

Diary

Friday, 23rd to Sunday, 25th January, 2015: Brave of Heart – a weekend retreat for men at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU – for more information or to book, go to www.coretlumenchristi.org.uk or e-mail stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org.uk

Saturday, 7th February: Day of Renewal led by Charles Whitehead, entitled Discipleship – a New Way of Living, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Clare's Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston. For more information, contact Rev. Bernard Loveland on 015395 63391.

Friday, 13th February: Organ and Piano Recital – a recital 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. The monies raised from the recital will go to support Christians in Iraq. More details soon.

9th to 16th May, 2015: A Pilgrimage to Medjugorje led by Sister Philomena Dunning. The cost of the pilgrimage is £439 on a half-board basis and sharing a room. For more details, refer to the poster in the church porch. There is also a **Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 5th to 12th September** – see poster at the back of church for details.

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

Christmas Cards

There are still some Christmas cards on the table at the back of church. Please check through them to see if there are any for you or someone you know and take them home with you! Thank you!

Parish 200 Club

If anyone is paying by cheque for their membership, please make it payable to St. Mary's Church, as that is the only bank account that the parish uses. The bank will not accept any other account name. Many thanks. **By the way, there are spaces for more members of the 200 Club** so, if you are interested in helping the parish in this way, please speak to Anne or Steve Towler.

Evening Prayer for Christmastide

Evening Prayer of the Church

with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist & Benediction

will be celebrated here at **4 p.m.** today, the Feast of **the Baptism of the Lord**, Sunday, 11th January

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.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 11th January, 2015

Christmas 2014/2015

Last Sunday, we completed the celebration of the Feast of Christmas by celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany or Manifestation of Christ. In Jesus, God's promise, originally made to Abraham and his descendants, has been revealed to all the peoples of the world. Today, **we conclude the Season of Christmas** with the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**. At his Baptism, Jesus is manifested or revealed as God's Son, the Beloved, on whom God's favour rests. Next Sunday, John the Baptist reveals Jesus as the Lamb of God while Simon and Andrew realise that he is the Messiah.

At the end of this Christmas season and at the beginning of this New Year, we thank God for Jesus, the Lord of all people, God's Beloved Son, who is the Lamb of God and the world's Messiah.

I thank God for all of you and for your goodness and kindness to me. Thank you for all the cards and greetings I received at Christmas and for your presents and generosity. God bless you all in this coming year.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the Christmas liturgies: welcomers, musicians, singers, readers, collectors, ministers of the Holy Eucharist and servers. We thank everyone who cleaned and prepared the church, put up banners and arranged the beautiful floral displays. May the joy of Christmas inspire us and bring us peace in the coming months!

Father Michael

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Liturgies for this coming week 11th – 18th January, 2015

 Feast of the BAPTISM of the LORD	8.30 a.m.	Denis Lupton <i>R.I.P.</i> (L.C.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration of the Holy Eucharist & Benediction
Monday (12 th) of week 1 in Ordinary Time	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (13 th) of week 1	7 p.m.	Kathleen Tabbs <i>Anniversary</i> (B.B.)
Wednesday (14 th) of week 1	10 a.m.	Deceased members of the Armour family
Thursday (15 th) of week 1	10 a.m.	Stephen McMullen <i>Lately dea</i> (T.P.)
Friday (16 th) of week 1	10 a.m.	Rick Taylor <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.T.)
Saturday (17 th) St. Antony	10 a.m.	The Faithful Departed (L.C.M.)
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	John Richard Wareing <i>Anniversary</i> (J.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, Jacob Gray, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, 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, Joan Rayworth, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;



» **those who have died recently, especially Dennis Halloran, Wynne Harrison (a friend of Kathy's), Jack McGinty, and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Edward Ashford, John Asprey, Mary Bamber, Bernard Brown, Bartholomew Hodkinson, Harry Lennox, Jim Lynch, Ralph Singleton, David Smith, Fred Watterson, Thomas Watterson, Eleanor

Worden.

Red Mission Boxes

Please note, Anne Duxbury & Audrey Armour will be collecting the boxes after Sunday Masses in January. Please remember to bring them to church with you.

St. Mary's Primary School

Welcome to Mrs. Ann Kowalska who started last Monday as headteacher of our school. We hope that her arrival will mark the beginning of a more stable period in the life of our school. We pray that our school will be both happy and successful in the coming years. Please continue to keep St. Mary's in your thoughts and prayers as the Governors endeavour to appoint a new Deputy Headteacher.

Next Sunday's Gospel

for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (18th January)

John 1 : 35-42 the First Disciples

This year, the ordinary Sunday gospel readings are taken from Mark and this provides us with a full picture of that gospel. But Mark is the shortest of the gospels and is not quite long enough so, just occasionally, a reading from John slips in to enrich our understanding of the meaning of Jesus' words and actions. Today's story is about the call of the first disciples and takes place in the Jordan valley where John was baptising. The first two to be called are disciples of John, so they had already joined his group who were waiting for the Messiah. They were ready when John pointed him out. It is striking that Jesus first calls them to be with him and that they remain with him for a time. In our call to follow Christ, first comes prayer and getting to know him before we can actively work for Christ and bring others to share his joy. Only after this repose with the Lord do the disciples sprint off in their enthusiasm and bring others to join in the benefits they have received from that tranquillity and refreshment which comes from keeping company with Jesus.

What is God calling you to do?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 28th December

223	J. Watthey	£500
71	D. Lofthouse	£300
121	N. Wilson	£200
219	C., C. & L. Wilson	£100
117	M. Barnes	£100
38	M. Smith	£100

for 4th January

198	Betty Brady	£50
9	M. Beavers	£15

for 28th December

Mass Attendance: 152 (52, 100)
Offertory: £477.99

for 4th January

Mass Attendance: 163 (68, 95)
Offertory: £486.53
Candles: £319.50
Books & Papers: £15.33
St. Anthony: £67.62
Flowers: £51.61
World Needy: £119.17

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Week beginning 18th January

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

J. Halloran, J. Stevenson & M. Baldwin

Refreshments after Mass

Kath & Maureen

St. Mary's Church Building Fund

We gratefully acknowledge the monies received from the collection taken after the Funeral Mass of the late Mr. Denis Lupton. May he rest in peace. Please pray also for his wife, Anne, and her family.

Cafod collections

We have received letters of thanks from Cafod for our collections of **£889** for the Ebola crisis and **£75** for their work in Ethiopia. Thank you for your constant generosity to these important causes.