

Diary

Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator

This will be held on **Sunday September 6th 2015** and the celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Brian Noble. This year we anticipate Pope Francis' "Year of Mercy" as we honour Our Lady "Mother of Mercy" and once again make our own the beautiful prayer "Hail Holy Queen". The youth of the Diocese are invited to join a pilgrimage walk. Please see poster for details.

Thank you very much for all the generous contributions that have been received to cover the cost of replacing the stolen holy water bucket. You will be pleased to know that they cover the full cost.

Thank you !

Congratulations to Lyndsey McLeod and Christopher Morley who were married here in St.Mary's last Saturday.

Also to **Natalie Carr and Robert Throup** who were married here yesterday. We offer our good wishes to both couples and pray that they will be blessed with great happiness always.

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

For 9th August 2015

No.31 Chris Williams £50
No. 117 Julie Banks £15

For 16th August 2015

No. 131 Linda Lofthouse £50
No. 136 J. Sheridan £15

LAST SUNDAY

Mass Attendance: 8:30 – 54
10:30 – 92

Offertory: £415.82

Candles: £174.33

Books/Papers:

World Needy: £78.66

St. Anthony:

Flowers:

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Week beginning 23rd August

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Refreshments after 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.**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th AUGUST 2015

**Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us and nourish your
people with the word of life and the bread from
heaven.**

**In our sharing of these holy gifts, show us our
unity in you and give us a taste of the life to
come.**

**We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus
Christ, your Son, 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.**

SUNDAY 16th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.30 a.m.	Denis Lupton R.I.P. (A.L.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
MONDAY 17th	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
TUESDAY 18th	7 p.m.	Kathy Eaglesham R.I.P.
WEDNESDAY 19th	10 a.m.	Lillian Nelson R.I.P. (K.N.) Anniversary 12 th September
THURSDAY 20th St. Bernard	10 a.m.	Denis Lupton R.I.P. (A.L.)
	11.30 a.m.	Funeral Liturgy for Mavis Preston
FRIDAY 21st St. Pius X	10 a.m.	Anne & Steve Edwards (M.J.M.) 25 th Wedding Anniversary
SATURDAY 22nd The Queenship of the B.V.M.	10 a.m.	Thomas Tabb R.I.P. (B.B.) Anniversary
NEXT SUNDAY 23rd Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Peter Edwards (J.E.) Anniversary

THE WORD AHEAD - Next Sunday's Gospel

Read **The Gospel for Sunday 23rd August 2015**
John 6:60-69: We Believe Lord: to Whom Shall We Go?

Reflect

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

At the end of the Bread of Life Discourse there is a parting of the ways, but it is not primarily about belief in the Eucharist. That is the starting-point, but the lesson is wider. The Gospel of John is like a series of great forks in the road, one after another leading off the true path. A series of decisions is called for, whether to follow Jesus or not. Or it is like a series of court scenes, except that people are not judged; they judge themselves by their reaction to Jesus: at the Marriage Feast at Cana the disciples believe, but then in the Temple the people reject him; later Nicodemus sits on the fence, but the Samaritan Woman moves from cheeky scepticism to fervent apostleship; the great scenes in Jerusalem (the man at the Pool of Bethzatha, the blind man in the Temple) ironically show the people rejecting Jesus in such a way that they drive others to accept him; finally, before Pilate, the people think they are condemning Jesus when in fact they are condemning themselves by saying, 'We have no king but Caesar'. But what about the Lord as King of Israel? Day by day the challenge is aimed at ourselves too; do we believe or betray him?

What is the hardest decision that you have had to make in following Jesus? In what does the choice for or against Jesus consist?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Please remember in your prayers

» **all the sick**, especially Pastor Steve Bond, Fred Chew, Elsie Clapp, Roy Clarke, Patsy Coll, Catherine Dale, Marianne Delaney, Laura & Sarah Finley, Marion Gerrard, Brenda Gray, Jacob Gray, Marion Hartley, Joseph Higgins, June Jagger, Alison Lyon, Gerry McCaul, Jim McOmish (Father of Craig, who runs the Fleetwood Beach Kiosk), Michael O'Sullivan, Trevor Sandford, Mary Schon, Joe Scott, Margaret Smith, Mark Surelock, Winifred White, Baby Zephen (Mumbai),

» **the housebound and those in care**, especially: David Ball, Thomas Ball, Hilda Brookes, Mary Davies, John Donnelly, Florrie Garrett, Brenda McCaul, Walter Myerscough, Marjorie Richardson, Doris Roberts, Catherine (Reenie)Sharp, Monica Syms, P. Warwick and Nellie Wilson;

» **those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Mavis Preston, Hilda Brookes. Louis Wilson, Violet Sheridan, Celia Melville, Gladys M. Brown, Mary E. Bissett, Florence Watson, Alice Wilson,

A WEEK'S HOLIDAY AT THE FABULOUS VILLA PALAZZOLA, 6TH TO 13TH JUNE, 2016 :

Villa Palazzola, owned by the Venerable English College, Rome, is spoken of by the local people as "the ante-chamber to heaven". It really is that beautiful! The swimming pool is spectacularly situated and the wonderful terrace provides magnificent views, sun, shade and a wonderful experience of "al fresco" dining.

The price of £845 per person (£950 ensuite – subject to availability) is fully inclusive of airport transfers, air fares, full board (including wine and water at lunch and supper, as well as 24 hour tea/coffee facilities).

Book now to avoid disappointment! N.B. Non-ensuite rooms are served by a plentiful supply of nearby W.C. and shower facilities.

