

Diary

Wednesday, 25th February: "Praise Him" –Ecumenical Bible Study Group in the Millennium Room from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All welcome.

Friday, 27th February: St. Mary's School Deputy Headteacher interview in the presbytery. Please pray today that the Governors will be guided by the Holy Spirit to make the right decision.

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.

Saturday, 7th March: Catholic Women's League Coffee Morning in Pablo's restaurant after Mass at about 10.30 a.m. **N.B.** This will be the first of regular monthly coffee mornings to be held on the first Saturday of each month. Past, present and new members are welcome!

Friday, 8th to Sunday, 10th 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 or Father John on 01228 521509.



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, beginning this week at St. Nicholas and alternating between the two churches after that.

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.

First Sunday in Lent 22nd 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.**

Fund-raising

Easter raffle tickets are now on sale – please take a bundle of five books to sell to family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, etc. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday. There are other exciting events planned which will be advertised over the coming months.

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", 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.

The St. Augustine's Lenten Vestment

The vestment, today, symbolises the living water of Baptism. As Jesus said to the woman at the well in chapter 4 of John's Gospel, "The water I shall give will turn into a spring ... welling up to eternal life."

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Liturgies for this week 22nd. February – 1st. March

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
Monday (23 rd .) of 1 st . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (24 th .) of 1 st . week of Lent	7 p.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (A. & M.)
Wednesday (25 th .) of 1 st . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Intentions of Tom Sanderson (A.A.)
Thursday (26 th .) of 1 st . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Terence McCartney <i>Anniversary</i> (M.McC.)
	12.30 p.m.	Way of the Cross
Friday (27 th .) of 1 st . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Patricia Barnes <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.C.C.S.)
Saturday (28 th .) of 1 st . week of Lent	10 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (Nautical College Students)
SECOND SUNDAY in LENT	8.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Dennis Halloran <i>R.I.P.</i> (J. & S.D.)
	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, 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 Joan Rayworth**, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Esther Acton, Joe Barber, Helen Teresa Cumpsty, Rose Fallon, Alan Helsby, Francis Hodskinson, Monica Lang, Margaret Lennox, Alice McAuley, Terence McCartney, Robert Presnail, John Raynor, David Reader, Victor Skitterall, Veronica Christina Snasdell, Joan Wallbank, William Edward Wilson.

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.

Next Sunday's Gospel for the Second Sunday in Lent (1st. March)

Mark 9 : 2-10 The Transfiguration

As the time of the Passion approaches, the foreboding of the disciples grows. Jesus sustains them with this vivid manifestation of himself in glory. On the holy mountain of revelation, they see him transformed. It was a real visual experience, though described in symbols familiar from the Bible - brilliant white clothes and so on. Moses and Elijah are seen there because they also had experienced the vision of God on the holy mountain: Moses when he had received the Law from God on Mount Sinai; Elijah when he encountered God in the cave on Mount Horeb. The disciples were frightened, confused and overcome at the awesome experience and yet, at the same time, comforted in such a way that Peter wanted to prolong it. Their reaction to the presence of the Lord will later be reflected by that of Christian mystics – both a reassuring terror and a frightening homeliness, the awareness of a presence which is awesome yet comforting - an experience which cannot fully be put into words. The Voice from Heaven is an echo of the Voice heard at Jesus' Baptism. There, however, the Voice was addressed to Jesus, whereas here it is spoken to the disciples, proclaiming Jesus as authorised teacher, the one who speaks with the authority of the Beloved Son.

When and how do you meet Jesus? How do you respond to God? Are you frightened of God or is God a comfort to you?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS for 15th. February

- 93 Doreen McGinley £50
- 8 Anne Thompson £15

Mass Attendance: 207 (77, 130)
 Offertory: £566.95
 Candles: £129.27
 Books & Papers: £9.06
 Flowers: £8.02
 World Needy: £62.64
 Concert in aid of Iraqi Christians in Need: £600

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Week beginning 1st. March

Church Cleaning
Group 2 Kathleen McGinley's group

Liturgy of the Word with Children
L. Reader & A. Morgan

Refreshments after Mass
Peggie & Co.

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. For more details, contact Canon John Hall on 876176.