

Diary

Friday, 20th February: The first of this year's **Lent lunches** takes place today, organised by St. Peter's with St. Mary's, at **St. Peter's**. Lunch will be served between 11.45 a.m. and 1.15 p.m.

Sunday, 1st 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.

Friday, 6th March: Women's World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m. – this will follow the Lenten Lunch at the United Reformed Church, Agnew Road.

Evening Prayer for 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.

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 **Closing date for applications is 23rd 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 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, 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. There is a list at the back of church for you 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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Parish Priest: **Fr. Michael Murphy**

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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.**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th February, 2015

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. 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.**

Christmas Fair

Following last year's Christmas Fair and after considering the huge amount of preparation and dedicated work of those involved, it is felt that our annual fair may have run its course. Our parish offers our immense gratitude to all those involved over so many years, often the same dedicated few.

Instead of this one fund-raising event, **throughout this year we will be holding a number of social events as fund-raisers.** Two of our young people, George and Hansa, are launching our year of fund-raising with a **"Gold Rush Appeal"** (*you may have heard them speak last Sunday*), inviting 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.

We will also be selling **Easter raffle tickets** throughout Lent for a draw to take place on Easter Sunday. There are other exciting events planned which will be advertised over the coming months.

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Liturgies for this week 15th – 22nd February

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| Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30 a.m. | The People of the Parish |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Winifred & Tony Cossey <i>R.I.P.</i> (W.W.) |
| Monday (16 th) of week 6 | 10 a.m. | Celebration of the Word |
| Tuesday (17 th) of week 6 | 7 p.m. | Patricia Barnes <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.C.C.S.) |
| ASH WEDNESDAY (18 th) | 10 a.m. | Winifred White <i>sick</i> (M.S.) |
| | 12.30 p.m. 7 p.m. | Funeral of Joan Rayworth Deceased members of Wilkinson family (M.S.) |
| Thursday (19 th) after Ash Wednesday | 10 a.m. | Sheila & John Donnelly <i>Diamond wedding</i> |
| | 12.30 p.m. | Way of the Cross |
| Friday (20 th) after Ash Wednesday | 10 a.m. | John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.S.) |
| Saturday (21 st) after Ash Wednesday | 10 a.m. | Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (D. & K.) |
| FIRST SUNDAY in LENT | 8.30 a.m. | The People of the Parish |
| | 10.30 a.m. | Joseph & Kathleen Murphy <i>Anniversary</i> (M.J.M.) |
| | 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, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Leo McGuirk (*Lorraine Reader's father*), 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 Father John Cribben** (*a priest of Salford Diocese and a friend of Michael's*), **Betty Pool, Joan Rayworth**, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Eric Cranston, Charles Godfrey, Harry Godfrey, Joan Hadgraft, William Haslam, Wilfrid Hurworth, Ann Latus, Lisa Loughney, Joe Murphy, Hugh Parker, Matthias Rogerson, Stella Rossiter, Annie Taylor, Joan Thomlinson, Agnes Jane Tipping, Herbart Ward.

Judith Halloran writes ...

"Thank you, everyone, for your comforting words, cards and Mass intentions following Dennis' death. All of them were greatly appreciated and I just want you to know that."

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

Next Sunday's Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent (21st February)

Mark 1 : 12-15 Jesus is tested in the desert.

Mark's emphasis is distinctly different from that of Matthew and Luke. No details of the testing are given. Rather, Jesus' sojourn in the desert seems almost a return to the peace of the Garden of Eden. The desert of Judea, between Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, is a noble and dignified solitude of smooth, sandstone hills. Nothing grows, of course, but wild camels and the occasional leopard prowl around. There, Jesus was 'with the wild

animals' as, led by the Spirit, he made his preparation for his mission. In what way was he tested? We may presume that, in solitude and prayer, he was working out the implications of the Voice from Heaven at his Baptism. How was he to run his course as the beloved Servant of the Lord? Precisely how was he to bring the presence of the Kingship of God into people's lives? The 'forty' is often used in biblical accounts for a period of preparation, as Israel's forty years in the desert or the forty days between Easter and Ascension which prepared the Apostles for Jesus' leaving them and then for the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. We may use our forty days of Lent to reflect on how we may bring God's presence to bear in and through our lives.

How will you make best use of this time of preparation in Lent?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 1st February

23 Karen Dallas £50
55 Lorraine Reader £15

for 8th February

24 Marjorie Belk £50
132 Richard Wynn £15

for 1st February

Mass Attendance: 187 (77, 110)
Offertory: £483.76
Candles: £110.86
Books & Papers: £6.83
St. Anthony: £4.88
Flowers: £7.03
World Needy: £61.74

for 8th February

Mass Attendance: 177 (76, 101)
Offertory: £552.87

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Week beginning 22nd February

Church Cleaning

Group 2 Kathleen McGinley's group

Liturgy of the Word with Children

J. Halloran, J. Stevenson & M. Baldwin

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen

Aid to the Church in Need

We have had a letter of thanks from Chris Robson for your generous support when he visited on 1st February. In total, including receipts for goods purchased, you gave **£560**. Thank you.

Association for the Propagation of the Faith

Thank you to all those who have **red mission boxes** in your homes. Following the recent count, our parish has raised **£1,315.35** for this worthy cause.