

Diary

Thursday, 12th March: The **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting, postponed from last Thursday, will take place **tonight at 7 p.m.** in the Millennium Room.

Friday, 13th March: This week's **Lenten Lunch** will be at Trinity Methodists with St. David's from 11.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. All proceeds are for the Fisherman's Mission.

Friday, 8th to Sunday, 10th 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 or Father John on 01228 521509.

A Practical Word about Funeral Masses

When Funeral Masses are being arranged with a bereaved family, it is sometimes possible to sort out readers and ministers of the Eucharist well beforehand – but not always! This is particularly true when the family is not closely connected with St. Mary's. If you are coming to a particular Funeral Mass and are a reader or minister of the Eucharist, Bill and Michael would find it very helpful if you could let one of them know beforehand or report to the sacristy when you arrive. These are important ministries which you, as a member of the parish, can fulfil to help a bereaved family. Thank you for your help!

Lenten Appeal – International Aid Trust

As usual, this Lent, Audrey Armour is renewing her appeal to you for clothes, etc., to be sent abroad to many poor countries. There is information available at the back of church about this appeal along with lists of the things sent. Please be your usual generous selves.



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. Nicholas 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.**

Third Sunday in Lent 8th 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 150th Anniversary

In November, 2017, St. Mary's Parish will be celebrating the 150th 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.**

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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 8th – 15th March

THIRD SUNDAY in LENT	8.30 a.m.	Joe McCann <i>birthday memories</i> (B.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
Monday (9 th) of 3 rd week of Lent	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (10 th) of 3 rd week of Lent	7 p.m.	Rose & Joe Murphy <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.J.M.)
Wednesday (11 th) of 3 rd week of Lent	10 a.m.	John & Kathleen Earley <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.O'D.)
Thursday (12 th) of 3 rd week of Lent	10 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Intentions of Raymond Melville (A.A.) Way of the Cross
Friday (13 th) of 3 rd week of Lent	10 a.m.	Joan Rayworth <i>R.I.P.</i> (D. & K.)
Saturday (14 th) of 3 rd week of Lent	10 a.m.	John Edmund Nelson <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.V.N.)
FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT	8.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Drake family (H.K.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

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, John "Sonny" Smith (*a friend of Michael's*), 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, Anthony Peter Flanagan, and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Father John Armour, Thomas Bamber, Dorothy Barrowclough, Thomas Byrne, Bertha Drury, Isobella Fish, Peter Patrick Flanagan, Bob Garrett, Walter Harrison, Father Anthony Howe, Mary Johnstone, Bessie Lynch, Steven Nolan, Charles Parker, Richard Henry Rigby, Joseph Stamp, Eddie Twiggs.

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.** Thank you for your generosity.

Next Sunday's Gospel for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (15th March)

John 3 : 14-21 Nicodemus

After Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus comes this reflection on Nicodemus' visit. Is it Jesus' reflection or the evangelist's? The text does not make it clear. Throughout the gospel of John, people are coming to Jesus and judging themselves by their reactions to Jesus. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son. In his turn, the Son does not judge but we judge ourselves by our reaction to him. So, at the wedding at Cana, the disciples believe in him and see his glory. In the Temple, the Jews refuse belief and are condemned. Then comes Nicodemus in secret and in fear. At this point, he is sitting on the fence, afraid of the Pharisees - but by the time of the burial, he has decided for Jesus. After Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman approaches Jesus: cheeky and unbelieving at first, she is won over by Jesus' playful persistence. And so on: the Jews on one side, the man healed at the Pool of Bethzatha on the other; the Jews on one side, the man blind from birth on the other. The decision is ours too.

When confronted by Jesus, do we come to the light so that our deeds may be known, or do we shun the light?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 1st March

66	Charles Wilson	£50
58	Carmel Roche	£15

Mass Attendance: 182 (72, 110)

Offertory: £548.06

Candles: £64.95

Books & Papers: £5.49

Flowers: £16.61

World Needy: £51.73

Building Fund: £90 in memory of Joan Rayworth + £40

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Week beginning 15th March

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

J. Wright & S. Thwaites

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen

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, 23rd 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.