

Diary

Tuesday 8th December: Cardinal Allen Senior Citizens' Party in the school at 1.00p.m. If you would like to go, please inform Jo Wright **TODAY**. Thank you

Wednesday 9th December: Infant Christmas Production 1.30p.m. and 6.00p.m. in St. Mary's School. All welcome.

Friday 11th December : UNDERSTANDING OUR FAITH

Recently a couple of people have spoken to me, wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith and perhaps becoming members of the Church. So, starting this coming Friday, there will be a series of discussions and reflections on different aspects of the Catholic Faith. If you are interested in learning more about it, you will be very welcome. Practising Catholics, non-practising Catholics and newcomers to the Faith are **ALL WELCOME at 4.00p.m. in the presbytery on Friday**. The session will last about an hour and a half.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: After discussion at the last two Parish Pastoral Council Meetings, it was decided for this year to try the following:

Christmas Eve: Children's and Family Mass at 6p.m., preceded by carols at 5.30p.m.;
Midnight Mass ; Christmas Day at 9.30a.m. Mass on **Boxing Day** (Saturday, 26th December) and on **New Year's Day** will be at 12 noon.

Christmas Flowers : Donations towards the cost of flowers in church for Christmas would be very much appreciated. Please hand them in to Bill or Michael. Thanks.

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 29th November 2015
No. 67 Andrew Lydon £ 100

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: **161**
8:30 – 71
10:30 – 90

Offertory: £ 399.43
Candles: £ 96.11
Books/Papers: £ 9.65
St. Anthony: £8.77
Flowers: £ 17.48
World Needy: £ 40.57

PARISH MASS BOOK + YEAR C

Volume 1 – Pg. 84

Week beginning 13th December

Church Cleaning
Anne Towler Group

Children's Liturgy
J. Halloran & M. Baldwin

Refreshments after Mass
Jo & Marion



St. Mary's, Fleetwood

Presbytery: 34 Kemp Street, Fleetwood, FY7 6JX.

Telephone: 01253 873331

Email: parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk

Web: www.stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk

Priest: Fr. Michael Murphy

Deacon: Rev. Bill Wright

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 OF ADVENT

6TH DECEMBER 2015

**God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways
of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by
sin.**

**Make our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful
in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have
begun in us.**

**We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near: your Son, our Lord Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.**

**Welcome families and friends to St Mary's. Join us in the Millennium Room
for refreshment and community social time after 10.30am Mass.**

Week 2, beginning 6th December 2015

SUNDAY 6th December	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Alan Tipping Anniversary (S.T.)
	4.00 p.m.	Advent Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
MONDAY 7th St. Ambrose	10 a.m	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7 p.m.	In Thanksgiving (Nautical College Students) (C.V.)
WEDNESDAY 9th	10 a.m.	Florence Clarke R.I.P.
THURSDAY 10th	10 a.m.	John Smith R.I.P. (J.S.)
FRIDAY 11th	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
SATURDAY 12th	10 a.m.	Bernard & Kathleen Hearty Anniversary (M.J.M.)
NEXT SUNDAY 13th December	8.30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Dennis Taylor R.I.P. (B.B.)

Please remember in your prayers

» **all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Elsie Clapp, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Norah Heaney, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Michael O'Sullivan, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Carl Tomlinson, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai).

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Peggie Ball, Thomas Ball, Bessie Burns, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson.

» **those who have died recently**: Dennis Taylor, Thomas Houton, **and also those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Peter Irving, Thomas Lionel Morgan, Alan Houghton, James Goulding, Alex Welch, Doreen Greenwood, Robert Albion, Joseph Drury.

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity Number 234331

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 13th December 2015**
Luke 3: 10-18 John The Baptist's Counsels

Reflect **After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**

In this second of the two Advent Sunday gospels about John the Baptist we first hear details about how to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. Luke is always aware of the dangers of wealth and money, so he concentrates on avoiding its misuse. First he teaches equal sharing with the needy, no hoarding but generosity. Then he turns to financial exploitation. Tax-collectors had to pay for the right to collect taxes, and would be tempted to extort a nice margin to cover their own needs. In the same way soldiers could be tempted to abuse their power by bullying those they were meant to protect. The second half of John's task is to point away from himself towards Jesus, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Luke's gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are full of the Holy Spirit. Luke must have been vividly aware of the working of the Spirit in the Church, in its ministers of all kinds and in the life of the Christian communities. He warns also of the fierce fire which will purge away impurities; for John the Baptist the Messiah is a stern figure who will burn away the rubbish in human hearts to make room for the Spirit. What is the "rubbish" in my life which needs to be burnt away to prepare for the coming of Jesus?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Michael is coming to St. Mary's to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for both Fleetwood parishes on Tuesday, 24th May, 2016, at 7.00p.m. Any child or youngster of secondary school age can put themselves forward to receive the sacrament. Any adult who has not been confirmed will also be welcome to prepare to receive the sacrament.. Would **all** prospective candidates please put their **request in writing** to Fr. Michael, along with relevant contact details? Thank you.

N.B. About this time last year I received written requests from the following: Emily Bowman, Imogen Reader, Danny & Anita Morgan, Phoebe Paul, Eliza and Abbie Webster. I will presume that these candidates are still interested, unless I hear otherwise. Thanks !

Christmas Fair: Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to and worked for this year's Christmas fair. As well as being successful, it seemed to be a very enjoyable occasion. Thank you all ! The final total raised was **£2,707.79p. Well done !**

Fundraising for World Youth Day 2016 on Sunday 13th December after both Masses: Danny Morgan is raising funds for this trip and there will be home made mince pies with home made mince meat containing Polish Vodka instead of brandy on sale after both Masses.

Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered Charity Number 234331