living water of Baptism. As Jesus said to the woman at the well in chapter 4 of John's Gospel, “The water I shall give will turn into a spring ... welling up to eternal life.”

### *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.** We would also like to produce a variety of mementoes for friends and visitors to purchase. We are planning to 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.**

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.

## Liturgies for this week 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March

<b>SECOND SUNDAY in LENT</b>	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (J. & S.D.)
	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Prayer, Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Monday</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> .) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Tuesday</b> (3 <sup>rd</sup> .) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> . week of Lent	7 p.m.	Shaun McCann <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.M.)
<b>Wednesday</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> .) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	John & David Rawcliffe <i>R.I.P.</i> (B. & G.R.)
<b>Thursday</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> .) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m. <b>12.30 p.m.</b>	Father Peter Eccles <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.E.) <b>Way of the Cross</b>
<b>Friday</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> .) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Josephine King <i>R.I.P.</i> (J. & B.)
<b>Saturday</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> .) of 2 <sup>nd</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (J. & S.D.)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY in LENT</b>	8.30 a.m.	Joe McCann <i>birthday memories</i> (B.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Prayer, Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>

## 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, Geoffrey Holden (*a friend of Kathy's*), Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Leo McGuirk, Michael O'Sullivan, Andrew Pearson, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, 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, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Catherine (Reenie) Sharp, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently, especially Joan Rayworth, and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Esther Acton, Billy Allen, Ann Ashton, Walter Bee, Hannah Coxall, Hilary Fox, Robert Gillingham, Alan Helsby, Mary Myerscough, Thomas Rooney, Dorothy Rose, Veronica Christina Snasdell, Joan Wallbank, Mary Winkley, Eric Withey, Thomas Worthington.

## Cafod in Lent

The government has agreed to match every pound raised for Cafod during Lent £1 for £1 up to £5,000,000. In the light of this, all monies put into the World Needy box during the rest of Lent will go to Cafod along with your generous offerings for Lent Fast Day. If you haven't returned your envelope yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

## Next Sunday's Gospel for the Third Sunday in Lent (8<sup>th</sup> March)

### John 2 : 13-25 the Cleansing of the Temple

According to John, this scene took place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, on the first of Jesus' four visits to Jerusalem. At each subsequent visit, the Temple authorities lay in wait for Jesus, increasingly keen to eliminate him but unable to do so till his Hour had come. The other gospels place both this incident and all other scenes of Jesus in Jerusalem as the final climax of Jesus' ministry. Whichever is correct, the incident is the basic cause of Jesus' arrest and his tortured death. By his action, Jesus had demonstrated that the worship carried out in the Temple had become vain in God's eyes, owing to its lack of integrity, and must be superseded. To the Temple authorities, this was intolerable and he must be removed. Again, Jesus demanded a complete reversal of standards. His puzzling saying about building the Temple anew in his body was at last understood by his disciples after his resurrection when they realised it meant the Temple that was his Body, the Church. The material building which had been the centre of worship was no longer important. Henceforth, all worship would take place in any place but within the Christian community. The community - or the Church - was now the place of sanctification and of prayer to God.

**What does it mean to think of the Church as Jesus' Body? What does it mean to you to be a member of Christ's Body, the Church?**

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

#### for 22<sup>nd</sup> February

124	Marina Smith	£150
65	Hayley Connor	£ 75

Mass Attendance: 189 (79, 110)

Offertory: £592.91

Candles: £129.61

Books & Papers: £12.81

Flowers: £10.73

World Needy: £55.19

Building Fund: £150 in memory of Joan Rayworth

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*Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March*

**Church Cleaning**

**Liturgy of the Word with Children**

*Children stay in church.*

**Refreshments after Mass**

*Jo & Marion*

## 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. For more details, contact Canon John Hall on 876176.