

Diary

Thursday, 22nd. January: Fleetwood Churches Together Ministers' Meeting, 15, Broadway, at 4 p.m.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 7 p.m. in the Millennium Room

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 of French Romantic Music in aid of **Iraqi Christians in Need** (I.C.I.N. – see poster for details) 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. There is no charge for admission but there will be a retiring collection and the monies raised from the recital will go to support Christians in Iraq.

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.

Diocesan Youth Service

A reminder that Youth Section applications for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes **close at the end of January**. Coach and flight options are available and fundraising opportunities to help. For more information or to sign up, go to www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.

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.

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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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.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th. January, 2015

The St. Augustine's Vestments

As some of you will be aware, the parish of St. Augustine in Preston closed last November. I served St. Augustine's as assistant priest from 1994 to 1997. The parish priest was Father Peter Foulkes. When Peter moved in 1997, I served as parish priest until 2009. It has been decided by parishioners there that all the vestments from St. Augustine's should be entrusted to my care. In my will, I am to bequeath them to a designated priest in the Diocese.

The St. Augustine's vestments form a unique, contemporary collection in the Gothic style. They were created over a period of just under twenty years by four different artists and crafts people.

The vestments we have here at St. Mary's were purchased, I believe, when Father Stephen Shield was parish priest. They are good quality and, being relatively new, are in good condition. They are also appropriate for a traditional neo-Gothic church. However, having been entrusted with the care of a contemporary collection of vestments, I will be wearing them from time to time.

When appropriate, I will provide a little explanation for a particular vestment in the parish newsletter and say a little about its origin.

Father Michael

Liturgies for this coming week 18th – 25th January, 2015

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.)
Monday (19 th) of week 2	11 a.m.	Funeral Mass of Dennis Halloran
Tuesday (20 th) of week 2	7 p.m.	Denis Lupton <i>R.I.P.</i> (A.D.)
Wednesday (21 st) St. Agnes	10 a.m.	In honour of the Sacred Heart (M.McC.)
Thursday (22 nd) of week 2	10 a.m.	Anne Brazil <i>R.I.P.</i> (K.P.)
Friday (23 rd) of week 2	10 a.m.	John Smith <i>R.I.P.</i> (J.S.)
Saturday (24 th) St. Francis de Sales	10 a.m.	Marie Butler <i>R.I.P.</i> (M.R.)
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30 a.m.	Pauline Greenall <i>birthday memories</i> (J.B.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish

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, Sara West (*a friend of Kathy's*), 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, and those whose anniversaries are this coming week:** Edward Ashford, John Asprey, Kathleen Mary Asprey, Christopher Bee, Agnes Brown, Elizabeth Bruce, Jane Cook, Michael David, Thomas Doyle, Teresa Friswell, Ann Haggerty, Gerard Harris, Doris McKenna, Mwfanwy Myerscough, Edward Richardson, John Wareing, Barbara Whiteside, Kathleen Worthington.

A Prayer for this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Lord, listen favourably to the prayers of your people.
 Grant that the hearts of all believers may be united
 in your praise and in common sorrow for our sins.
 Heal all divisions among Christians
 so that we may rejoice in the perfect unity of your Church
 and hasten with joy to your eternal kingdom.
 We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen
(taken from the Roman Missal)

Next Sunday's Gospel
for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (25th January)

Mark 1 : 14-20 the Call of the Disciples

What is going on? We had, last Sunday, the story of the first two disciples joining Jesus. One of them was Andrew, the other unnamed. Now we get another story, in another place, of other first disciples being called. So the Church underlines, two weeks running, the importance of Jesus' new community. The first thing he does is call disciples. He can't do everything on his own and that is the point of the Church. He calls disciples to make a new people, a new Israel - old, young, middle-aged: we all have our part to fill in Jesus' play. Tired old people, busy parents, lively youngsters - each of us can make a unique contribution, especially since Jesus has chosen us himself. An odd choice, some of us! What did he want ME to do in the new family of Jesus? The two different versions of the calling of the disciples show that at least two different people told this story. When two people tell the same story, there are bound to be variations. The place didn't matter or the order in which the disciples were called. The point of the story was the call, the response and the companionship, the working together with the Lord.

Do you enjoy more being on your own or linking up with others? What is Jesus calling you to do?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 11th January

35 Maureen Shaw £50
 120 Joseph Ingham £15

Mass Attendance: 159 (64, 95)
 Offertory: £442.30
 Candles: £113.58
 Books & Papers: £16.16
 Flowers: £8.23
 World Needy: £53.18

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Week beginning 25th January

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

L. Reader & A. Morgan

Refreshments after Mass

Doreen & Kathleen

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.

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