

## Diary

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Clergy Deanery Conference here at St. Mary's from 11 a.m. therefore **Mass today will be at 10 a.m.** and there will be no evening Mass.

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March:** This week's **Lenten Lunch**, from 11.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m., will be at Trinity Baptist. All proceeds are for the Fisherman's Mission.

**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.

### *Newsletter by e-mail*

If you would like to receive our parish newsletter by e-mail – usually on a Thursday evening – please e-mail the parish office at [parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk](mailto:parish@stmarys-fleetwood.org.uk) and you can be added to the list. A number of parishioners already do this and it saves on printing costs.

### *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. Wulstan and alternating between the two churches.

**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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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.**

## Fourth Sunday in Lent 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

### *Lent & the Easter Triduum*

Lent is the holy season of preparation to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of our Lord's Death and Resurrection. We celebrate it in the Easter Triduum or Three-Day Feast of Christ's Passion, Death & Resurrection.

The Easter Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. It continues on Good Friday with the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. It culminates on Holy Saturday night with the Easter Vigil and concludes in the joy of Easter Sunday.

The **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** and the **Easter Vigil** are not three separate celebrations but **one celebration in three parts**. Every Catholic should, therefore, try to be present at all three parts of the Easter Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord.

### *Easter Flowers & the Easter Garden*

Donations for the flowers to decorate church for the Easter feast would be most welcome. Please give them to Michael or Bill. As last year, we would like to create an Easter garden (*most people seemed to like it!*) so contributions of spring plants would be most welcome for that. They can be brought to the presbytery during Holy Week. Thank you.

### *Fund-raising*

**Thank you** to all of you who have taken **Easter raffle tickets**. Tickets stubs and monies can be put through the presbytery door (*in an envelope!*) and unsold tickets can be returned to the back of church. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday.

## Liturgies for this week 15<sup>th</sup>. – 22<sup>nd</sup>. March

<b>FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT</b>	8.30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Drake family (H.K.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>Evening Prayer, Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>
<b>Monday</b> (16 <sup>th</sup> .) of 4 <sup>th</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
<b>Tuesday</b> (17 <sup>th</sup> .) <b>ST. PATRICK</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	Pauline Greenall <i>Anniversary</i> (J.B.)
<b>Wednesday</b> (18 <sup>th</sup> .) of 4 <sup>th</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Margo Gibbs <i>Anniversary</i> (J.R.)
<b>Thursday</b> (19 <sup>th</sup> .) <b>ST. JOSEPH</b>	10 a.m. <b>12.30 p.m.</b>	Joseph Walmsley <i>Anniversary</i> (P.W.) <b>Way of the Cross</b>
<b>Friday</b> (20 <sup>th</sup> .) of 4 <sup>th</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Francis Turner <i>Anniversary</i> (M.S.)
<b>Saturday</b> (21 <sup>st</sup> .) 4 <sup>th</sup> . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Ivan Harold Grime <i>Anniversary</i> (K.V.N.)
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT</b>	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap <i>R.I.P.</i>
	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, 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, Ebony 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**, Deborah Carr, Anthony Peter Flanagan, Sheila McMullen, John "Sonny" Smith, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Hannah Buckley, Irene Cross, Isobella Fish, John Gresswell, Ellen Hargreaves, Michael Harris, Walter Harrison, Leo Heap, Mary Johnstone, Bessie Lynch, Thomas McCartney, Mary McCormack, Alice McDaid, Charles Parker, Mary Parker, Edward Parkinson, Alexander Ross, Mrs. G. Smith, Francis Turner.

### 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent (22<sup>nd</sup>. March)

### John 12 : 20-30 exaltation through suffering

This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last Supper and the Passion. In it we witness how Jesus' dread (his soul is 'troubled') is mixed with confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John, there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest for, in John, the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly understood as the triumph of the Son of Man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning (when he permits the guards to take him into custody) until the end (when he calls out that he is ready to die: 'It is complete'). This is all about the hour of the exaltation of the Son of Man when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important, then, for John to show that (before the Passion) the cost for Jesus was real. He does this with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent to the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews is another variant on Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All these prayers express Jesus' very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and his loving confidence in his Father's care.

**Does Jesus fear death? Do you? What are the grounds for Jesus' confidence? Do you share this confidence?**

### ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 8<sup>th</sup>. March

91	Helen Carter	£50
207	Mrs. N.M. Rathbone	£15

Mass Attendance: 199 (74, 125)

Offertory: £510.85

Candles: £104.38

Books & Papers: £8.54

Flowers: £7

World Needy: £93.34

Cafod Fast Day envelopes: £299

Building Fund: £20 + £25 in memory of Joan Rayworth from the Flower Club

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**Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup>. March**

**Church Cleaning**

**Group 3 Irene Rankin's group**

**Liturgy of the Word with Children**

*J. Wright & S. Thwaites*

**Refreshments after Mass**

*Doreen & Kathleen*

## 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.