

Diary

Friday, 27th March: This week's **Lenten Lunch**, from 11.45 a.m. to 1.15 p.m., will be at St. Nicholas with St. Wulstan. All proceeds are for the Fisherman's Mission.

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.

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 and you can be added to the list. A number of parishioners already do this and it saves on printing costs.

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

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. Nicholas 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.



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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.**

Fifth Sunday in Lent 22nd. 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** (at 7 p.m. on **Holy Thursday**), the **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** (at 3 p.m. on **Good Friday**) and the **Easter Vigil** (at 8 p.m. on **Holy Saturday**) 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.

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Liturgies for this week 22nd. – 29th. March

FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT	8.30 a.m.	Mary & Leo Heap <i>R.I.P.</i>
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction
Monday (23 rd .) of 5 th . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Celebration of the Word
Tuesday (24 th .) of 5 th . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Jim McCann <i>R.I.P.</i> (B.M.)
Wednesday (25 th .) The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD	10 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	Joan Rayworth <i>R.I.P.</i> (D. & K.) Way of the Cross <u>in school</u>, followed by soup and a roll
Thursday (26 th .) of 5 th . week of Lent	12.30 p.m.	Funeral Mass for Anthony Peter Flanagan
Friday (27 th .) of 5 th . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Golden Wedding (C. & C.W.)
Saturday (28 th .) of 5 th . week of Lent	10 a.m.	Andrew Muscroft <i>Anniversary</i> (P.M.)
PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD	8.30 a.m.	Peter Patrick Flanagan <i>Anniversary</i> (T.M.)
	10.30 a.m.	The People of the Parish
	4 p.m.	Evening Prayer, Adoration & Benediction

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**, **Father John Cunningham** (*priest of Liverpool Diocese and a friend of Father Bernard Hearty*), **Anthony Peter Flanagan**, **Joan Hawksworth** (*mother of a friend of Michael's*), **Sheila Mullen**, **John "Sonny" Smith**, and **those whose anniversaries are this coming week**: Alice Ball, Edward Clarkson, Irene Cross, Bridget Grainger, John Hawes, Michael Houghton, Mary Josephine Keating, Andrew Muscroft, Edward Parkinson, Norah Rathbone, Colin Riches, Mrs. G. Smith, Benjamin Wallbank, Joan Withey.

Cafod in Lent

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 Procession at the beginning of Mass

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (28th. March)

Mark 11 : 1–10 Jesus enters Jerusalem.

The procession of palms is joyful and sad at the same time. It is the triumphant entry of the Messiah as King into his holy city. The crowds were celebrating and singing the psalm for the festival as they entered the city not knowing that they were, in fact, welcoming the Messiah who ushers in the Kingship of God. Often in Mark, the actors in the story do not realise the full significance of their actions as when the Roman soldiers later mock Jesus as King, not knowing that that is what he truly is. As Christians, we believe that the Kingship of God was brought to fulfilment by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The drama, which begins with this entry into Jerusalem, ends with the story of the empty tomb. John tells us that it was only afterwards, when Jesus had risen from the dead, that the disciples realised the significance of the event. The resurrection, at last, made sense of everything, showed everything in a new light. John also tells us that this was the humble king of the prophecy, riding not on a triumphant war-horse but on a humble donkey.

As someone watching the drama of Holy Week unfold, how will you journey with the Lord in these days?

ST MARY'S 200 + CLUB WINNERS

for 15th. March
not available at the time of going to press

Mass Attendance: 209 (84, 125)
Offertory: £473.07
Candles: £80.48
Books & Papers: £11.04
Flowers: £7.21
World Needy: £59.95
Cafod Fast Day: £2

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Week beginning 22nd. March

Church Cleaning

Liturgy of the Word with Children

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.